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2008 Total Cash Receipts Up \uparrow 2.3 Percent from 2007

Commodity cash receipts totaled \$1.12 billion for the 2008 calendar year. This is an increase of 2.3 percent and \$25.2 million from last year. Total crop cash receipts totaled \$940 million, up \$27.6 million from 2007. Increases in cash receipts for field crops, and vegetables more than offset the declines in Fruits and Nuts; Greenhouse, Sod, Nursery, & Christmas Trees; and Livestock & Products categories. Vegetables had the largest dollar increase of \$36.6 million, followed by corn at \$13.5 million, and poultry at \$8.0 million. Other commodity increases included wheat (\$6.5 million), soybeans (\$5.4 million), peppers (\$3.6 million), tomatoes (\$3.0 million), and cranberries (\$2.0 million).

The Greenhouse, Sod, Nursery, and Christmas Trees showed the largest decline, at \$18.1 million; followed by Fruit and Nut category at \$17.7 million, primarily due to the decrease by peaches (\$8.9 million), blueberries (\$8.3 million), and apples (\$2.6 million). Total Livestock & Products totaled \$177 million, down \$3.2 million, despite an increase in the poultry & eggs category of \$8.0 million. Declines were also recorded for dairy products (\$2.4 million), and horses and mules (\$9.0 million).

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Cash Receipts from NJ Farm Marketings, 2006-2008

COMMODITY	2006	2007	2008	% Change from 2007
	1,000 Dollars			
Total All Commodities	982,298	1,092,404	1,117,634	2.3
Total Crops	834,225	912,046	940,462	3.1
Total Field Crops	60,476	78,596	106,212	35.1
Corn	13,719	25,415	38,896	53.0
Hay	8,810	8,697	9,501	9.2
Soybeans	15,717	21,013	26,453	25.9
Wheat	4,967	7,402	13,867	87.3
Total Fruits & Nuts	164,637	173,923	156,235	-10.2
Apples	15,416	14,577	11,929	-18.2
Blueberries	83,720	90,240	81,990	-9.1
Cranberries	18,816	24,479	26,522	8.3
Peaches	35,700	32,832	23,920	-27.1
Total Vegetables	172,847	181,111	217,751	20.2
Peppers, green, fresh	27,848	29,295	32,922	12.4
Sweet corn, fresh	19,019	15,053	15,510	3.0
Tomatoes, fresh	19,627	23,622	26,645	12.8
Total Greenhouse, Sod, Nursery, & Christmas Trees	436,265	478,413	460,265	-3.8
Total Livestock & Products	148,073	180,358	177,172	-1.8
Total Dairy Products	23,450	32,340	29,970	-7.3
Total Horses & Mules	81,000	94,000	85,000	-9.6
Total Meat Animals	10,641	6,256	6,127	-2.1
Total Poultry & Eggs	24,484	37,837	45,835	21.1
Total Other Livestock & Products	8,090	8,695	9,275	6.7

Source: USDA - Economic Research Service

New Jersey's Producers Anticipate More Corn, Soybean, & Potato Production



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

New Jersey: Corn yield is forecast at 135 bushels per acre, up 6 bushels from the August 1 forecast. The state record yield per acre is 143 bushels, set in 2004. Production is expected to total 9.32 million bushels, up 9 percent from 2008. Area harvested for grain at 69,000 acres, is down 5,000 acres from last year.

Soybean production is forecast at 3.15 million bushels, up 21 percent from the previous year. Producers expect 35 bushels per acre for the 2009 crop, up 1 bushel from the August 1 forecast, and up 6 bushels from last year. Soybean harvested area is expected to total 90,000 acres, the same as in 2008.

Summer Potato yield is forecast at 270 cwt. per acre, up 40 cwt. from the previous year. The state record yield per acre is 285 cwt. set in 2000. Production of summer potatoes is forecast at 540,000 cwt, up 17 percent from 2008's production.

United States: Corn production is forecast at 13.0 billion bushels, up 2 percent from last month, and 7 percent higher than 2008. Yields are expected to average 161.9 bushels per acre, up 2.4 bushels from August, and 8.0 bushels above last year. If realized, this will be the highest yield on record, exceeding the 160.3 yield set in 2004, and production will be the

second largest – only 0.6 percent less than the record 2007 crop.

Soybean production is forecast at a record high 3.25 billion bushels, up 1 percent from the August forecast and up 10 percent from 2008. Production will exceed the previous record of 3.20 billion bushels grown in 2006. Yields are expected to average 42.3 bushels per acre, up 0.6 bushel from last month, and up 2.7 bushels from 2008. If realized, this will be the third highest yield on record, following 2005's crop with 43.1 bushels, and 2006's crop with 42.9 bushels per acre.

Acreage, Yield, & Production: Corn, Soybeans, & Summer Potatoes, Sept. 1, Forecast

CROP	UNIT	Acres for Harvest			Yield per Acre			Production		
		Final 2008	August 1 2009 Forecast	Sept 1, 2009 Forecast	Final 2008	August 1 2009 Forecast	Sept. 1 2009 Forecast	Final 2008	August 1 2009 Forecast	Sept. 1 2009 Forecast
New Jersey		Thousand Acres			Units			Thousand Units		
Corn for Grain	Bu.	74	69	69	116.0	129.0	135.0	8,584	8,901	9,315
Soybeans	Bu.	90	90	90	29.0	34.0	35.0	2,610	3,060	3,150
Summer Potatoes	Cwt	2.0	(1)	2.0	230	(1)	270	460	(1)	540
United States		Thousand Acres			Units			Million Units		
Corn for Grain	Bu.	78,640	80,007	80,007	153.9	159.5	161.9	12,101.2	12,761.0	12,954.5
Soybeans	Bu.	74,641	76,767	76,767	39.6	41.7	42.3	2,959.2	3,199.2	3,245.3
Summer Potatoes	Cwt	45.1	(1)	42.5	306	(1)	346	13.8	(1)	14.7

¹ Not Available.

Cranberry Production Up 5 Percent

Production by State and United States, 2007-2008 & Forecasted 2009

New Jersey expects a crop of 540,000 barrels, up 5 percent from 2008. Minimal frost damage and adequate rainfall promoted the increased production. No other significant adverse weather conditions were reported by New Jersey growers.

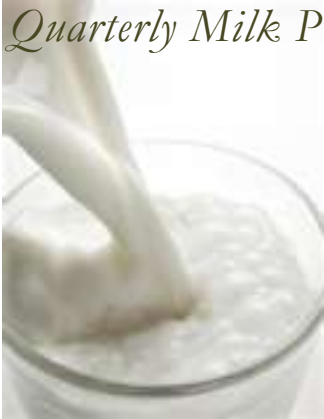
United States cranberry crop is 7.09 million barrels, down 10 percent from 2008, but still the second largest production on record.

STATE	Total Production		
	2007	2008	2009
Barrels ¹			
Massachusetts	1,522,000	2,374,000	1,900,000
New Jersey	531,000	512,000	540,000
Oregon	495,000	400,000	490,000
Washington	176,000	109,000	155,000
Wisconsin	3,830,000	4,470,000	4,000,000
United States	6,554,000	7,865,000	7,085,000

¹ A barrel weighs 100 lbs.

Source: USDA - NASS: Cranberries, August 18, 2009

Quarterly Milk Production, April - June



New Jersey - Milk Production for the April-June 2009 quarter was 41 million pounds, down 2 million pounds from the previous quarter, and 6.8 percent below the April-June quarter last year.

Number of Milk Cows was 9.5 thousand head, 500 head below last quarter and the April-June period last year.

United States - Milk Production in the US during the April-June 2009 quarter totaled 48.8 billion pounds, up 1.5 billion pounds from the previous quarter, and 0.1 percent above the April-June quarter last year.

Number of Milk Cows during the quarter was 9.26 million head, 53,000 head less than the same period last year.

Source: USDA - NASS: Milk Production, July 17, 2009

Northeast II Region Farm Labor

Farm Employment & Wage Rates

There were 38,000 hired workers on Northeast II Region farms and ranches the week of July 12, 2009 through July 18, 2009, up 9 percent from a year ago. States included in the Northeast II Region are Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. Hours worked during the reference week averaged 39.1 compared to 41.5 the previous year.

Farm operators in the Northeast II Region paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.20 per hour during the July 2009 reference week, up 10 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$9.83 per hour, up 17 cents from last July, while livestock workers earned \$9.09 per hour up 41 cents, from a year earlier.

ITEM	Northeast II ¹			United States ²		
	July 6-12, 2008	April 12-18, 2009	July 12-18, 2009	July 6-12, 2008	April 12-18, 2009	July 12-18, 2009
1,000 Workers						
Hired Workers ³	35	22	38	828	680	875
150 Days or More	20	18	27	585	554	611
149 Days or Less	15	4	11	243	126	264
Per Week						
Avg. Hours Worked (Hired Farm Workers)	41.5	36.6	39.1	40.5	40.1	39.8
Per Hour						
Avg. Wage Rate (All Hired Farm Workers)	10.10	11.10	10.20	10.34	10.84	10.64
By Type of Workers						
Field	9.66	10.60	9.83	9.66	9.99	10.04
Livestock	8.68	8.86	9.09	9.98	10.25	10.03

¹ Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey and Pennsylvania

Source: USDA - NASS: Farm Labor, August 21, 2009

² Excludes Alaska ³ Excludes agricultural service workers

August Farm Prices Received Index Decreased 3.8 Percent

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in August, at 127 percent, based on 1990-92=100, decreased 5 points (3.8 percent) from July. The Crop Index is down 6 points (3.9 percent) and the Livestock Index decreased 3 points (2.7 percent). Producers received lower prices for broilers, wheat, corn, and grapes and higher prices for milk, eggs, apples, and lemons. 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 cattle, grapes, sweet corn, and calves offset decreased marketings of wheat, hay, broilers, and strawberries.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 29 points (19 percent) from August 2008. The Food Commodities Index, at 125, decreased 5 points (3.8 percent) from last month and decreased 28 points (18 percent) from August 2008.

August Prices Paid Index Unchanged

The August Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPIIW) is 177 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is unchanged from July but 14 points (7.3 percent) below August 2008. Lower prices in August for concentrates, mixed fertilizer, feed grains, and hay and forages offset higher prices for other machinery, diesel fuel, herbicides, and LP gas.

Average Prices Received by Farmers: United States

ITEM	Entire Month		Preliminary
	Aug 2008	July 2009	Aug 2009
\$Dollars			
Field Crops			
Corn, per bushel	5.26	3.60	3.31
Hay, all, baled, per ton ¹	163.00	116.00	109.00
Alfalfa ¹	179.00	120.00	111.00
Other ¹	121.00	104.00	101.00
Soybeans, per bushel	12.80	10.80	10.70
Winter Wheat, per bushel	7.30	4.98	4.44
Fruit, Fresh			
Apples, per lb ²	0.537	0.178	0.256
Peaches, per ton ²	510.00	562.00	663.00
Vegetables, Fresh			
Corn, Sweet, per cwt	27.20	37.80	30.90
Lettuce, per cwt	17.20	16.90	16.90
Tomatoes, per cwt	29.40	32.30	33.20
Livestock and Livestock Products			
Beef Cattle, per cwt	95.80	81.10	80.30
Steers and Heifers, per cwt	100.00	85.30	84.60
Cows, per cwt ³	57.60	47.40	46.70
Calves, per cwt	117.00	110.00	110.00
Broilers, live, per lb ⁴	0.470	0.490	0.430
Eggs, all, per dozen ¹	0.963	0.709	0.759
Milk, all, per cwt ^{5,6}	18.40	11.30	11.80

Source: USDA - NASS: Agricultural Prices, August 2009

¹ Mid-Month Price

² Equivalent packinghouse-door returns for CA, MI, NY, and WA. Prices as sold for other states.

³ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

⁴ Equivalent live weight price.

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

⁶ August 2009 Fat Test percent: All Milk 3.56, fluid milk 3.56, and mfg grade 3.81.



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