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New Jersey's Corn and Soybean Projections Decline from October

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

- **Corn** production is forecast at 8.14 million bushels, a decrease of 4 percent from the October 1 forecast. Expected yield per harvested acre is 110 bushels per acre, down 15 bushels from the previous year. The state record yield is 143 bushels per acre, set in 2004. Farmers expect to harvest 74,000 acres of corn for grain, unchanged from October forecast.
- **Soybean** harvested area is expected to total 89,000 acres, 9,000 more than in 2007 and unchanged from the October 1 forecast. Production is set at 2.31 million bushels, down from last month's. The October 1 soybean yield is forecast at 26 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.

Acreage, Yield, and Production of Corn and Soybeans

Crop	Acres for Harvest			Yield per Acre			Production		
	Final 2007	Oct 1 2008 Forecast	Nov 1 2008 Forecast	Final 2007	Oct 1 2008 Forecast	Nov 1 2008 Forecast	Final 2007	Oct 1 2008 Forecast	Nov 1 2008 Forecast
NEW JERSEY	- Thousand Acres -			- Bushels -			- Thousand Bushels -		
Corn for grain	82	74	74	125.0	115.0	110.0	10,250	8,510	8,140
Soybeans	80	89	89	31.0	28.0	26.0	2,480	2,492	2,314
UNITED STATES	- Thousand Acres -			- Bushels -			-Billion Bushels -		
Corn for grain	86,542	78,177	78,177	151.1	153.9	153.8	13.07	12.03	12.02
Soybeans	64,141	74,374	74,374	41.7	39.5	39.3	2.68	2.94	2.92

Note: The annual production estimates will be released January 9, 2009.

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2007 County Estimates – Apple, Peaches, Potatoes, Sweet Potatoes

New Jersey Apple County Estimates, 2007

County	Production (lbs)
North District	
Hunterdon	3,000,000
Sussex	3,000,000
Warren	3,500,000
Central District	
Burlington	2,500,000
South District	
Atlantic	4,500,000
Gloucester	15,000,000
Other counties ¹	13,500,000
Total	45,000,000

¹ The other counties could be from any of the districts

New Jersey Peach County Estimates, 2007

County	Production ¹ (tons)
North District	
Hunterdon	400
Warren	350
Central District	
Burlington	1,500
South District	
Atlantic	1,250
Camden	3,500
Gloucester	14,000
Other counties ²	3,000
Total	32,000

¹ Includes quantities not sold or utilized.

² The other counties could be from any of the districts

New Jersey Potato County Estimates, 2007

County	Planted (acres)	Harvested (acres)	Yield (cwt)	Production (cwt)
South District				
Cumberland	600	600	260	156,000
Salem	1,300	1,300	275	357,500
Other counties ¹	500	500	245	122,500
Total	2,400	2,400	265	636,000

¹ The other counties could be from any of the districts.

New Jersey Sweet Potato County Estimates, 2007

County	Planted (acres)	Harvested (acres)	Yield (cwt)	Production (cwt)
South District				
Atlantic	400	400	120	48,000
Camden	400	400	95	38,000
Gloucester	200	200	100	20,000
Other counties ¹	200	200	70	14,000
Total	1,200	1,200	100	120,000

¹ The other counties could be from any of the districts.

Quarterly Milk Production, July – September, 2007 - 2008

New Jersey Quarterly Milk Production: The July-September 2008 Quarterly Milk Production for New Jersey was 41 million pounds, unchanged from the July-September period last year.

Milk cow numbers in New Jersey remained steady. The average number of milk cows during the July-September 2008 quarter was 10,000 head, unchanged from the July-September 2007 quarter.

United States Quarterly Milk Production: Milk production in the U.S. during the July-September 2008 quarter totaled 46.8 billion pounds, up 1.6 percent from the July-September quarter last year.

The average number of milk cows in the United States during the July-September 2008 quarter was 9.28 million head, 118,000 head more than the same period last year.



Milk Cows and Production: By Selected States and the United States, Preliminary July-September, 2007-2008

State	July-Sept Milk Cows ¹		July-Sept Milk Production ²		Change From 2007
	2007	2008	2007	2008	
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Percent
Delaware	6.5	6.5	26	25	-3.8
Maryland	57	56	249	243	-2.4
New Jersey	10	10	41	41	--
New York	626	626	3,041	3,111	2.3
Pennsylvania	550	547	2,625	2,599	-1.0
United States	9,159	9,277	46,110	46,841	1.6

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Source: Milk Production, October 2008



October Farm Prices Received Index Declined 5.8 Percent From September

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in October, at 145, based on 1990-92=100, decreased 5.8 percent from September. The Crop Index is down 9.8 percent and the Livestock Index decreased 3.8 percent. Producers received lower prices for corn, soybeans, wheat, and cattle and higher prices for sweet corn, broccoli, lettuce, and eggs. 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 marketings of soybeans, corn, cottonseed, and cotton offset decreased marketings of milk, wheat, sweet corn, and grapes.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 2.8 percent from October 2007. The Food Commodities Index decreased 5.3 percent from last month but was unchanged from October 2007.

Prices Paid Index Down 3 Points

The October Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 188 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is down 1.6 percent from September but 15 percent above October 2007. Lower prices in October for diesel fuel, feed grains, feeder cattle, and LP gas more than offset higher prices for potash & phosphate materials, feed concentrates, mixed fertilizers, and other machinery.

Average Prices Received by Farmers: United States

Item	Entire Month		Preliminary
	Oct 2007	Sep 2008	Oct 2008
-- Dollars --			
Field Crops			
Barley, per bushel	4.53	5.74	4.97
Corn, per bushel	3.29	5.02	3.99
Hay, all, baled, per ton ¹	128.00	161.00	157.00
Soybeans, per bushel	8.36	10.70	8.66
Fruit, Fresh			
Apples, per lb ²	0.379	0.536	0.442
Strawberries, per cwt	80.00	70.10	71.10
Vegetables, Fresh			
Corn, Sweet, per cwt	21.40	24.20	31.90
Lettuce, per cwt	44.40	31.90	33.70
Tomatoes, per cwt	41.60	26.00	24.60
Livestock			
Beef Cattle, per cwt	90.90	94.40	88.60
Steers and Heifers, per cwt	96.60	99.30	93.80
Cows, per cwt ³	46.60	54.50	49.20
Calves, per cwt	123.00	113.00	108.00
Broilers, live, per lb ⁴	0.400	0.450	0.450
Eggs, all, per dozen ¹	0.935	0.998	1.020
Milk, all, per cwt ^{5,6}	21.40	18.20	17.60

Source: NASS – Agricultural Prices, October 31, 2008.

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

⁵ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

⁶ October 2008 Fat test percent: all milk 3.73, fluid milk 3.72, and mfg grade 4.06.



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