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# New Jersey's FARM FACTS

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### New Jersey's 2008 Soybean Production Up 5 Percent, Corn Down 16 Percent

- ✦ **Corn for grain** production is estimated at 8.58 million bushels, down 16 percent from 2007. The yield is estimated at 116 bushels per acre, 8 bushels below the 2007 yield. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 74,000 acres, down 8,000 acres from 2007.
- ✦ **Corn for silage** production is estimated at 170,000 tons, up 3 percent from the previous year. The yield is estimated at 17 tons per acre, up 2 tons from 2007. Acreage cut for silage is estimated at 10,000 acres, down 1,000 acres from 2007.
- ✦ **Alfalfa Hay** production is estimated at 58,000 tons, up 7 percent from 2007. The yield is estimated at 2.90 tons per acre, up 0.2 tons from 2007. Harvested acreage of 20,000 remained unchanged from 2007.
- ✦ **Other Hay** production is estimated at 181,000 tons, up 19 percent from 2007. The yield is estimated at 1.90 tons per acre, up 0.3 tons from 2007. Harvested acreage is 95,000, unchanged from 2007.
- ✦ **Soybean** production increased from 2.48 million bushels in 2007 to 2.61 million bushels in 2008, up 5 percent. The yield is estimated at 29 bushels per acre, down 2 bushels from 2007. Area harvested for beans is estimated at 90,000 acres, up 10,000 acres from 2007.
- ✦ **Winter Wheat** production increased from 1.43 million bushels in 2007 to 2.01 million bushels in 2008, up 41 percent. The 2009 winter wheat seedings are projected to be 32,000 acres, down 9 percent from the 35,000 acres seeded for the 2008 crop.

### Acreage, Yield, and Production of Corn, Hay, Soybeans, and Winter Wheat

Crop	Unit	Acres for Harvest		Yield per Acre		Production	
		2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
<b>NEW JERSEY</b>		Thousand Acres		Units		Thousand Units	
Corn for Grain	Bu.	82	74	124.0	116.0	10,168.0	8,584.0
Corn for Silage	Tons	11	10	15.0	17.0	165.0	170.0
Hay, All	Tons	115	115	1.79	2.08	206.0	239.0
Alfalfa Hay	Tons	20	20	2.70	2.90	54.0	58.0
Other Hay	Tons	95	95	1.60	1.90	152.0	181.0
Soybeans	Bu.	80	90	31.0	29.0	2,480.0	2,610.0
Winter Wheat	Bu.	28	33	51.0	61.0	1,428.0	2,013.0
<b>UNITED STATES</b>		Thousand Acres		Units		Million Units	
Corn for Grain	Bu.	86,520	78,640	150.7	153.9	13,037.9	12,101.2
Corn for Silage	Tons	6,060	5,965	17.5	18.7	106.2	111.6
Hay, All	Tons	61,006	60,062	2.41	2.43	146.9	145.7
Alfalfa Hay	Tons	21,126	20,980	3.31	3.32	69.9	69.6
Other Hay	Tons	39,880	39,082	1.93	1.95	77.0	76.1
Soybeans	Bu.	64,146	74,641	41.7	39.6	2,677.1	2,959.2
Winter Wheat	Bu.	35,938	39,614	41.7	47.2	1,499.2	1,867.9

Source: NASS-Crop Production Annual Summary, January 2009

# Hogs and Pigs

## New Jersey

New Jersey's hog and pig inventory was 8,000 head as of December 1, 2008, down by 1,000 head from December 1, 2007.

Breeding inventory at 1,000 head was unchanged from last year. Market hog inventory decreased to 7,000 head from 8,000 head a year earlier.

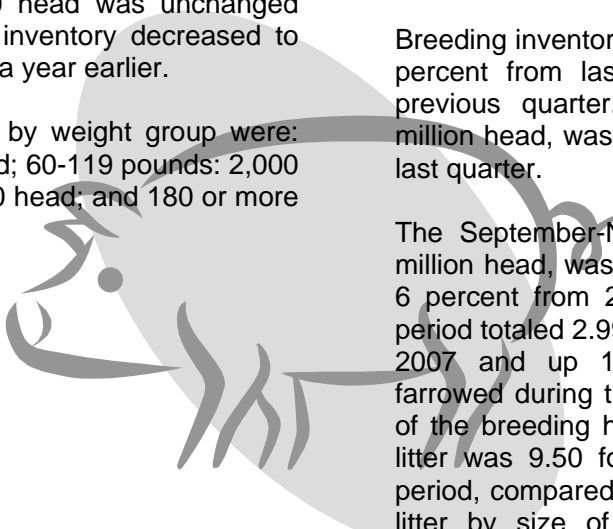
The market hog inventories by weight group were: Under 60 pounds: 2,000 head; 60-119 pounds: 2,000 head; 120-179 pounds: 1,500 head; and 180 or more pounds: 1,500 head.

## United States

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2008 was 66.7 million head. This was down 2 percent from December 1, 2007 and September 1, 2008.

Breeding inventory, at 6.08 million head, was down 2 percent from last year, and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 60.6 million head, was down 2 percent from last year and last quarter.

The September-November 2008 pig crop, at 28.4 million head, was down 4 percent from 2007 and up 6 percent from 2006. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.99 million head, down 6 percent from 2007 and up 1 percent from 2006. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.50 for the September-November 2008 period, compared to 9.28 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.60 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.



**Hog and Pigs: Breeding, Market, and Total Inventory by Selected States, and United States, December 1, 2007-2008**

State	Breeding			Market			Total		
	2007	2008		2007	2008		2007	2008	
		Number	as % of 2007		Number	as % of 2007		Number	as % of 2007
	1,000 Head	Percent	1,000 Head	Percent	1,000 Head	Percent			
Delaware	2.5	2.5	100	6.5	6.5	100	9.0	9.0	100
Maryland	5.0	4.0	80	28.0	27.0	96	33.0	31.0	94
<b>New Jersey</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>89</b>
New York	11.0	13.0	118	75.0	82.0	109	86.0	95.0	110
Pennsylvania	105.0	90.0	86	1,065.0	1,020.0	96	1,170.0	1,110.0	95
United States	6,233.0	6,081.0	98	61,944.0	60,627.0	98	68,177.0	66,708.0	98

**Market Hogs and Pigs: Inventory Number by Weight Group, Selected States, and United States, December 1, 2007-2008**

State	Under 60 Lbs.		60-119 Lbs.		120-179 Lbs		180 Lbs. and Over	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	1,000 Head							
Delaware	3.0	3.0	1.0	1.0	1.5	1.5	1.0	1.0
Maryland	9.0	9.0	7.0	6.0	8.0	8.0	4.0	4.0
<b>New Jersey</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>1.5</b>
New York	17.0	29.0	20.0	18.0	20.0	17.0	18.0	18.0
Pennsylvania	345.0	310.0	300.0	300.0	220.0	215.0	200.0	195.0
United States	22,245.0	21,297.0	15,173.0	15,096.0	12,658.0	12,716.0	11,569.0	11,518.0

Source: NASS – Quarterly Hogs and Pigs, December 2008

# Winter Wheat Seedings

## New Jersey

New Jersey winter wheat seeded area for 2009 is expected to total 32,000 acres. This is down 3,000 acres from 2008.

## United States

United States winter wheat seeded area for 2009 is expected to total 42.1 million acres, down 9 percent from 2008. Approximate class acreage breakdowns are: Hard Red Winter, 30.2 million; Soft Red Winter, 8.29 million; and White Winter, 3.62 million. Seeding progress was hampered by wet weather and delayed row crop harvest.

Winter Wheat: Area Seeded, by Selected States and United States, 2007-2009

State	Crop Year			2009 as Percent of 2008
	2007	2008	2009	
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>			<i>Percent</i>
Delaware	57	80	80	100
Maryland	220	255	230	90
<b>New Jersey</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>91</b>
New York	100	130	115	88
Pennsylvania	170	195	195	100
United States	45,012	46,281	42,098	91

Winter Wheat Seedings January 2009



**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**Average Prices Received by Farmers: United States**

**December Farm Prices Received Index Down 8 Points From November**

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in December, at 133 based on 1990-92=100, is 8 points (5.7 percent) below the November Index. The Crop Index decreased 11 points (7.1 percent), and the Livestock Index decreased 4 points (3.2 percent). Producers received lower commodity prices for cattle, milk, corn and soybeans. Higher prices were received for broilers, hogs, strawberries and lettuce. The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased average marketings of wheat, milk, broilers, and oranges offset decreased marketings of corn, soybeans, cattle and grapes.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 9 points (6.3 percent) from December 2007. The Food Commodities Index, at 132, decreased 7 points (5.0 percent) from last month and 14 points (9.6 percent) from December 2007.

**Prices Paid Index Up**

The December Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 177 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is down 4 points (2.2 percent) from November but 11 points (6.6 percent) above December 2007. Lower prices were received in December for fuels, fertilizer, feed, livestock and poultry.

Item	Entire Month		Preliminary
	Dec 2007	Nov 2008	Dec 2008
-- Dollars --			
<b>Field Crops</b>			
Barley, per bushel	4.44	5.41	4.36
Corn, per bushel	3.77	4.26	4.05
Hay , all baled, per ton <sup>1</sup>	127.00	147.00	141.00
Soybeans, per bushel	10.00	9.38	8.97
<b>Fruit, fresh</b>			
Apples, per lb <sup>2</sup>	.350	.342	.296
Strawberries, per cwt	171.00	87.60	186.00
<b>Vegetables, fresh</b>			
Corn, Sweet, per cwt	34.10	33.60	28.50
Lettuce, per cwt	16.00	19.50	21.90
Tomatoes, per cwt	81.20	64.30	40.10
<b>Livestock and Livestock Products</b>			
Beef Cattle, per cwt	89.20	84.90	79.90
Steers and Heifers, per cwt	95.30	91.00	85.70
Cows per cwt <sup>3</sup>	45.00	43.10	39.80
Calves, per cwt	120.00	106.00	101.00
Broilers, live, per lb <sup>4</sup>	.400	.460	.480
Eggs, all, per dozen <sup>1</sup>	1.360	1.030	1.000
Milk, all, per cwt <sup>5,6</sup>	21.50	17.10	15.90

Source: NASS - Agricultural Prices, December 30, 2008

- <sup>1</sup> Mid-Month Price
  - <sup>2</sup> Equivalent packinghouse-door returns for CA, MI, NY, and WA. Prices as sold for other states.
  - <sup>3</sup> Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.
  - <sup>4</sup> Equivalent live weight price.
  - <sup>5</sup> Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums.
  - <sup>6</sup> Excludes hauling subsidies.
- <sup>6</sup> November 2008 Fat Test percent: All Milk 3.77, fluid milk 3.77, and mfg grade 4.13.



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