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Milk Production

New Jersey milk production decreased 2 percent in 2008 to 165 million pounds. The rate per cow, at 16,500 pounds, was 300 pounds below 2007. The annual average number of cows on farms remained the same, at 10,000 head.

Marketings of utilized milk totaled 162 million pounds, 2 percent below 2007. Marketings include whole milk sold to plants and dealers, as well as milk sold directly to consumers. Producer returns averaged \$18.50 per hundredweight, 5.6 percent below 2007.

Cash receipts from marketings of milk during 2008, totaled \$30 million, 7.3 percent below 2007. Value of New Jersey milk produced in 2008 totaled \$30.5 million compared to \$32.9 million in 2007, down 7.3 percent from previous year.

United States milk production increased 2.3 percent in 2008 to 190.0 billion pounds. The rate per cow, at 20,396 pounds, was 192 pounds above 2007. The annual average number of milk cows on farms, at 9.32 million head, was 126,000 head higher than 2007.

Marketings of utilized milk totaled 189 billion pounds, 2.3 percent above 2007. Marketings include whole milk sold to plants and dealers, as well as milk sold directly to consumers. Producer returns averaged \$18.41 per hundredweight, 4.2 percent below 2007.

Cash receipts from marketings of milk totaled 34.8 billion pounds, 2 percent lower than 2007. Value of milk produced in 2008 totaled \$35 billion compared to \$35.7 billion in 2007.


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Milk Cows, Production of Milk, Income, & Value of Production:

By Selected States & United States - Revised 2007 & 2008

	Units	Maryland		New Jersey		New York		Pennsylvania		United States	
		2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
 Milk Cows ¹	1,000 Head	58.0	56.0	10.0	10.0	627.0	626.0	550.0	549.0	9,189.0	9,315.0
Milk per Cow ²	Average Pounds	18,121	18,375	16,800	16,500	19,303	19,859	19,422	19,262	20,204	20,396
Total Production ²	Million Pounds	1,051.0	1,029.0	168.0	165.0	12,103.0	12,432.0	10,682.0	10,575.0	185,654.0	189,992.0
Milk Utilized ³	Million Pounds	1,044.0	1,022.0	165.0	162.0	12,071.0	12,400.0	10,618.0	10,511.0	184,565.0	188,914.0
Average Returns ⁴	Dollars Per Cwt.	20.00	19.00	19.60	18.50	19.70	18.60	20.90	20.00	19.21	18.41
Cash Receipts	1,000 Dollars	208,800	194,180	32,340	29,970	2,377,987	2,306,400	2,219,162	2,102,200	35,453,399	34,772,735
Value ^{5,6}	1,000 Dollars	210,200	195,510	32,928	30,525	2,384,291	2,312,352	2,232,538	2,115,000	35,665,894	34,976,573

Source: USDA-NASS: Milk Production, Disposition, and Income 2008 Summary

¹ Averaged number during year, excluding heifers not yet fresh. ² Excludes milk sucked by calves. ³ Milk sold to plants & dealers as whole milk & equivalent amounts of milk for cream. Includes milk produced by dealers' own herds and milk sold directly to consumers. Also includes milk produced by institutional herds. ⁴ Cash receipts divided by milk or milkfat in combined marketings. ⁵ Value at average returns per 100 pounds of milk in combined marketings of milk and cream. ⁶ Includes value of milk fed to calves.

Egg Production, Price and Value: Selected States & United States, 2007-2008^{1,2}

State	Egg Production		Price Per Dozen		Value of Production	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	<i>Million</i>		<i>Dollars</i>		<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	
Maryland	702	666	0.841	1.130	49,170	62,682
New Jersey	435	421	0.921	1.190	33,373	41,590
New York	1,127	1,167	0.787	0.996	73,945	96,871
Pennsylvania	6,392	6,181	0.731	0.946	389,119	487,467
United States	91,101	90,151	0.885	1.090	6,718,853	8,225,486

Source: USDA - NASS: *Poultry Production and Value 2009 Summary, May 2009*

¹ Estimates cover the 12 month period Dec 1, previous year through Nov 30. ² Includes hatching and market (table) eggs.

NJ - In 2008, 421 million eggs were produced in New Jersey compared to 435 million produced the previous year. The value of 2008 egg production was \$41.6 million, up 24.6 percent from \$33.4 million produced in 2007.

Value of all egg production in 2008 was \$8.23 billion, up 22 percent from the \$6.72 billion in 2007. Egg production totaled 90.2 billion eggs, down 1 percent from the 91.1 billion eggs produced in 2007. In 2008, all eggs averaged 109.0 cents per dozen, compared with 88.5 cents in 2007.



Cattle & Calves, Inventory, Supply, & Disposition, 2008¹

State	Inventory Jan. 1, 2008	Calf Crop	Inshipments	Marketings ²		Slaughter ³	Deaths		Inventory Jan. 1, 2009
				Cattle	Calves	Cattle & Calves	Cattle	Calves	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>								
New Jersey	38.0	14.0	0.5	4.9	7.6	0.5	0.7	0.8	38.0
United States	96,034.5	36,112.5	19,535.4	44,034.1	8,897.9	185.5	1,759.5	2,314.4	94,491.0

Source: USDA - NASS: *Meat Animals Production, Disposition, & Income 2008 Summary*

¹ Balance sheet estimates by state; the sum of inventory January 1, 2008, calf crop, and inshipments is equal to the sum of marketings, farm slaughter, deaths, and inventory January 1, 2009. ² Includes custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and State outshipments, but excludes interfarm sales within the State. ³ Excludes custom slaughter for farmers at commercial establishments.



Hogs and Pigs, Inventory, Supply, & Disposition, 2008¹

State	Inventory Dec. 1, 2007	Pig Crop ²		Inshipments	Marketing ³	Farm Slaughter ⁴	Deaths	Inventory Dec 1, 2008
		Dec-Nov						
	<i>1,000 Head</i>							
New Jersey	9.0	6.85	19.0	26.4	0.1	0.4	8.0	
United States	68,176.8	114,666.6	42,195.6	149,078.2	106.4	9,086.4	66,768.1	

Source: USDA - NASS: *Meat Animals Production, Disposition, & Income 2008 Summary*

¹ Balance sheet estimates by state; the sum of inventory December 1, 2007, pig crop, and inshipments is equal to the sum of marketings, farm slaughter, deaths, and inventory December 1, 2008. ² May not add due to rounding. ³ Includes custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and State outshipments, but excludes interfarm sales within the State. ⁴ Excludes custom slaughter for farmers at commercial establishments.

Farm Labor & Wage Rates: Northeast II

Items	Northeast II ¹		United States	
	April 6-12, 2008 ²	April 12-18, 2009 ²	April 6-12, 2008 ²	April 12-18, 2009 ²
	<i>1,000 Workers</i>			
Hired Workers ³	31	22	700	680
150 Days or More	24	18	563	554
149 Days or Less	7	4	137	126
	<i>Per Week</i>			
Avg. Hours Worked (Hired Farm Workers)	35.8	36.6	40.8	40.1
	<i>Per Hour</i>			
Avg. Wage Rate (All Hired Farm Workers)	10.00	11.10	10.57	10.84
By Type of Workers				
Field	9.71	10.60	9.65	9.99
Livestock	8.77	8.86	10.24	10.25

Source: USDA - NASS: *Farm Labor, April 2009*

¹ Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey & Pennsylvania.

² Week refers to the week containing the 12th day of the month.

³ Excludes agricultural service workers.

There were 22,000 hired workers on Northeast II Region farms and ranches the week of April 12, 2009 through April 18, 2009, down 29 percent from a year ago. States included in the Northeast Region II are Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. Hours worked during the reference week averaged 36.6, up 2 percent from the previous year.

Farm operators in the Northeast Region II paid their hired workers an average wage of \$11.10 per hour during the April 2009 reference week, up \$1.10 from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$10.60 per hour, up \$0.89 from last April, while livestock workers earned \$8.86 per hour compared with \$8.77 a year earlier.

At the U.S. level, there were 903,000 hired farm workers. Of these hired workers, 680,000 were hired by farm operators and 223,000 were agricultural service employees. Hired worker wages averaged \$10.84 per hour, up 27 cents from a year earlier. Field workers averaged \$9.99 per hour, and livestock workers averaged \$10.25.



Feed, Prices Paid By Farmers: United States

Type of Feed	Unit	UNITED STATES		
		April 2007	April 2008	March 2009
<i>Dollars - Per Unit</i>				
Hog Feed				
14-18% Protein ^{1,2}	Ton	305	345	328
38-42% Protein Conc	Ton	398	490	493
Dairy Feed				
16% Protein ¹	Ton	249	313	293
18% Protein ¹	Ton	267	324	297
20% Protein ¹	Ton	258	320	295
32-38% Protein Conc	Ton	378	469	458
Beef Cattle Feed				
32-36% Protein Conc	Ton	370	433	488
Poultry Feeds ¹				
Broiler Grower	Ton	306	387	464
Chick Starter	Ton	327	416	501
Laying Feed	Ton	278	371	391
Turkey Grower	Ton	337	434	466
High Protein Feeds				
Cottonseed Meal 41 %	Cwt	20.00	23.00	25.60
Soybean Meal 44%	Cwt	18.20	23.40	23.20

Source: USDA - NASS: Agricultural Prices, April 2009

¹ Complete ration feed, fed without mixing or supplementation.

² Excluding pig starter.

Seeds, Prices Paid: 2007-2009

Item	Unit	April 2007	April 2008	Mar 2009
<i>Dollars</i>				
Alfalfa, Proprietary	Cwt	292	342	379
Corn, Hybrid, All ¹	80,000 Kernels	133	165	217
	Biotech ¹	154	184	235
Non-Biotech	80,000 Kernels	100	115	139
Soybeans, All ¹	Bu	34.80	38.80	48.30
	Biotech ¹	36.70	40.00	49.60
Non-Biotech	Bu	20.50	26.30	33.70
Wheat, Winter	Bu	10.60	14.80	16.00

Source: USDA - NASS: Agricultural Prices, April 2009

¹ Biotech varieties are made to be resistant to herbicides, insects, or both. A technology fee is included within the price.

Fuels, Prices Paid: March 2009

Farm Region	Gasoline ²		Diesel ³	L.P. Gas ³
	Service Station	Bulk Delivery	Bulk Delivery	Bulk Delivery
<i>Dollars - Per Gallon</i>				
Northeast ¹	2.009	2.003	1.952	2.190
United States				
2009 April	1.941	1.972	1.688	1.737
2008 April	3.277	3.331	3.619	2.281
2007 April	2.625	2.638	2.430	1.727

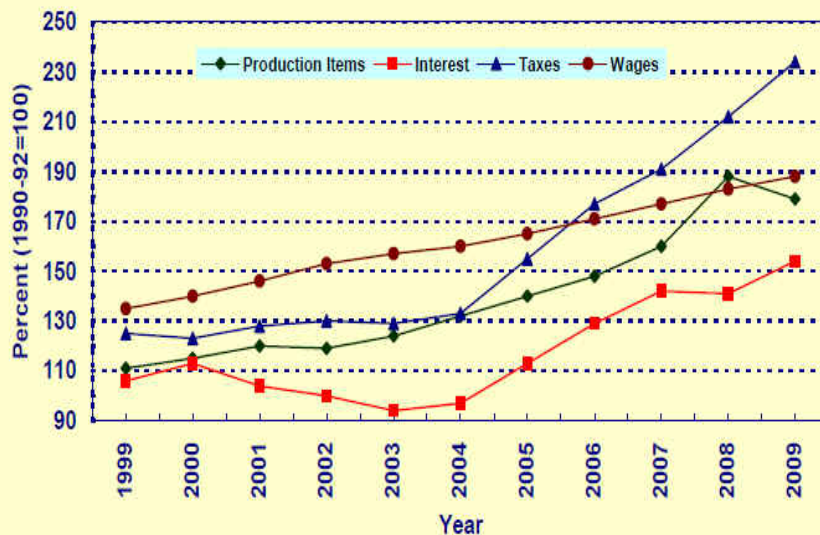
Source: USDA - NASS: Agricultural Prices, April 2009

¹ Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont

² Includes Federal, State and local per gallon taxes

³ Excludes Federal and State excise tax.

Prices Paid by Farmers, Major Indexes US, Annual Averages 1/



1/ Index values for 2009 are year-to-date averages.

Source: USDA - NASS: Agricultural Prices, May 2009

May Farm Prices Received Index

Increased 1.6 Percent

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in May, at 131 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 2 points (1.6 percent) from April. The Crop Index is up 2 points (1.3 percent) but the Livestock Index was unchanged. Producers received higher prices for broilers, soybeans, corn, and onions and lower prices for eggs, lettuce, tomatoes, and milk. 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 sweet corn, broilers, grapes, and cantaloups offset decreased marketings of cattle, milk, corn, and apples.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 21 points (14 percent) from May 2008. The Food Commodities Index, at 128, increased 1 point (0.8 percent) from last month but decreased 20 points (14 percent) from May 2008.

Prices Paid Index Down 0.6 Percent

The May Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 176 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is down 1 point (0.6 percent) from April and 8 points (4.3 percent) below May 2008. Lower prices in May for potash & phosphate, feeder pigs, mixed fertilizer, and complete feeds more than offset higher prices for nitrogen, feed grains, gasoline, and LP gas.

Average Prices Received by Farmers: United States

Item	Entire Month		Preliminary
	May 2008	Apr 2009	May 2009
-- Dollars --			
Field Crops			
Barley, per bushel	4.52	4.76	5.23
Corn, per bushel	5.27	3.85	4.08
Hay, all, baled, per ton ¹	168.00	129.00	131.00
Soybeans, per bushel	12.10	9.79	10.80
Winter Wheat, per bushel	8.17	5.26	5.58
Fruit, Fresh			
Apples, per lb ²	0.362	0.208	0.185
Strawberries, per cwt	83.30	78.90	80.80
Vegetables, Fresh			
Corn, Sweet, per cwt	21.90	32.20	24.00
Lettuce, per cwt	15.50	27.80	22.10
Tomatoes, per cwt	48.20	45.40	30.00
Livestock and Livestock Products			
Beef Cattle, per cwt	91.30	83.50	82.80
Steers and Heifers, per cwt	96.10	88.40	87.20
Cows, per cwt ³	54.10	48.00	49.20
Calves, per cwt	120.00	110.00	112.00
Broilers, live, per lb ⁴	0.480	0.450	0.490
Eggs, all, per dozen ¹	0.868	0.923	0.613
Milk, all, per cwt ^{5,6}	18.30	11.90	11.70

Source: USDA - NASS: Agricultural Prices, May 2009

¹Mid-Month Price

²Equivalent packinghouse-door returns for CA, MI, NY, and WA. Prices as sold for other states.

³Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

⁴Equivalent live weight price.

⁵Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

⁶May 2009 Fat Test percent: All Milk 3.61, fluid milk 3.60, and mfg grade 3.91.



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