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New Jersey's Producers Expect Larger Corn and Soybean Crops Than In 2010

Note: Yield forecasts in this report are based on conditions around November 1 and do not reflect changes in conditions since that time.

Corn harvested area is expected to total 82,000 acres of corn for grain, 11,000 more than in 2010. Production is forecast at 10.25 million bushels, up 27 percent from last year's final production estimate if realized. Expected yield per harvested acre is 125 bushels per acre, up 11 bushels from 2010.

United States: Fourth Largest Corn Crop Expected

Corn production is forecast at 12.3 billion bushels, down 1 percent from both the October forecast and last year's production. If realized, this will be the fourth largest production total on record for the United States. As of November 1, yields are expected to average 146.7 bushels per acre, down 1.4 bushels from the previous month and down 6.1 bushels from 2010.

Soybean harvested area is expected to total 86,000 acres, 6,000 acres less than in 2010. Production is set at 3.01 million bushels, up 36 percent from last year's production. The November 1 soybean yield is forecast at 35 bushels per acre, up a bushel from the previous month's forecast and 11 bushels from last year.

Soybean production is forecast at a record high 3.05 billion bushels, down slightly from the October forecast and down 9 percent from last year. Based on November 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 41.3 bushels per acre, down 0.2 bushel from last month and down 2.2 bushels from last year. Area for harvest is forecast at 73.7 million acres, unchanged from October.

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Acres, Yield, and Production of Corn and Soybeans

Crop	Acres for Harvest			Yield Per Acre			Production		
	FINAL 2010	Oct 1 2011 Forecast	Nov 1 2011 Forecast	FINAL 2010	Oct 1 2011 Forecast	Nov 1 2011 Forecast	FINAL 2010	Oct 1 2011 Forecast	Nov 1 2011 Forecast
New Jersey	thousand acres			bushels			thousand bushels		
Corn for Grain	71	82	82	114.0	130.0	125.0	8,094	10,660	10,250
Soybeans	92	86	86	24.0	34.0	35.0	2,208	2,924	3,010
United States	thousand acres			bushels			million bushels		
Corn for Grain	81,446	83,936	83,936	152.8	148.1	146.7	12,447	12,433	12,310
Soybeans	76,610	73,676	73,676	43.5	41.5	41.3	3,329	3,060	3,046

Source: USDA - NASS: *Crop Production*, November 2011

New Jersey's County Estimates - Apples and Peaches

Apples: The 2010 growing season began favorably with warm temperatures and adequate moisture throughout the spring. Later, the weather became hot and dry which caused the crop to mature earlier than normal. Some orchards had smaller than normal fruit due to the heat. Irrigated orchards saw minimum disease and pest pressure, enhancing quality and color. Total production amounted to 43 million pounds, unchanged from 2009.

Apple County Estimates: By Production of Selected Counties, 2007-2010

County	2007	2008	2009	2010
production (lbs)				
Hunterdon	3,000,000	3,000,000	4,000,000	-
Sussex	3,000,000	2,500,000	3,000,000	-
Warren	3,500,000	3,000,000	4,000,000	-
Other Counties	2,500,000	3,500,000	2,500,000	-
North District Total	12,000,000	12,000,000	13,500,000	14,500,000
Burlington	2,500,000	3,500,000	-	-
Other Counties	2,500,000	3,000,000	6,500,000	-
Central District Total	5,000,000	6,500,000	6,500,000	1
Atlantic	4,500,000	4,500,000	-	-
Gloucester	15,000,000	14,000,000	14,500,000	-
Other Counties	5,500,000	6,000,000	8,500,000	-
South District Total	25,000,000	24,500,000	23,000,000	28,500,000
Total	42,000,000	43,000,000	43,000,000	43,000,000

¹ Central and southern district totals are combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Peaches: Growing conditions were generally favorable for peaches with mild temperatures and adequate rainfall the spring and early summer months contributing to good crop sizing. Total production amounted to 36,000 tons, up 3 percent from 2009. Gloucester County was the leading county with 18,000 ton, while Cumberland ranked second with 11,000 tons. Other counties totaled to 7,000.

Peach County Estimates: By Production of Selected Counties, 2007-2010

County	2007	2008	2009	2010
South District production (tons)				
Cumberland	8,000	10,000	11,000	11,000
Gloucester	14,000	18,000	18,000	18,000
Other counties ¹	10,000	6,000	6,000	7,000
Total	32,000	34,000	35,000	36,000

¹ The other counties may include any of the districts.

Sweet Potatoes County Estimates, 2009-2010

County	Acres Planted		Acres Harvested		Yield Per Cwt		Production Per Cwt	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
Central District	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Atlantic	400	500	400	500	115	105	46,000	52,500
Camden	400	500	400	500	110	120	44,000	60,000
Gloucester	200	100	200	100	105	105	21,000	10,500
Other Counties	200	200	200	200	105	100	21,000	20,000
Southern District	1,200	1,300	1,200	1,300	110	110	132,000	143,000
Total	1,200	1,300	1,200	1,300	110	110	132,000	143,000

Quarterly Milk Production, July - September, 2010-2011

New Jersey - Milk production was 33 million pounds, down 2.9 percent from the July-September period a year earlier. The average number of milk cows during the July-September 2011 quarter was 7,500 head, unchanged from the July-September 2010 quarter.

United States - Milk production during the July-September quarter totaled 48.7 billion pounds, up 1.4 percent from the July-quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.21 million head, 83,000 head more than the same period last year.

*Milk Cows and Production:**By Selected States and The United States; Preliminary July-September, 2010-2011*

State	July-September Milk Cows ¹		July-September Milk Production ²		Change From 2010
	2010	2011	2010	2011	
	1,000 head		million pounds		percent
Delaware	5.0	5.0	21.0	21.4	1.9
Maryland	53	52	241	237	-1.7
New Jersey	7.5	7.5	34	33	-2.9
New York	611	610	3,224	3,218	-0.2
Pennsylvania	541	539	2,679	2,618	-2.3
United States	9,126	9,209	48,070	48,725	1.4

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

October Farm Prices Received Index Average Prices Received by Farmers: United States

Increased 6 points

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in October, at 185 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 6 points (3.4 percent) from September. The Crop Index is up 3 points (1.5 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 1 point (0.7 percent). Producers received higher prices for cattle, eggs, hogs, and sweet corn and lower prices for corn, milk, wheat, and soybeans. 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 soybeans, corn, grain sorghum, and sunflowers offset the decreased marketing of wheat, milk, hogs, and hay.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 34 points (23 percent) from October 2010. The Food Commodities Index, at 173, increased 6 points (3.6 percent) from last month and increased 26 points (18 percent) from October 2010.

October Prices Paid Index Unchanged

The October Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 205 percent of the 1990-1992 average. The index is unchanged from September but 20 points (11 percent) above October 2010. Higher prices in October for feeder cattle, complete feeds, concentrates, and supplements offset lower prices for diesel, feed grains, LP gas, and gasoline.

Item	Entire Month		Preliminary
	Oct 2010	Sept 2011	Oct 2011
dollars			
Field Crops			
Corn, per Bushel	4.32	6.37	5.92
Hay, All, Baled, per Ton	111.00	176.00	181.00
Alfalfa	118.00	196.00	203.00
Other	96.00	128.00	129.00
Soybeans, per Bushel	10.20	12.20	11.90
Winter Wheat, per Bushel	5.83	7.01	6.31
Fruit, Fresh			
Apples, per Lb ¹	0.357	0.480	0.434
Peaches, per Ton ¹	(S)	606.00	(S)
Vegetables, Fresh²			
Corn, Sweet, per Cwt	28.00	24.60	29.90
Lettuce, per Cwt	20.20	14.80	14.30
Tomatoes, per Cwt	32.20	35.30	27.10
Livestock and Livestock Products			
Beef Cattle, all, per Cwt	93.10	112.00	116.00
Steers and Heifers, per Cwt	98.90	117.00	121.00
Cows, per Cwt ³	52.50	67.30	63.30
Calves, per Cwt	121.00	132.00	139.00
Broilers, live, per Lb ⁴	0.480	0.440	0.430
Eggs, all, per Dozen ⁵	0.813	.948	1.020
Milk, all, per Cwt ⁶	18.50	21.10	19.90
Fat Test, All Milk per %	3.71	3.64	3.73

Source: USDA - NASS: Agricultural Prices, October 2011

(S) Insufficient sales to establish a price.

¹ Equivalent packinghouse-door returns for California, Michigan, New York (apples only), and Washington (apples, peaches, and pears). Prices as sold for other states.

² Beginning January 2006, point of first sale. FOB shipping point for prior years.

³ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

⁴ Live weight equivalent price.

⁵ Mid-month price.

⁶ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.



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