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New Jersey's 2006 Annual Crop Summary

- **Corn for grain** production is estimated at 8.26 million bushels, up 9 percent from last year's crop. Yield is estimated at 129 bushels per acre, 7 bushels above the 2005 yield. The 10-year (1996-2005) state average yield is 104.8 bushels per harvested acre. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 64,000 acres, up 2,000 acres from last year.
- **Corn for silage** production is estimated at 255,000 tons, down 6 percent from the previous year. Yield is estimated at 17 tons per acre, up 1 ton from 2005. Acreage cut for silage is estimated at 15,000 acres, down 2,000 acres from last year.
- **Alfalfa Hay** production is estimated at 62,500 tons, down 8 percent from 2005. Yield is estimated at 2.50 tons per acre, down .20 ton from 2005. Harvested acreage is estimated at 25,000, unchanged from 2005.
- **Other Hay** production is estimated at 171,000 tons, up 19 percent from 2005. Yield is estimated at 1.90 tons per acre, up .30 ton from 2005. Harvested acreage remains unchanged at 90,000 acres.
- **Soybean** production increased from 2.55 million bushels in 2005 to 3.01 million bushels in 2006, up 18 percent. Yield is estimated at 35 bushels per acre, up 7 bushels from last year. The 10-year average yield is 31.9 bushels per harvested acre. Area harvested for beans is estimated at 86,000 acres, down 5,000 acres from last year.

Acres, Yield, and Production of Corn, Hay, and Soybeans

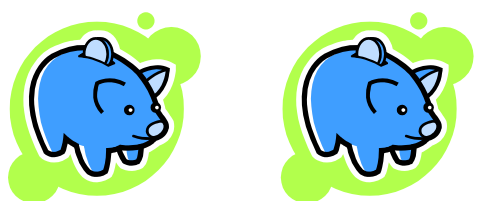
Crop	Unit	Acres for Harvest		Yield per Acre		Production	
		2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
NEW JERSEY		<i>Thousand Acres</i>		<i>Units</i>		<i>Thousand Units</i>	
Corn for Grain	Bu.	62	64	122.0	129.0	7,564.0	8,256.0
Corn for Silage	Tons	17	15	16.0	17.0	272.0	255.0
Hay, All	Tons	115	115	1.84	2.03	212.0	233.5
Alfalfa Hay	Tons	25	25	2.70	2.50	68.0	62.5
Other Hay	Tons	90	90	1.60	1.90	144.0	171.0
Soybeans	Bu.	91	86	28.0	35.0	2,548.0	3,010.0
UNITED STATES		<i>Thousand Acres</i>		<i>Units</i>		<i>Million Units</i>	
Corn for Grain	Bu.	75,117	70,648	148.0	149.1	11,114.1	10,534.8
Corn for Silage	Tons	5,930	6,477	18.0	16.2	106.5	104.8
Hay, All	Tons	61,729	60,807	2.45	2.33	151.0	141.7
Alfalfa Hay	Tons	22,439	21,384	3.39	3.35	76.1	71.7
Other Hay	Tons	39,290	39,423	1.91	1.78	74.9	70.0
Soybeans	Bu.	71,251	74,602	43.0	42.7	3,063.2	3,188.2

Hogs and Pigs

New Jersey's hog and pig inventory set a new State record low of 7,000 head as of December 1, 2006. This is down 2,000 head from December 1, 2005.

Breeding inventory at 500 head, was down 500 head from last year. Market hog inventory was down 1,500 head from the previous year to 6,500 as of December 1, 2006.

The under 60 pounds class inventory was 1,000 head, 60-119 pounds inventory was 2,000 head, 120-179 pounds inventory was 1,500 head, and the 180 pounds inventory and over class was 2,000 head.



U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2006, was 62.1 million head. This was up 1 percent from December 1, 2005, but down 1 percent from September 1, 2006.

Breeding inventory, at 6.09 million head, was up 1 percent from last year and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 56.1 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, but down 1 percent from last quarter.

The September-November 2006 pig crop, at 26.6 million head, was up 1 percent from 2005 and up 3 percent from 2004. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.91 million head, up slightly from 2005 and up 1 percent from 2004. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.13 for the September-November 2006 period, compared to 9.03 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.60 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.20 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, 2005-2006

State	Breeding			Market			Total		
	2005	2006		2005	2006		2005	2006	
		Number	as % of 2005		Number	as % of 2005		Number	as % of 2005
	1,000 Head	Percent	1,000 Head	Percent	1,000 Head	Percent			
Delaware	3.5	2.5	71	13.0	8.0	62	16.5	10.5	64
Maryland	5.0	7.0	140	30.0	27.0	90	35.0	34.0	97
New Jersey	1.0	.5	50	8.0	6.5	81	9.0	7.0	78
New York	10.0	12.0	120	73.0	86.0	118	83.0	98.0	118
Pennsylvania	100.0	105.0	105	1,000.0	965.0	97	1,100.0	1,070.0	97
United States	6,011.0	6,088.0	101	55,438.0	56,061.0	101	61,449.0	62,149.0	101

Market Hogs and Pigs: Inventory Number by Weight Group, Selected States, and United States, December 1, 2005-2006

State	Under 60 Lbs.		60-119 Lbs.		120-179 Lbs		180 Lbs. and Over	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	1,000 Head							
Delaware	5.0	4.0	2.5	1.0	3.0	2.0	2.5	1.0
Maryland	12.0	10.0	3.0	6.0	7.0	7.0	8.0	4.0
New Jersey	1.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.5	3.0	2.0
New York	24.0	23.0	16.0	22.0	17.0	21.0	16.0	20.0
Pennsylvania	310.0	290.0	280.0	290.0	215.0	190.0	195.0	195.0
United States	20,055.0	20,334.0	13,524.0	13,603.0	11,293.0	11,544.0	10,567.0	10,580.0

Winter Wheat Seedings

New Jersey winter wheat seeded area for 2007 is expected to total 28,000 acres. This is up 3,000 acres from 2006.

United States winter wheat seeded area for 2007 is expected to total 44.1 million acres, up 9 percent from 2006. Approximate class acreage breakdowns are: Hard Red Winter, 31.9 million; Soft Red Winter, 8.33 million; and White Winter, 3.91 million.

Winter Wheat: Area Seeded, by Selected States and United States, 2005-2007

State	Crop Year			2007 as Percent of 2006
	2005	2006	2007	
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>			<i>Percent</i>
Delaware	52	48	55	115
Maryland	155	210	210	100
New Jersey	28	25	28	112
New York	100	105	85	81
Pennsylvania	150	160	165	103
United States	40,433	40,575	44,089	109



December Farm Prices Received Index Up 1 Point From Last Month

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in December, at 121, based on 1990-92=100, is 1 point (.8 percent) above the November Index. The Crop Index increased 6 points (4.9 percent), while the Livestock Index decreased 3 points (2.6 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for lettuce, corn, grapes and broccoli. Lower prices were received for turkeys, cattle, hogs, and tomatoes. 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 dairy, wheat, oranges, and broilers offset decreased marketings of cattle, soybeans, grapes, and corn.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 6 points (5.2 percent) from December 2005. The Food Commodities Index, at 123, increased 2 points (1.7 percent) from last month and 1 point (0.8 percent) from December 2005.

Prices Paid Index Up

The December Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 148 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is up 2 points (1.4 percent) from November and 5 points (3.5 percent) above December 2005. Higher prices in December for complete feeds, feed concentrates, feed supplements and diesel fuel offset lower prices for nitrogen fertilizers, building materials, LP gas and feeder cattle.

Average Prices Received by Farmers: United States

Item	Entire Month		Preliminary
	Dec 2005	Nov 2006	Dec 2006
-- Dollars --			
Field Crops			
Barley, per bushel	2.48	2.92	3.25
Corn, per bushel	1.92	2.87	3.01
Hay, all baled, per ton 1/	92.00	106.00	108.00
Soybeans, per bushel	5.78	6.07	6.14
Fruit, fresh			
Apples, per lb 2/	.258	.341	.331
Strawberries, per cwt	85.00	96.10	215.00
Vegetables, fresh			
Corn, Sweet, per cwt	21.20	19.80	15.40
Lettuce, per cwt	16.60	12.70	26.90
Tomatoes, per cwt	96.80	28.40	23.80
Livestock and Livestock Products			
Beef Cattle, per cwt	93.30	84.70	83.70
Steers and Heifers, per cwt	99.60	90.20	89.20
Cows per cwt 3/	47.10	43.40	42.90
Calves, per cwt	137.00	118.00	115.00
Broilers, live, per lb 4/	.390	.400	.400
Eggs, all, per dozen 1/	.719	.817	.806
Milk, all, per cwt 5/ 6/	14.80	13.90	14.20

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/ December 2006 fat test percent: all milk 3.81, fluid milk 3.81, and mfg grade 4.09.

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