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New Jersey's Corn and Soybean Crops Smaller

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

Corn harvested area is expected to total 72,000 acres of corn for grain, 2,000 more than in 2009. Production is forecast at 8.50 million bushels, down 15 percent from last year. Expected yield per harvested acre is 118 bushels per acre, down 25 bushels from 2009. The state record yield is 143 bushels per acre, set in 2004 and 2009.

Soybean harvested area is expected to total 92,000 acres, 5,000 acres more than in 2009. Production is set at 2.85 million bushels, down 22 percent from last year's production. The November 1 soybean yield is forecast at 31 bushels per acre, down 2 bushels from the previous month's forecast, and down 11 bushels from last year.

United State's Largest Soybean Crop, Third Largest Corn Crop Expected

Corn production is forecast at 12.5 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the October forecast and down 4 percent from last year's record production of 13.1 billion bushels. As of November 1, yields are expected to average 154.3 bushels per acre, down 1.5 bushels from the previous month and 10.4 bushels below last year's record of 164.7 bushels.

Soybean production is forecast at a record high 3.38 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the October forecast but up slightly from last year. Based on November 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 43.9 bushels per acre, down 0.5 bushel from last month and down 0.1 bushel from last year's record high yield. If realized, this will be record production from record harvested acreage, with the second largest yield.



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Acreage, Yield, and Production of Corn and Soybeans

Crop	Acres for Harvest			Yield Per Acre			Production		
	FINAL 2009	Oct 1 2010 Forecast	Nov 1 2010 Forecast	FINAL 2009	Oct 1 2010 Forecast	Nov 1 2010 Forecast	FINAL 2009	Oct 1 2010 Forecast	Nov 1 2010 Forecast
New Jersey	thousand acres			bushels			thousand bushels		
Corn for Grain	70	72	72	143.0	122.0	118.0	10,010	8,784	8,496
Soybeans	87	92	92	42.0	33.0	31.0	3,654	3,036	2,852
United States	thousand acres			bushels			million bushels		
Corn for Grain	79,590	81,263	81,263	164.7	155.8	154.3	13,110	12,664	12,540
Soybeans	76,372	76,823	76,823	44.0	44.4	43.9	3,359	3,408	3,375

New Jersey's County Estimates - Apples and Peaches

Apples: The growing season began favorably in 2009 with mild temperatures and adequate rainfall. Some areas were affected by frost and limited pollination. Generally, it was a good growing season for New Jersey apple growers. Apples sized well because of sufficient rainfall. Overall quality, size and color were good. Gloucester County had the most production with 14.5 million pounds.

Apple County Estimates: By Production of Selected Counties, 2006-2009

County	2006	2007	2008	2009
North District				
	production (lbs)			
Hunterdon	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	4,000,000
Sussex	2,500,000	3,000,000	2,500,000	3,000,000
Warren	4,000,000	3,500,000	3,000,000	4,000,000
Other Counties	-	2,500,000	3,500,000	2,500,000
Central District				
Burlington	3,000,000	2,500,000	3,500,000	-
Monmouth	2,500,000	-	-	-
Other Counties	-	2,500,000	3,000,000	6,500,000
South District				
Atlantic	4,000,000	4,500,000	4,500,000	-
Camden	3,000,000	-	-	-
Gloucester	16,000,000	15,000,000	14,000,000	14,500,000
Other Counties	7,000,000	5,500,000	6,000,000	8,500,000
Total	45,000,000	42,000,000	43,000,000	43,000,000

Peach County Estimates: 2009

Growing conditions were favorable for peaches as a combination of sunshine, moderate temperatures, and adequate moisture prevailed throughout the spring and summer months. Total production amounted to 35,000 tons, up 3 percent from 2008. Gloucester County was the leading county with 18,000 tons, while Cumberland ranked second with 11,000 tons. Other counties totaled to 6,000 tons.

Peaches: By Production of Selected Counties, 2006-2009

County	2006	2007	2008	2009
South District				
	production (tons)			
Cumberland	8,000	8,000	10,000	11,000
Gloucester	15,000	14,000	18,000	18,000
Other counties ¹	11,000	10,000	6,000	6,000
Total	34,000	32,000	34,000	35,000

¹ The other counties could be from any of the districts.

Sweet Potatoes County Estimates, 2008-2009

County	Acres Planted		Acres Harvested		Yield Per Cwt		Production Per Cwt	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
Central District	100	-	100	-	125	-	12,500	-
Atlantic	400	400	400	400	125	115	50,000	46,000
Camden	-	400	-	400	-	110	-	44,000
Gloucester	200	200	200	200	125	105	25,000	21,000
Other Counties	500	200	500	200	125	105	62,500	21,000
Southern District	1,100	1,200	1,100	1,200	125	110	137,500	132,000
Total	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	125	110	150,000	132,000

Quarterly Milk Production, July - September, 2008-2009

New Jersey - Milk production was 34 million pounds, down 15 percent from the July-September period a year earlier. The average number of milk cows during the July-September 2010 quarter was 7,500 head, down 1,500 from the same 2009 quarter.

United States - Milk production totaled 48.1 billion pounds, up 2.7 percent from the July-September quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.12 million head, down 32,000 head from the same period last year.

*Milk Cows and Production:**By Selected States and The United States; Preliminary July-September, 2009-2010*

State	July-September Milk Cows		July-September Milk Production		Change From 2009
	2009	2010	2009	2010	
	1,000 head		million pounds		percent
Delaware	5.5	5.0	23.0	21.0	-8.7
Maryland	55	53	238	239	0.4
New Jersey	9.0	7.5	40	34	-15.0
New York	619	611	3,121	3,224	3.3
Pennsylvania	544	541	2,617	2,679	2.4
United States	9,155	9,123	46,793	48,071	2.7

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

October Farm Prices Received Index Average Prices Received by Farmers: United States

Advanced 12 points

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in October, at 160 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 12 points (8.1 percent) from September. The Crop Index is up 17 points (11 percent) but the Livestock Index decreased 1 point (0.7 percent). Producers received higher prices for corn, soybeans, eggs, and milk, and lower prices for hogs, broilers, cattle, and potatoes. 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 soybeans, corn, grain sorghum, and cotton offset decreased marketings of wheat, milk, sweet corn, and grapes.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 26 points (19 percent) from October 2009. The Food Commodities Index, at 154, increased 7 points (4.8 percent) from last month and increased 21 points (16 percent) from October 2009.

October Prices Paid Index Up 2 Points

The October Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 185 percent of the 1990-1992 average. The index is up 2 points (1.1 percent) from September and 8 points (4.5 percent) above October 2009. Higher prices in October for feed grains, supplements, complete feeds, and diesel more than offset lower prices for concentrates, other services, feeder cattle, and feeder pigs.

Item	Entire Month		Preliminary
	Oct 2009	Sept 2010	Oct 2010
dollars			
Field Crops			
Corn, per Bushel	3.61	4.08	4.78
Hay, All, Baled, per Ton ¹	105.00	111.00	113.00
Alfalfa ¹	109.00	117.00	118.00
Other ¹	97.10	95.20	96.90
Soybeans, per Bushel	9.43	9.98	10.70
Winter Wheat, per Bushel	4.27	5.80	5.98
Fruit, Fresh			
Apples, per Lb ²	0.312	0.349	0.349
Peaches, per Ton ²	(S)	493.00	(S)
Vegetables, Fresh⁶			
Corn, Sweet, per Cwt	23.30	25.40	31.30
Lettuce, per Cwt	27.20	17.20	17.10
Tomatoes, per Cwt	40.20	40.40	29.60
Livestock and Livestock Products			
Beef Cattle, all, per Cwt	79.20	94.20	92.40
Steers and Heifers, per Cwt	84.40	99.30	97.90
Cows, per Cwt ³	43.60	55.40	53.00
Calves, per Cwt	103.00	117.00	118.00
Broilers, live, per Lb ⁴	0.400	0.490	0.470
Eggs, all, per Dozen ¹	0.800	0.636	0.813
Milk, all, per Cwt ⁵	14.30	17.70	18.30
Fat Test, All Milk per %	3.71	3.59	3.71

Source: USDA - NASS: Agricultural Prices, October 2010

(S) Insufficient sales to establish a price.

¹ Mid-month Price.

² Equivalent packinghouse-door returns for California, Michigan, New York (apples only), and Washington (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 Beginning January 2006, point of first sale. FOB shipping point for prior years.



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