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Selected Fresh Market Vegetables: Area Harvested, Fall Season, 2006-2007 and Forecasted Area 2008

Crop and State	Usual Harvest Period	Area		
		Harvested		For Harvest 2008
		2006	2007	
Cabbage				
Florida	Oct-Dec	900	900	1,200
Georgia	Oct-Dec	5,100	4,700	3,600
New Jersey	Sept-Nov	400	500	800
Texas	Sept-Nov	200	200	170
Total		6,600	6,300	5,770
Snap Beans				
Florida	Oct-Dec	4,500	10,300	8,500
Georgia	Oct-Dec	5,600	5,300	4,800
New Jersey	Sept-Oct	1,200	1,100	1,100
Virginia	Sept-Oct	1,800	1,800	1,800
Total		13,100	18,500	16,200

Cabbage: The New Jersey growers expect to harvest 800 acres, up 300 acres from last year. United States fresh market cabbage area for harvest is forecast at 5,770 acres, down 8 percent from last year. Harvest of the cabbage crop started in late September. Crop quality is reported to be good. Soil moisture supplies in Georgia are reported to be adequate to short. In Florida, Tropical Storm Fay delayed some planting over the central and southern Peninsulas throughout August and September. Warm temperatures after planting boosted crop growth and development. In Texas, planting was on schedule. Harvest is expected to begin by early October.

Snap Beans: The New Jersey's area for fall harvest is forecast at 1,100 acres, same as last year. Growing conditions were favorable for the fall snap bean crop. However, severe storms in late August damaged some fields in the South Jersey area. Overall, the crop is reported to be in good condition. United States fall fresh market area for harvest is forecast at 16,200 acres, down 12 percent from last year. In Florida, during late August, rainfall from Tropical Storm Fay delayed some fieldwork. In early September, some growers delayed planting due to persistent standing water in their fields. By mid-September fields began to dry out allowing growers to proceed with planting.



New Jersey Barley and Wheat Summary

- Barley production for New Jersey totaled 142,000 bushels, up 4 percent from 2007. New Jersey's barley yield is 71 bushels per acre, compared to 68 bushels in 2007. The Garden State record yield, 79 bushels per acre, was set in 1999. Area seeded in barley was unchanged from the previous year at 3,000 acres. Barley acreage harvested for grain was 2,000 acres, unchanged from previous year.
- All wheat production for the Garden State totaled 2.01 million bushels, up 41 percent from the previous year. Spring weather conditions promoted a good growing season for wheat. New Jersey's acres seeded to all wheat totaled 35,000 acres, up 4,000 acres from last year. Wheat acres harvested for grain totaled 33,000 acres, compared to 28,000 acres the previous year. All wheat yields per acre were 61 bushels per acre, up 10 bushels from last year, is a record high.

Barley and Wheat Acreage, Yield, and Production

Crop	Acres Planted		Acres Harvested		Yield per Acre		Production	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
New Jersey	<i>- Thousand -</i>				<i>- Bushels -</i>		<i>- Thousand Bushels-</i>	
Barley	3	3	2	2	68.0	71.0	136	142
All Wheat	31	35	28	33	51.0	61.0	1,428	2,013
United States	<i>- Thousand -</i>				<i>- Bushels -</i>		<i>- Million Bushels-</i>	
Barley	4,020	4,234	3,508	3,767	60.4	63.6	211.8	239.5
All Wheat	60,433	63,047	51,011	55,658	40.5	44.9	2,066.7	2,499.5



New Jersey's Soybean Production Down 2 Percent, Corn Unchanged from September

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

- **Corn** production is forecast at 8.51 million bushels, unchanged from the September 1 forecast. Expected yield per harvested acre is 115 bushels per acre, down 10 bushels from the previous year. The state record high yield is 143 bushels per acre, set in 2004. Farmers expect to harvest 74,000 acres of corn for grain, unchanged from the September forecast.
- **Soybean** harvested area is expected to total 89,000 acres, 9,000 acres more than in 2007 and 4,000 acres more than the September 1 forecast. Production is set at 2.49 million bushels, down 2 percent from the September's forecast. The October 1 soybean yield is forecast at 28 bushels per acre, down 2 bushels from the previous month's forecast. The state record high yield per acre is 42 bushels, set in 2004.

United States: Corn production is down 8 percent from last year's record high. An anticipated second highest yield (153.9 bushels per acre), behind the 160.4 bushels yield in 2004, is expected. Soybean acres for harvest are up by 16 percent, and production is expected to be up 10 percent from last year's numbers. If realized, this will be the fourth largest production on record.

Acres, Yield, and Production of Corn and Soybeans

Crop	Acres for Harvest			Yield per Acre			Production		
	Final 2007	Sept 1 2008 Forecast	Oct 1 2008 Forecast	Final 2007	Sept 1 2008 Forecast	Oct 1 2008 Forecast	Final 2007	Sept 1 2008 Forecast	Oct 1 2008 Forecast
NEW JERSEY	- Thousand Acres -			- Bushels -			- Thousand Bushels -		
Corn for grain	82	74	74	125.0	115.0	115.0	10,250.0	8,510.0	8,510.0
Soybeans	80	85	89	31.0	30.0	28.0	2,480.0	2,550.0	2,492.0
UNITED STATES	- Thousand Acres -			- Bushels -			- Thousand Bushels -		
Corn for grain	86,542	79,290	78,177	151.1	152.3	153.9	13,073.9	12,072.4	12,033.4
Soybeans	64,141	73,341	74,374	41.7	40.0	39.5	2,675.8	2,933.9	2,938.3

Note: The next crop production forecast will be released November 10, 2008.



September Farm Prices Received Index Decreased 1.3 Percent From August

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in September, at 154, based on 1990-92=100, decreased 1.3 percent from August. The Crop Index is down 1.7 percent and the Livestock Index decreased 2.2 percent. Lower prices were received for wheat, hogs, broilers and soybeans. Producers received higher commodity prices for lettuce, turkeys, eggs and cottonseed. The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities a producer sells. Increased average marketings of soybeans, corn, apples and potatoes offset decreased marketings of wheat, cattle, broilers and grapes.

Preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 10.0 percent from September 2007. The Food Commodities Index, at 152, decreased 0.7 percent from last month but increased 6.3 percent from September 2007.

Prices Paid Index is Unchanged

The September Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 194 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is up 1.0 percent from August and 20.0 percent above September 2007. Higher prices in September for nitrogen fertilizers, potash & phosphate materials, mixed fertilizers and herbicides more than offset lower prices for hay & forages, complete feeds, feed supplements and diesel fuel.

Average Prices Received by Farmers: United States

Item	Entire Month		Preliminary
	Sep 2007	Aug 2008	Sep 2008
-- Dollars --			
Field Crops			
Barley, per bushel	4.05	5.11	4.83
Corn, per bushel	3.28	5.26	5.17
Hay, all, baled, per ton ¹	127.00	165.00	161.00
Soybeans, per bushel	8.15	12.80	11.70
Fruit, Fresh			
Apples, per lb ²	0.402	0.534	0.536
Strawberries, per cwt	57.40	91.00	71.20
Vegetables, Fresh			
Corn, Sweet, per cwt	23.20	25.60	23.90
Lettuce, per cwt	29.20	17.20	23.40
Tomatoes, per cwt	33.10	30.00	26.00
Livestock and Livestock Products			
Beef Cattle, per cwt	93.10	96.10	94.90
Steers and Heifers, per cwt	98.30	100.00	99.50
Cows, per cwt ³	49.30	57.40	56.00
Calves, per cwt	126.00	116.00	116.00
Milk, all, per cwt ^{4,5}	21.80	18.40	18.00
Broilers, live, per lb ⁶	0.450	0.470	0.450
Eggs, all, per dozen ¹	1.07	0.965	0.998

Source: NASS – Agricultural Prices, July 2007.

¹ Mid-month price.

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

³ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

⁴ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

⁵ September 2008 Fat test percent: all milk 3.63, fluid milk 3.63, and mfg grade 3.91.

⁶ Equivalent liveweight returns to producers for most states. Includes growers and contractors.



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