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New Jersey's Prospective Plantings

New Jersey: As of March 1, 2011, New Jersey farmers expect more acreage of corn, hay, and winter wheat while soybeans acreage is down slightly and sweet potato acreage remained unchanged from the previous year.

Corn planted acreage is expected to total 85,000, up 5,000 acres from last year.

All hay acreage intended for harvest is expected to total 110,000, up 5,000 acres from 2010.

Soybeans planted acreage is expected to total 90,000, down 4,000 acres from a year ago.

Sweet potato acreage is expected to total 1,300 acres, unchanged from last year.

Winter wheat seeding for the 2011 season totaled 40,000, up 12,000 acres from last year.

United States: **Corn** growers intend to plant 92.2 million acres of corn for all purposes in 2011, up 5 percent from last year and 7 percent higher than in 2009. If realized, this will be the second highest planted acreage in the United States since 1944, behind only the 93.5 million acres planted in 2007.

Soybean planted area for 2011 is estimated at 76.6 million acres, down 1 percent from last year. If realized, the United States planted area will be the third largest on record. The 2011 **winter wheat** planted area, at 41.2 million acres, is 10 percent above last year and up 1 percent from the previous estimate.

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Prospective Plantings Compared to 2010 Acreage: New Jersey and United States, March 1, 2011

Crops	New Jersey			United States		
	2010	2011 ¹	% Change	2010	2011 ¹	% Change
	1,000 acres			1,000 acres		
Corn	80	85	106	88,192	92,178	105
Hay, All ²	105	110	105	59,862	58,973	99
Soybeans	94	90	96	77,404	76,609	99
Sweet Potato	1.3	1.3	100	119.8	126.7	106
Winter Wheat	28	40	143	37,335	41,229	110

Source: USDA - NASS: Prospective Plantings, March 2011

¹ Intended plantings in 2011 as indicated by reports from farmers.
² Intended area harvested for 2011 as indicated by reports from farmers.

Spring Vegetables, 2011

New Jersey - Field preparation and planting of spring vegetable crops was delayed due to wet condition and lower than normal temperatures. Freeze in late March negatively impacted lettuce crop. Area for spring cabbage harvest is forecast at 1,100 acres, up 100 acres from last year. Area intended for snap beans is 1,600 acres, unchanged from last year. Growers of vegetables for processing intend to plant 3,000 contracted acres in 2011, down 10 percent from 2010. The contracted acres were not published separately to avoid disclosing individual operations.

New Jersey Spring Vegetables

Crops	Area		
	Harvested		For Harvest
	2009	2010	2011
	acres		
Cabbage	900	1,000	1,100
Snap Beans	1,600	1,600	1,600

Source: USDA - NASS: Vegetables, April 2011

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Spring Season Fresh Market Vegetables up 1 Percent

United States - The prospective area for harvest of 11 selected fresh market vegetables during the spring quarter is forecast at 193,680 acres, up 1 percent from last year. Acreage increases for cabbage, carrots, sweet corn, and tomatoes more than offset acreage declines for snap beans, cauliflower, celery, cucumbers, head lettuce, and bell peppers. Broccoli area remains unchanged. Melon acreage for spring harvest is forecast at 68,000 acres, down 3 percent from last year. Cantaloupe and watermelon acreages are down 1 percent and 5 percent, respectively, from 2010. Honeydew acreage is up 8 percent from last year. Asparagus area for spring harvest is

forecast at 28,000 acres, unchanged from last year. Strawberry area for harvest is forecast at 49,800 acres, up 1 percent from a year ago.

Processors expect to contract 1.01 million acres of the five major processed vegetable crops in the United States for 2011, down 9 percent from last year. Contracted acreage declines are forecast for all five major processed vegetable crops. Freezing firms expect to contract 301,720 acres, down 16 percent from last year. Canneries contracted for 705,350 acres, down 7 percent from 2010. Acreage for snap beans, sweet corn, cucumbers for pickles, and green peas is down 17 percent, 10

percent, 1 percent, and 18 percent, respectively, from last year. Tomatoes for processing is down slightly from a year ago.

Total onion planted area for all seasons in 2011 is forecast at 158,860 acres, up 2 percent from last year. Spring onions are expected to be harvested from 30,300 acres in 2011, up 17 percent from 2010. Georgia and Texas combined production is forecast at 7.13 million cwt, 5 percent below last year. Summer non-storage onion planted area, at 17,900 acres, is down 6 percent from a year ago. Total summer onion area, at 125,960 acres, is down 1 percent from the previous year.

Crop Production - Potatoes

New Jersey - The final estimate of the 2010 summer potato crop production is 391,000 cwt, compared with 546,000 cwt in 2009, down 20 percent. Harvested area covered 1,700, down 400 acres from 2009. The average yield of 230 cwt per acre is down 30 cwt from the 2009 yield of 260 cwt.

United States - The final estimate of 2010 summer potato crop production is 11.6 million cwt, up 1 percent from the preliminary estimate in the January Crop Production 2010 Summary. Harvested area covered 37,500 acres, up 1 percent from the 2010 preliminary estimate. The revised average yield of 310 cwt per acre is down 1 cwt from the 2010 preliminary estimate.

Summer Potato Area Planted, Harvested, Yield, and Production

State	Area Planted	Area Harvested	Yield	Production
	2010	2010	2010	2010
	1,000 Acres		Cwt	1,000 Cwt
Delaware	1.6	1.6	275	440
New Jersey	1.9	1.7	230	391
Maryland	2.1	2.1	340	714
Virginia	5.8	5.6	170	952

Source: USDA - NASS: Crop Production, April 2011

Alfalfa County Estimates

County	Acres Harvested		Yield Per Acre (Bushels)		Production (Bushels)	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	North					
Hunterdon	n/a	1,600	n/a	3.5	n/a	5,600
Warren	n/a	2,800	n/a	3.5	n/a	9,800
Sussex	3,700	n/a	2.4	n/a	8,880	n/a
Other Counties	6,800	4,300	2.8	3.0	19,200	12,800
District 20 (North)	10,500	8,700	2.65	3.25	28,080	28,200
	Central					
Burlington	n/a	700	n/a	2.2	n/a	1,540
Monmouth	1,600	1,200	2.5	2.2	4,000	2,640
Other Counties	1,800	800	2.45	2.05	4,440	1,620
District 50 (Central)	3,400	2,700	2.5	2.15	8,440	5,800
	South					
Gloucester	n/a	1,500	n/a	2.6	n/a	3,900
Salem	6,300	4,700	3.2	3.0	20,160	14,100
Other Counties	4,800	2,400	2.8	2.5	13,320	6,000
District 80 (South)	11,100	8,600	3.0	2.8	33,480	24,000
State	25,000	20,000	2.8	2.9	70,000	58,000

n/a - Not Available

March Farm Prices Received Index Advanced 4 Points

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in March, at 174 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 4 points (2.4 percent) from February. The Crop Index is up 1 point (0.5 percent), and the Livestock Index increased 7 points (4.9 percent). Producers received higher prices for cattle, broilers, milk, and lettuce and lower prices for corn, soybeans, eggs, and cotton. 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 strawberries, soybeans, tomatoes, and milk offset decreased marketings of cattle, corn, cotton, and wheat.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 33 points (23 percent) from March 2010. The Food Commodities Index, at 172, increased 7 points (4.2 percent) from last month and 30 points (21 percent) from March 2010.

March Prices Paid Index Up 2 Points

The March Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 199 percent of the 1990-1992 average. The index is up 2 points (1.0 percent) from February and is 19 points (11 percent) above March 2010. Higher prices in March for diesel, complete feeds, gasoline, and feeder cattle more than offset lower prices for feed grains, herbicides, insecticides, and fungicides/other.

Average Prices Received by Farmers: United States

Item	Entire Month		Preliminary
	Mar 2010	Feb 2011	Mar 2011
dollars			
Field Crops			
Corn, per Bushel	3.55	5.64	5.46
Hay, All, Baled, per Ton ¹	107.00	116.00	124.00
Alfalfa ¹	113.00	127.00	136.00
Other ¹	95.30	93.90	97.30
Soybeans, per Bushel	9.39	12.70	12.10
Winter Wheat, per Bushel	4.45	7.03	6.82
Fruit, Fresh			
Apples, per Lb ²	0.295	0.285	0.292
Peaches, per Ton ²	(S)	(S)	(S)
Vegetables, Fresh⁶			
Corn, Sweet, per Cwt	62.70	51.80	46.10
Lettuce, per Cwt	20.80	54.40	63.90
Tomatoes, per Cwt	109.00	108.00	104.00
Livestock and Livestock Products			
Beef Cattle, all, per Cwt	90.40	108.00	113.00
Steers and Heifers, per Cwt	95.70	111.00	116.00
Cows, per Cwt ³	53.50	72.50	73.40
Calves, per Cwt	117.00	139.00	148.00
Broilers, live, per Lb ⁴	0.490	0.440	0.490
Eggs, all, per Dozen ¹	1.160	0.954	0.848
Milk, all, per Cwt ⁵	14.80	19.10	20.40
Fat Test, All Milk per %	3.68	3.79	3.74

Source: USDA - NASS: Agricultural Prices, March 2011

- ¹ Mid-Month Price
- ² Equivalent packinghouse-door returns for CA, MI, 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 live weight price.
- ⁵ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.
- ⁶ Insufficient sales to establish a price.



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