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New Jersey FARM FACTS

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Quarterly Milk Production, July - September, 2011-2012

New Jersey - Milk production was 32 million pounds, down 3.0 percent from the July-September period a year earlier. The average number of milk cows during the July-September 2012 quarter was 7,000 head, 500 head down from the July-September 2011 quarter.

United States - Milk production during the July-September quarter totaled 48.7 billion pounds, up 0.1 percent from the July-September quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.22 million head, 15,000 head more than the same period last year.

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Milk Cows and Production:

By Selected States and The United States;

Preliminary July-September, 2011-2012

State	July-September Milk Cows [1]		July-September Milk Production [2]		Change From 2010
	2011	2012	2011	2012	
	1,000 head		million pounds		percent
Delaware	5.0	5.0	21.7	22	1.4
Maryland	52	51	230	235	2.2
New Jersey	**7.5**	**7.0**	**33**	**32**	**-3.0**
New York	610	610	3,218	3,278	1.9
Pennsylvania	539	534	2,618	2,567	-1.9
United States	9,200	9,215	48,684	48,724	0.1

[1] Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

[2] Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Source: USDA - NASS: Milk Production. October 2012

New Jersey's Producers Expect Larger Corn and Soybean Crops than in 2011

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

Corn harvested area is expected to total 82,000 acres of corn for grain, 1,000 more than in 2011. Production is forecast at 10.91 million bushels, up 9 percent from last year's final production estimate if realized. Expected yield per harvested acre is 133 bushels per acre, up 10 bushels from 2011.

Soybean harvested area is expected to total 93,000 acres, 7,000 acres more than in 2011. Production is set at 3.72 million bushels, up 14 percent from last year's production. The November 1 soybean yield is forecast at 40 bushels per acre, up 2 bushels from the previous month's forecast and 2 bushels from last year.

United States: Smallest Corn Crop Expected Since 2006

Corn production is forecast at 10.7 billion bushels, up slightly from the October forecast but down 13 percent from 2011. This represents the lowest production in the United States since 2006. Based on conditions as of November 1, yields are expected to average 122.3 bushels per acre, up 0.3 bushel from the October forecast but 24.9 bushels below the 2011 average. If realized, this will be the lowest average yield since 1995. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 87.7 million acres, unchanged from the October forecast and up 4 percent from 2011.

Soybean production is forecast at 2.97 billion bushels, up 4 percent from October but down 4 percent from last year. Based on November 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 39.3 bushels per acre, up 1.5 bushels from last month but down 2.6 bushels from last year. Compared with last month, yield forecasts are higher or unchanged across all States except for Oklahoma and Texas. Area for harvest in the United States is forecast at 75.7 million acres, unchanged from October and up 3 percent from last year

Acreage, Yield, and Production of Corn and Soybeans

Crop	Acres for Harvest			Yield Per Acre			Production		
	FINAL 2011	Oct 1 2012 Forecast	Nov 1 2012 Forecast	FINAL2011	Oct 1 2012 Forecast	Nov 1 2012 Forecast	FINAL 2011	Oct 1 2012 Forecast	Nov 1 2012 Forecast
New Jersey	thousand acres			bushels			thousand bushels		
Corn for Grain	81	82	82	123.0	132.0	133.0	9,963	10,824	10,906
Soybeans	86	93	93	38.0	38.0	40.0	3,268	3,534	3,720
United States	thousand acres			bushels			million bushels		
Corn for Grain	83,981	87,721	87,721	147.2	122.0	122.3	12,358	10,706	10,725
Soybeans	73,776	75,693	75,693	41.9	37.8	39.3	3,094	2,860	2,971

Source: **USDA - NASS:** *Crop Production*, November 2012

2012 Cranberry Production Forecast Down Slightly

The U.S. forecast for the 2012 cranberry crop is 7.68 million barrels, down less than 1 percent from 2011. The New Jersey's 2012 cranberry crop is forecast at 542,500 barrels, up 6 percent from the previous year.

Growers in Wisconsin reported excellent pollination and limited impact by the summer's high temperatures and dry conditions. In Massachusetts, an early spring caused growth to progress ahead of normal and growers in some areas experienced frost damage. Growers reported good conditions for bloom and pollination in the State but suffered from heat stress due to recent high temperatures and dry conditions. In New Jersey, growers reported an average crop that required more irrigation than normal due to hot, dry weather. In Oregon and Washington, growers reported cool, wet growing conditions that delayed crop progress in some areas.

Cranberry Production - States and United States: 2010, 2011, and Forecasted 2012

STATE	Total Production		
	2010	2011	2012
	barrels		
Massachusetts	1,891,000	2,315,000	2,100,000
New Jersey	**562,000**	**510,000**	**542,500**
Oregon	287,000	361,000	400,000
Washington	108,200	115,700	142,000
Wisconsin	3,960,000	4,410,000	4,500,000
United States	6,808,200	7,711,700	7,684,500

A barrel weights 100 lbs.

Source: **USDA - NASS:** *Cranberries*, August 2012

October Farm Prices Received Index Increased 17 Points

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in October, at 210 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 17 points (8.8 percent) from September. The Crop Index is up 15 points (6.7 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 4 points (2.6 percent). Producers received higher prices for milk, hogs, grapes, and corn and lower prices for eggs, apples, lettuce, and soybeans. 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 movement of soybeans, corn, grain sorghum, and cottonseed offset the decreased marketing of wheat, milk, cattle, and grapes.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 25 points (14 percent) from October 2011. The Food Commodities Index, at 194, increased 14 points (7.8 percent) from last month and increased 20 points (11 percent) from October 2011.

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 220 percent of the 1990-1992 average. The index is up 2 points (0.9 percent) from September and 15 points (7.3 percent) above October 2011. Higher prices in October for complete feeds, concentrates, nitrogen, and feeder cattle offset lower prices for mixed fertilizer, supplements, gasoline, and diesel.

Average Prices Received by Farmers: United States

Item	Entire Month		Preliminary
	Oct 2011	Sept 2012	Oct 2012
	dollars		
Field Crops			
Corn, per Bushel	5.73	6.89	6.95
Hay, All, Baled, per Ton	185.00	187.00	193.00
Alfalfa	204.00	205.00	212.00
Other	133.00	142.00	146.00
Soybeans, per Bushel	11.80	14.30	14.20
Winter Wheat, per Bushel	6.53	8.25	8.31
Fruit, Fresh			
Apples, per Lb[1]	0.431	0.616	0.535
Peaches, per Ton[1]	(S)	659.00	(S)
Vegetables, Fresh[2]			
Corn, Sweet, per Cwt	26.40	19.60	24.80
Lettuce, per Cwt	17.00	20.50	16.00
Tomatoes, per Cwt	26.60	35.40	27.90
Livestock and Livestock Products			
Beef Cattle, all, per Cwt	117.00	121.00	121.00
Steers and Heifers, per Cwt	122.00	125.00	126.00
Cows, per Cwt[3]	65.00	79.20	77.50
Calves, per Cwt	145.00	162.00	163.00
Broilers, live, per Lb[4]	0.430	0.490	0.500
Eggs, all, per Dozen[5]	1.020	1.230	1.030
Milk, all, per Cwt[6]	20.00	19.60	21.10
Fat Test, All Milk per %	3.73	3.69	3.76

Source: USDA-NASS: Agricultural Prices, October 2012

1/ Equivalent packinghouse-door returns for CA, MI, NY (apples only), and WA (apples, peaches, and pears). Prices as sold for other states.
2/ Beginning January 2006, point of first sale. FOB shipping point for prior years.
3/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.
4/ Equivalent live weight price.
5/ Mid-Month Price.
6/ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

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