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New Jersey's Prospective Plantings

Corn planted acreage is expected to total 100,000, up 5,000 acres from last year.

All hay acreage intended for harvest is expected to total 105,000, the same acres from 2012.

Soybeans planted acreage is expected to total 90,000, down 6,000 acres from a year ago.

Sweet potato acreage is expected to total 1,300 acres, unchanged from last year.

Winter wheat seeding for the 2013 season totaled 38,000, up 5,000 acres from last year.

United States: Corn growers intend to plant 97.3 million acres of corn for all purposes in 2013, up slightly from last year and 6 percent higher than in 2011. If realized, this will represent the highest planted acreage in the United States since 1936 when an estimated 102 million acres were planted.

Soybean planted area for 2013 is estimated at 77.1 million acres, down slightly from last year but the fourth highest on record, if realized. Compared with 2012, planted area is down across the Great Plains with the exception of North Dakota. Nebraska and Minnesota are expecting the largest declines compared with last year, while Illinois and North Dakota are expecting the largest increases.

The 2013 **winter wheat** planted area, at 42.0 million acres, is 2 percent above last year and up slightly from the previous estimate.

Prospective Plantings Compared to 2012 Acreage: New Jersey and United States, March 1, 2013

Crops	New Jersey			United States		
	2012	2013 ¹	% Change	2012	2013 ¹	% Change
	1,000 acres			1,000 acres		
Corn ²	95	100	105	97,155	97,282	100
Hay, All	105	105	100	56,260	56,419	100
Soybeans	96	90	94	77,198	77,126	100
Sweet Potato	1.3	1.3	100	130.5	122.3	94
Winter Wheat	33	38	115	41,324	41,988	102

¹ Intended plantings in 2013 as indicated by reports from farmers.

Source: USDA - NASS: Prospective Plantings, March 2013

² Area planted for all purposes.

Honey Production

New Jersey honey production in 2012 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 462,000 pounds, down 2.4 percent from 2011. The number of colonies, at 14,000, were up by 27.2 percent. The average yield per colony was 33 pounds compared to 41 pounds in 2011. The average price received for honey sold was 188 cents, down 49.2 percent from 2011. The value of the honey crop was \$869,000, down \$800,000, a 47.9 percent decrease from the previous year. Honey stocks on December 15, 2012 amounted to 51,000 pounds, down 84,000 pounds from 2011.

United States Honey production in 2012 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 147 million pounds, down 1 percent from 2011. There were 2.62 million colonies producing honey in 2012, up 5 percent from 2011. Yield per colony averaged 56.1 pounds, down 6 percent from the 59.6 pounds in 2011. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State where the honey was produced. Therefore, at the United States level yield per colony may be understated, but total production would not be impacted. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 32.9 million pounds on December 15, 2012, down 10 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude those held under the commodity loan program.

Number of Colonies, Yield, & Production, 2011-2012^{1,2}

States	Honey Producing Colonies ³		Yield Per Colony		Production ⁴	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
	1,000 colonies		pounds		1,000 pounds	
Florida	180	199	61	64	10,980	12,736
New Jersey	11	14	41	33	451	462
New York	49	52	56	51	2,744	2,652
Pennsylvania	24	17	44	60	1,056	1,020
United States ⁵	2,491	2,624	59.6	56.1	148,357	147,092

¹ For producers with 5 or more colonies.

Source: USDA - NASS: Honey, March 2013

² Revised.

³ Honey producing colonies are the maximum number of colonies from which honey was taken during the yr. It's possible to take honey from colonies which did not survive the entire yr.

⁴ Due to rounding, total colonies multiplied by total yield may not exactly equal production.

⁵ United States value of production will not equal summation of States.

Stocks, Price, & Value, 2011-2012^{1,2}

States	Stocks, Dec. 15th ³		Avg. Price Per Pound ⁴		Value of Production ^{5,6}	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
	1,000 pounds		cents		1,000 dollars	
Florida	988	1,274	168	181	18,446	23,052
New Jersey	135	51	370	188	1,669	869
New York	1,235	1,008	196	228	5,378	6,047
Pennsylvania	306	286	255	262	2,693	2,672
United States ⁷	36,761	32,922	176.5	195.1	261,850	286,976

¹ For producers with 5 or more colonies.

Source: USDA - NASS: Honey, March 2013

² Revised.

³ Stocks held by producers.

⁴ Average price per pound based on expanded sales.

⁵ Value of production is equal to production multiplied by average price per pound.

⁶ Due to rounding, total colonies multiplied by total yield may not exactly equal production.

⁷ United States value of production will not equal summation of States.

Crop Production - Potatoes

New Jersey - The final estimate of the 2012 summer potato crop production is 644,000 cwt, compared with 342,000 cwt in 2011, up 88 percent. Harvested area covered 2,300, up 300 acres from 2011. The average yield of 280 cwt per acre is up 47 cwt from the 2011 yield of 190 cwt.

United States - Production in 2012 totaled 17.9 million cwt, unchanged from the previous estimate but 38 percent above the previous year's production. Harvested area covered 48,500 acres, unchanged from the previous estimate but 5 percent more than in 2011. Average yield, at 368 cwt per acre, was 88 cwt above the previous season.

Summer Potato Area Planted, Harvested, Yield, and Production, 2012

State	Area Planted	Area Harvested	Yield	Production
	2012	2012	2012	2012
	1,000 Acres		Cwt	1,000 Cwt
Delaware	1.6	1.6	255	408
Maryland	2.3	2.2	380	836
New Jersey	2.3	2.3	280	644
Virginia	5.0	4.8	250	1,200

Alfalfa County Estimates, 2011-2012

County	Acres		Yield Per Acre (Bushels)		Production	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
North						
Hunterdon	1,500	1/	2.2	1/	3,300	1/
Morris	600	1/	3.85	1/	2,300	1/
Somerset	1,000	2,000	2.2	4.25	2,200	8,500
Sussex	2,900	2,400	1.85	4.05	5,300	9,700
Warren	3,000	2,400	4.05	3.6	12,100	8,600
Other Counties	—	1,600	—	4.05	—	6,500
District 20 (North)	9,000	8,400	2.8	3.95	25,200	33,300
Central						
Burlington	900	1/	2.9	1/	2,600	1/
Monmouth	2,000	1,000	2.45	4.0	4,900	4,000
Other Counties	500	1,500	3.0	2.8	1,500	4,200
District 50 (Central)	3,400	2,500	2.65	3.3	9,000	8,200
South						
Cumberland	1,400	1,100	2.35	3.35	3,300	3,700
Gloucester	1,700	1,300	5.4	3.55	9,200	4,600
Salem	1/	3,200	1/	4.55	1/	14,500
Other Counties	4,500	500	3.85	3.4	17,300	1,700
District 80 (South)	7,600	6,100	3.9	4.0	29,800	24,500
State	20,000	17,000	3.2	3.9	64,000	66,000

1/ Included in other counties.

March Farm Prices Received Index Up 3 Points

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in March, at 202 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 3 points (1.5 percent) from February. The Crop Index is up 5 points (2.1 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 3 points (1.9 percent). Producers received higher prices for lettuce, broilers, corn, and eggs and lower prices for hogs, milk, wheat, and onions. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly movement of strawberries, corn, broilers, and milk offset the decreased marketing of cattle, soybeans, cotton, and hay.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 18 points (9.8 percent) from March 2012. The Food Commodities Index, at 185, increased 2 points (1.1 percent) from last month and is 13 points (7.6 percent) higher than March 2012.

March Prices Paid Index Unchanged

The March Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 221 percent of the 1990-1992 average. The index is unchanged from February but 8 points (3.8 percent) above March 2012. Higher prices in March for nitrogen, feed grains, mixed fertilizer, and supplements offset lower prices for feeder cattle, feeder pigs, potash & phosphate, and diesel.

Average Prices Received by Farmers: United States

Item	Entire Month		Preliminary
	Mar 2012	Feb 2013	Mar 2013
dollars			
Field Crops			
Corn, per Bushel	6.35	7.04	7.18
Hay, All, Baled, per Ton ¹	183.00	194.00	196.00
Alfalfa ¹	200.00	218.00	219.00
Other ¹	147.00	148.00	149.00
Soybeans, per Bushel	13.00	14.60	14.50
Winter Wheat, per Bushel	6.70	7.87	7.47
Fruit, Fresh			
Apples, per Lb ²	0.332	0.435	0.404
Peaches, per Ton ²	(S)	(S)	(S)
Vegetables, Fresh³			
Corn, Sweet, per Cwt	33.70	36.70	32.50
Lettuce, per Cwt	12.00	31.70	51.30
Tomatoes, per Cwt	36.60	37.70	58.00
Livestock and Livestock Products			
Beef Cattle, all, per Cwt	128.00	123.00	125.00
Steers and Heifers, per Cwt	132.00	127.00	128.00
Cows, per Cwt ⁴	84.20	80.80	82.90
Calves, per Cwt	184.00	167.00	163.00
Broilers, live, per Lb ⁵	0.5700	0.610	0.660
Eggs, all, per Dozen ¹	0.995	0.993	1.150
Milk, all, per Cwt ⁶	17.20	19.50	19.10
Fat Test, All Milk per %	3.70	3.82	3.77

Source: USDA-NASS: Agricultural Prices, March 2013

^{1/} Mid-Month Price

^{2/} Equivalent packinghouse-door returns for CA, MI, NY (apples only), and WA (apples, peaches, and pears). Prices as sold for other states.

^{3/} Beginning January 2011, point of first sale. FOB shipping point for prior years.

^{4/} Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

^{5/} Equivalent live weight price.

^{6/} Before deductions for hauling. Includes quantity and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

(S) Insufficient number of reports to establish a price.



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