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## *New Jersey Soybean Acreage Unchanged, Plants Less Corn*

**NJ:** Farmers responding to New Jersey's Agricultural Statistics Service's June Agricultural Survey reported no change for planted soybean acres from the previous year. Producers planted or will plant 92,000 acres of soybeans. About 24 percent of the crop is planted following the wheat harvest. Total corn planted acreage in 2009, at 80,000 acres, is down 6 percent from last year's 85,000 acres. Winter wheat acreage for harvest, at 31,000 acres, is down 6 percent from last year's 33,000 acres as the harvest gets underway.

Acreage for hay production increased by 5,000 from 2008 to 120,000 acres in 2009. Wet weather has been a challenge for harvesting hay. Summer and sweet potatoes planted acreage and set for harvest remains unchanged from last year. Row crop conditions on June 1, 2009, were in mostly good condition across the state. Topsoil moisture has been rated adequate or surplus throughout June.

**US:** The U.S. soybean planted area is estimated at a record high 77.5 million

acres and up 2 percent from 2008. Prospects for soybean acres harvested are up 3 percent, and will be the largest on record, if realized. Corn planted area for all purposes for the U.S. is estimated at 87.0 million acres, up 1 percent from the previous year. It is the second highest planted corn acreage since 1946, behind the 2007 crop with 93.5 million acres. All Wheat planted area is estimated at 59.8 million acres, down 5 percent from 2008. The 2009 winter wheat planted area is 43.4 million acres, 6 percent below last year.

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## *Planted & Harvested Acres of Principal Crops, June 1*

CROPS	Planted for All Purposes				Intended for Harvest <sup>(1)</sup>			
	2007	2008	2009	% Change 2008	2007	2008	2009	% Change 2008
<b>New Jersey</b>	- 1,000 acres -				- 1,000 acres -			
Corn	95	85	80	-6	82	74	69	-7
All Hay	-	-	-	-	115	115	120	4
Alfalfa Hay	-	-	-	-	20	20	25	25
Other Hay	-	-	-	-	95	95	95	NC
Summer Potatoes	2.4	2.0	2.0	NC	2.4	2.0	2.0	NC
Sweet Potatoes	1.2	1.2	1.2	NC	1.2	1.2	1.2	NC
Soybeans	82	92	92	NC	80	90	90	NC
Winter Wheat	31	35	34	-3	28	33	31	-6
<b>United States</b>	- 1,000 acres -				- 1,000 acres -			
Corn	93,527	85,982	87,035	1	86,520	78,640	80,107	2
All Hay	-	-	-	-	61,006	60,062	60,177	(2)
Alfalfa Hay	-	-	-	-	21,126	20,980	20,982	(2)
Other Hay	-	-	-	-	39,880	39,082	39,195	(2)
Summer Potatoes	50.8	47	44	-6	48.3	44.8	42.5	-5
Sweet Potatoes	100.5	103.2	106.7	3	97.4	97.3	103.3	6
Soybeans	64,741	75,718	77,483	2	64,146	74,641	76,547	3
Winter Wheat	45,012	46,281	43,448	-6	35,938	39,614	34,787	-12

NC - No Change

<sup>1</sup> Harvested for principle use, i.e.: grain, beans, etc.

<sup>2</sup> Change is less than one (1) percent.

Source: USDA - NASS: *Acreage, June 30, 2009*

## New Jersey Crop Acreage

### Corn Acreage Down 5,000 Acres

Cooler temperatures and excess moisture this past spring, hindered planting in most localities. Corn acreage planted is estimated at 80,000 acres, down 5,000 acres from 2008. The state record high for corn planted acreage was set in 1944 at 208,000 acres. Acreage to be harvested for grain in 2009 is projected at 69,000 acres, down 5,000 acres from last year.

### Soybean Acreage Unchanged

Cooler temperatures and excess

moisture this past spring delayed soybean planting in most areas during June. The 2009 soybean planted acreage is estimated at 92,000 acres, unchanged from the previous year. In 1979, a record high of 205,000 acres were planted in New Jersey.

### All Hay Acreage Down 5,000 Acres

Cooler temperatures and excess moisture this past spring, hindered crop development in most localities, and delayed the start of hay harvest. Producers expect to harvest 25,000 acres of alfalfa hay, up 5,000 acres

from 2008. The largest area cut for alfalfa hay in New Jersey was 109,000 acres set in 1955. The state record low for alfalfa harvested acres was 15,000 set in 1921.

The 2009 All Other Hay estimate of 95,000, is unchanged from the previous year. The state record high acreage for All Other Hay cut was 264,000 acres in 1920. All Other Hay acreage was at its lowest point in 1982 when 62,000 acres were harvested.



### Winter Wheat Acreage Down 1,000 Acres

Cooler temperatures and excess moisture this past spring, hindered crop development and delayed harvest in most areas. Winter wheat seedings is estimated at 34,000 acres, down 1,000 from the previous year. The projected wheat harvested acres for 2009 is 31,000 acres, down 2,000 acres from the previous year. The largest area ever harvested in New Jersey for grain was 163,000 acres in 1878. The smallest area harvested on record was 22,000 acres in 2006.

## Peach Crop Production - 2009

State	Ranking based on 2009 Forecast	Total Production			
		2007	2008	2009	% Change from 2008
California <sup>1</sup>	1	446,000	433,000	350,000	-19
South Carolina	2	12,500	60,000	60,000	NC
Georgia	3	13,000	28,000	35,000	25
<b>New Jersey</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>32,000</b>	<b>34,000</b>	<b>34,000</b>	<b>NC</b>
Pennsylvania	5	19,400	21,200	25,300	20
Michigan	6	20,500	14,000	20,000	44
Washington	6	18,500	16,800	20,000	19
Colorado	7	13,000	14,000	13,000	-7
Idaho	8	7,000	8,000	10,000	25
Illinois	8	100	8,730	10,000	15
United States		1,127,150	1,133,310	1,071,040	-5

Source: USDA - NASS: *Crop Production, July 2009*

<sup>1</sup>Freestone Variety.

**NJ** - The 2008 Garden State peach crop is estimated at 34,000 tons, unchanged from the previous year. Fruit setting and sizing were excellent throughout the state. Growing conditions were generally favorable with warm days reported in May and adequate to surplus rainfall in June. Peach producers are expecting a good harvest this year.

**US** - The U.S. all peach variety production forecast is 1.07 million tons, down 5 percent from both 2008 and 2007 crop. Freestone production, at 631,040 tons, is down 11 percent from 2008. Eleven of the twenty-one Freestone peach estimating States expect increases in production, seven States expect decreases, and three showed no change. Production increases are expected throughout the southeastern, central, and mid-Atlantic states due to favorable conditions.

## Summer Potato Acreage, Yield, and Production

New Jersey's summer potato planted and harvested acreage is estimated at 2,000 acres. This is unchanged from the 2008 planted and harvested acreage. The colder temperatures in early season slowed the plant development.

Expected Garden State potato yield is forecasted at 210 cwt per acre, a decrease of 20 cwt from 2008. New Jersey's record high yield was set in 2000 at 285 cwt per harvested

acre. Current year production is set at 420 cwt, down 9 percent from 2008.

New Jersey's expected summer potato yield was based on the survey indications as of July 1, 2009. If the growing conditions continue to be favorable during the next few weeks, the actual yield may be better.

State	Acres Planted		Acres Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production	
	2008	2009	2008	2009 <sup>(1)</sup>	2008	2009	2008	2009
	1,000 Acres				Cwt		1,000 Cwt	
Alabama	1.3	<sup>(2)</sup>	1.2	<sup>(2)</sup>	170	<sup>(2)</sup>	204	<sup>(2)</sup>
California	3.6	3.8	3.6	3.8	360	375	1,296	1,425
Colorado	4.4	4.0	4.1	3.8	370	380	1,517	1,444
Delaware	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	250	290	425	493
Illinois	5.5	5.5	5.3	5.3	395	386	2,094	2,046
Kansas	5.0	5.0	4.8	4.8	320	320	1,536	1,536
Maryland	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.4	300	350	750	840
Missouri	7.2	7.0	6.5	6.7	190	320	1,235	2,144
<b>New Jersey</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>420</b>
Texas	8.0	6.2	7.4	5.7	395	420	2,923	2,394
Virginia	5.8	6.4	5.7	6.3	220	280	1,254	1,764
United States	47.0	44.0	44.8	42.5	306	341	13,694	14,506

Source: USDA - NASS: Acreage, June 30, 2009; Crop Production, July 10, 2009

<sup>1</sup> Forecasted <sup>2</sup> Estimates discontinued in 2009

## Sweet Potato Acreage, Yield, and Production

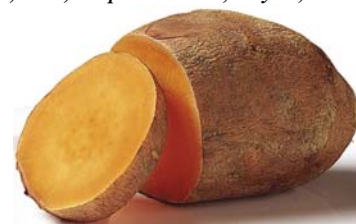
**NJ** - New Jersey sweet potato acreage is estimated at 1,200 for both planted and harvested acres for 2009, unchanged from 2008.

Actual planting was the same as the March intended acres.

The crop was rated in good condition.

The final 2009 sweet potato production estimate will be published in the Crop Production Summary in January 2010.

The state's record high yield per harvested acre is 150 cwt set in 1995, while the record low sweet potato yield is 35 cwt set in 1883. The record high sweet potato production was set in 1908 at 2.13 million cwt. The record low production was set in 1999 at 100,000 cwt.



State	Acres Planted		Acres Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production	
	2008	2009	2008	2009 <sup>(1)</sup>	2008	2009	2008	2009
	1,000 Acres				Cwt		1,000 Cwt	
Alabama	2.6	2.7	2.5	2.6	175	<sup>(4)</sup>	438	<sup>(4)</sup>
Arkansas	<sup>(2)</sup>	3.0	<sup>(2)</sup>	2.8	<sup>(2)</sup>	<sup>(4)</sup>	<sup>(2)</sup>	<sup>(4)</sup>
California	14.8	17.4	14.8	17.4	295	<sup>(4)</sup>	4,366	<sup>(4)</sup>
Florida	<sup>(2)</sup>	3.0	<sup>(2)</sup>	3.0	<sup>(2)</sup>	<sup>(4)</sup>	<sup>(2)</sup>	<sup>(4)</sup>
Louisiana	15.0	15.0	11.0	14.0	100	<sup>(4)</sup>	1,100	<sup>(4)</sup>
Mississippi	20.0	18.0	19.5	17.0	172	<sup>(4)</sup>	3,354	<sup>(4)</sup>
<b>New Jersey</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>125</b>	<sup>(4)</sup>	<b>150</b>	<sup>(4)</sup>
North Carolina	47.0	45.0	46.0	44.0	190	<sup>(4)</sup>	8,740	<sup>(4)</sup>
South Carolina	0.6	<sup>(3)</sup>	0.5	<sup>(3)</sup>	110	<sup>(3)</sup>	55	<sup>(3)</sup>
Texas	1.7	1.4	1.5	1.3	140	<sup>(4)</sup>	210	<sup>(4)</sup>
Virginia	0.3	<sup>(3)</sup>	0.3	<sup>(3)</sup>	100	<sup>(3)</sup>	30	<sup>(3)</sup>
United States	103.2	106.7	97.3	103.3	190	<sup>(4)</sup>	18,443	<sup>(4)</sup>

Source: USDA - NASS: Acreage, June 30, 2009; Crop Production, July 10, 2009

<sup>1</sup> Forecasted. <sup>2</sup> Estimates began in 2009. <sup>3</sup> Estimates discontinued in 2009. <sup>4</sup> The final 2009 sweet potato yield and production will be published in the Crop Production Summary in January 2010.

## June Farm Prices Received Index

### Increased 3.8 Percent

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in June, at 135 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 5 points (3.8 percent) from May. The Crop Index is up 12 points (8.0 percent) and the Live-stock Index decreased 1 point (0.9 percent). Producers received higher prices for tomatoes, soybeans, broilers, and cantaloups and lower prices for cattle, strawberries, milk, and hay. 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 wheat, grapes, hay, and cantaloups offset decreased marketings of tomatoes, oranges, strawberries, and sweet corn.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 23 points (15 percent) from June 2008. The Food Com-modities Index, at 133, increased 7 points (5.6 percent) from last month but decreased 22 points (14 percent) from June 2008.

### June Prices Paid Index Increased 0.6 Percent

The June Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Ser-vices, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 179 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is up 1 point (0.6 percent) from May but 8 points (4.3 percent) below June 2008. Higher prices in June for diesel, com-plete feeds, gasoline, and LP gas more than offset lower prices for feeder pigs, feeder cattle, hay & forages, and mixed fertilizer.

## Average Prices Received by Farmers: United States

Item	Entire Month		Preliminary
	June 2008	May 2009	June 2009
- - Dollars - -			
<b>Field Crops</b>			
Barley, per bushel	4.78	4.59	4.84
Corn, per bushel	5.47	3.97	3.93
Hay, all, baled, per ton <sup>1</sup>	161.00	131.00	123.00
Soybeans, per bushel	13.10	10.70	11.60
Winter Wheat, per bushel	7.51	5.52	5.54
<b>Fruit, Fresh</b>			
Apples, per lb <sup>2</sup>	0.412	0.185	0.181
Strawberries, per cwt	61.90	76.10	69.10
<b>Vegetables, Fresh</b>			
Corn, Sweet, per cwt	19.90	22.70	28.80
Lettuce, per cwt	17.70	18.20	20.30
Tomatoes, per cwt	56.80	33.20	77.70
<b>Livestock and Livestock Products</b>			
Beef Cattle, per cwt	91.90	83.20	80.80
Steers and Heifers, per cwt	96.50	87.80	85.40
Cows, per cwt <sup>3</sup>	54.40	49.10	45.50
Calves, per cwt	118.00	112.00	111.00
Broilers, live, per lb <sup>4</sup>	0.480	0.490	0.510
Eggs, all, per dozen <sup>1</sup>	1.060	0.613	0.595
Milk, all, per cwt <sup>5,6</sup>	19.30	11.60	11.40

Source: USDA - NASS: Agricultural Prices, June 2009

- <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. Ex-cludes hauling subsidies.
- <sup>6</sup> June 2009 Fat Test percent: All Milk 3.55, fluid milk 3.55, and mfg grade 3.84.



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