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New Jersey Spring Vegetables: 2008 growing seasons started later than normal due to colder temperatures in early spring. High fuel costs and chemical costs are major concerns among all growers. Top soil moistures continued to be adequate. The prospective area for harvest of selected fresh market vegetables (cabbage, and snap beans) is forecast at 2,600 acres for the spring quarter, unchanged from the past two years. Head lettuce is no longer in the estimate program due to limited planted acreage. Prospective planted acreage for processing vegetables (snap beans, green peas, and sweet corn) are 3,300 acres compared with 3,900 acres last year. The contracted acres were not published separately to avoid disclosing individual operations.

New Jersey Spring Vegetables - Selected Crops

Crop	Harvested		Planted for Harvest
	2006	2007	2008
<i>Acres</i>			
Cabbage	1,000	1,000	1,000
Head Lettuce	300	200	DNP
Snap Beans	1,600	1,600	1,600

DNP: Do not publish.

New Jersey 2007 Summer Potatoes Revisions:

The final estimate of 2007 summer potato crop production is 636,000 cwt, compared with 600,000 cwt in 2006, up 6 percent. Harvested area covered 2,400 acres, down 100 acres from 2006. The average yield of 265 cwt per acre is up 25 cwt from the 2006 yield of 240 cwt.

United States 2007 Summer Potato Revisions:

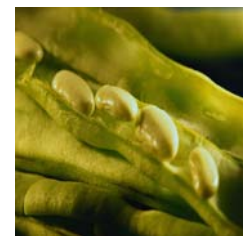
The final estimate of 2007 US summer potato crop production is 17.0 million cwt, down 6 percent from the 2006 crop. Harvested area covered 51,300 acres, down 6 percent from 2006. The average yield of 332 cwt per acre compare with 337 cwt per acre in 2006.

United States Spring Vegetables:

- Spring Season Fresh Market Vegetables Down 1 Percent
- Processed Vegetable Contracted Acreage Down 2 Percent
- Onion Acreage Down 6 Percent

The prospective area for harvest of 11 selected fresh market vegetables during the spring quarter is forecast at 203,300 acres, down 1 percent from last year. Acreage declines for snap beans, carrots, cauliflower, head lettuce, bell peppers, and tomatoes more than offset acreage increases for broccoli, cabbage, celery, and sweet corn. Cucumber area remains unchanged. Melon acreage for spring harvest is forecast at 72,450, down 2 percent from last year. Watermelon acreage is down 1 percent from 2007 while cantaloupe acreage declined 4 percent from a year ago. Honeydew melon acreage remains unchanged from 2007. Asparagus area for spring harvest is forecast at 34,100 acres, down 11 percent from last year. Strawberry area for harvest is forecast at 46,500 acres, up 2 percent from a year ago.

Processors expect to contract 1.18 million acres of the 5 major processed vegetable crops in the U.S. this year, down 2 percent from last year. Contracted acreage declines are forecast for snap beans and tomatoes, while sweet corn, cucumbers for pickles, and green peas show increases. Source: NASS: Vegetables, April 2008.



New Jersey Quarterly Milk Production: January-March 2008 Quarterly Milk Production for New Jersey was 44 million pounds, up 2.3 percent from the January-March period last year.

United States Quarterly Milk Production: Milk production in the U.S. during the January-March 2008 quarter totaled 47.6 billion pounds, up 3.2 percent from the January-March quarter last year.

The average number of milk cows during the January-March 2008 quarter was 10,000 head, down 500 head from the January-March 2007 quarter.

The average number of milk cows in the United States during the January-March 2008 quarter was 9.25 million head, up 112,000 head from the same period last year.

Milk Cows and Production: By Selected States and the United States, Preliminary January-March, 2007-2008

State	January-March Milk Cows ¹		January-March Milk Production ²		Change From 2007
	2007	2008	2007	2008	
	1,000 Head		Million Pounds		Percent
Delaware	7	6.5	30	30	
Maryland	60	56	276	269	-2.5
New Jersey	10.5	10	43	44	2.3
New York	628	626	2,964	3,086	4.1
Pennsylvania	549	551	2,663	2,671	0.3
United States	9,138	9,250	46,058	47,552	3.2

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

New Jersey Egg and Turkey Production, Price, and Value

New Jersey produced 424 million eggs in 2007 compared to 446 million produced the previous year. The value of 2007 egg production was \$32.5 million, up 60 percent from \$20.3 million produced in 2006.

New Jersey producers raised 39,000 turkeys in 2007, up 6,000 turkeys raised from the previous year. The value of turkeys raised was \$1,280,000, up 52 percent from \$842,000 generated from turkey sales in 2006.

Egg Production, Price, and Value: Selected States and United States, 2006-2007^{1,2}

State	Egg Production		Price Per Dozen		Value of Production	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	Million		Dollars		1,000 Dollars	
Maryland	733	702	0.490	0.841	29,907	49,170
New Jersey	446	424	0.545	0.920	20,267	32,507
New York	1,122	1,127	0.420	0.787	39,246	73,945
Pennsylvania	6,687	6,392	0.428	0.731	238,351	389,119
United States	91,328	90,581	0.582	0.885	4,431,745	6,678,147

¹ Estimates cover the 12 month period Dec 1, previous year through Nov 30.

Source: NASS: Poultry Production and Value 2007 Summary, April, 2008

² Includes hatching and market (table) eggs.

Turkey Production, Price, and Value: Selected States and United States, 2006-2007

State	Number Raised ¹		Pounds Produced		Price Per Pound ²		Value of Production	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Dollars		1,000 Dollars	
Maryland	730	750	25,550	26,250	0.490	0.520	12,520	13,650
New Jersey	33	39	726	842	1.160	1.520	842	1,280
New York	630	640	14,868	14,976	0.500	0.550	7,434	8,237
Pennsylvania	10,500	11,000	195,300	200,200	0.540	0.500	105,462	100,100
United States	262,460	271,689	7,463,885	7,869,224	0.479	0.472	3,573,690	3,710,846

¹ Based on turkeys placed the 12 month period September 1, previous year through August 31, current year. Excludes turkeys lost.

² Maryland, New Jersey and Pennsylvania prices are actual live weight prices. Pennsylvania prices are equivalent live weight returns to producers.

New Jersey and United States Cattle and Calves: Inventory, Supply, and Disposition, 2007¹

State	Inventory Jan 1, 2007	Calf Crop	Inshipments	Marketings ²		Farm Slaughter ³	Deaths		Inventory Jan 1, 2008
				Cattle	Calves	Cattle & Calves	Cattle	Calves	
1,000 Head									
NJ	38.0	14.0	0.4	4.5	7.4	0.5	1.0	1.0	38.0
US	97,002.9	37,360.7	20,956.9	45,182.9	9,031.4	187.0	1,856.8	2,393.8	96,668.6

¹ Balance sheet estimates by state; the sum of inventory January 1, 2007, calf crop, and inshipments is equal to the sum of marketings, farm slaughter, deaths, and inventory January 1, 2008.

² Includes custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and state outshipments, but excludes interfarm sales within the state.

³ Excludes custom slaughter for farmers at commercial establishments.

New Jersey and United States Cattle and Calves: Inventory, Supply, and Disposition, 2006, Revised¹

State	Inventory Jan 1, 2006	Calf Crop	Inshipments	Marketings ²		Farm Slaughter ³	Deaths		Inventory Jan 1, 2007
				Cattle	Calves	Cattle & Calves	Cattle	Calves	
1,000 Head									
NJ	42.0	14.0	1.1	8.0	8.6	0.5	1.0	1.0	38.0
US	96,701.5	37,518.7	21,017.8	44,945.4	8,936.3	186.9	1,818.5	2,348.0	97,002.9

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New Jersey and United States Hogs and Pigs: Inventory, Supply, and Disposition, 2007¹

State	Inventory Dec 1, 2006	Pig Crop ²	Inshipments	Marketings ³	Farm Slaughter ⁴	Deaths	Inventory Dec 1, 2007
		Dec - Nov					
1,000 Head							
NJ	9.0	7.0	19.0	24.5	0.1	1.4	9.0
US	62,489.7	111,858.4	39,498.2	137,758.9	105.9	9,019.0	66,962.5

¹ Balance sheet estimates by state; the sum of inventory December 1, 2006, pig crop, and inshipments is equal to the sum of marketings, farm slaughter, deaths, and inventory December 1, 2007.

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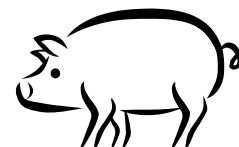
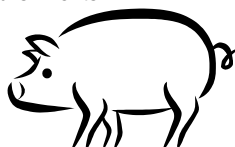
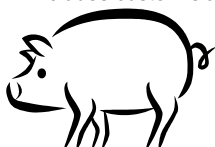
State	Inventory Dec 1, 2005	Pig Crop ²	Inshipments	Marketings ³	Farm Slaughter ⁴	Deaths	Inventory Dec 1, 2006
		Dec - Nov					
1,000 Head							
NJ	9.0	5.7	19.0	24.1	0.1	0.5	9.0
US	61,448.9	105,617.9	36,204.3	132,261.6	104.8	8,415.1	62,489.7

¹ Balance sheet estimates by state; the sum of inventory December 1, 2005, pig crop, and inshipments is equal to the sum of marketings, farm slaughter, deaths, and inventory December 1, 2006.

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April Farm Prices Received Index Down 1.4 Percent from March

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in April 2008, at 144, based on 1990-92=100, is 1.4 percent below the March Index. The Crop Index is unchanged, but the Livestock Index decreased 3.1 percent. Producers received lower commodity prices for eggs, cattle, strawberries and wheat. Higher prices were received for lettuce, onions, corn and soybeans. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell, based on the past 3-year average, also affects the overall index. Increased average marketings of cattle, milk, oranges and strawberries offset decreased marketings of soybeans, corn, wheat and cotton.

This preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 8.3 percent from April 2007. The Food Commodities Index, at 140, is 3.4 percent below last month, but up 3.7 percent from April 2007.

April Prices Paid Index Up 1.7 Percent from March

The April Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 181 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is up 1.7 percent from March 2008 and 13.0 percent above April 2007. Higher prices in April 2008 for field crop seeds, diesel fuel, feed grains and hay and forages more than offset lower prices for feeder pigs, feeder cattle, complete feeds and feed supplements.

Average Prices Received by Farmers: United States

Item	Entire Month		Preliminary
	Apr 2007	Mar 2008	Apr 2008
-- Dollars --			
Field Crops			
Barley, per bushel	3.07	4.17	4.53
Corn, per bushel	3.39	4.70	5.13
Hay, all, baled, per ton ¹	124.00	139.00	152.00
Soybeans, per bushel	6.88	11.50	11.80
Fruit, fresh			
Apples, per lb ²	.281	.344	.335
Strawberries, per cwt	64.90	95.30	62.10
Vegetables, fresh			
Corn, Sweet, per cwt	25.60	28.60	19.60
Lettuce, per cwt	17.80	14.80	21.10
Tomatoes, per cwt	52.60	66.10	55.20
Livestock and Livestock Products			
Beef Cattle, per cwt	93.70	87.70	85.10
Steers and Heifers, per cwt	99.80	92.70	90.10
Cows, per cwt ³	49.20	51.20	49.90
Calves, per cwt	125.00	119.00	115.00
Broilers, live, per lb ⁴	.460	.460	.450
Eggs, all, per dozen ¹	.729	1.380	1.030
Milk, all, per cwt ^{5,6}	16.60	18.10	18.00

Source: NASS: Agricultural prices, April 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 April 2007 fat test percent: all milk 3.68, fluid milk 3.68 and mfg grade 4.00.



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