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## *New Jersey's Producers Anticipate Less Corn, Soybean, & Potato Production*

The Garden State's corn, soybean, and summer potato production are expected to be less than last year's crops. Corn production will be lower despite more acres for harvest. Soybean acreage, up from last year, is expected to yield 8 less bushels per acre. Potato producers reported lower yields than a year ago.

- **Corn** yield is forecast at 118 bushels per acre, down 5 bushels from the August 1 forecast and down 25 bushels from last year. Production is expected to total 8.85 million bushels, down 12 percent from 2009. Area harvested for grain at 75,000 acres, is up 5,000 acres from last year.
- **Soybean** production is forecast at 2.99 million bushels, unchanged from the August forecast and down 18 percent from the previous year. Producers expect 34 bushels per acre for the 2010 crop, same as the August 1 forecast and down 8 bushels from last year's record yield. Soybean harvested area is expected to total 88,000 acres, up 1,000 acres from 2009.
- **Summer potato** yield is forecast at 230 cwt. per acre, down 30 cwt. from the previous year. The state record yield per acre is 285 cwt. set in 2000. Production of summer potatoes is forecast at 483,000 cwt, down 12 percent from 2009's production.



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## *United States: Record Soybean Crop and Corn Production Forecasted*

**Corn** production is forecast at 13.2 billion bushels, down 2 percent from last month, but slightly higher than the record 2009 crop. **Soybean** production is forecast at a record high 3.48 billion bushels, up 1 percent from the August forecast and 4 percent above last year.

## *Acreage, Yield, and Production: Corn, Soybeans, and Summer Potatoes, Sept. 1, Forecast*

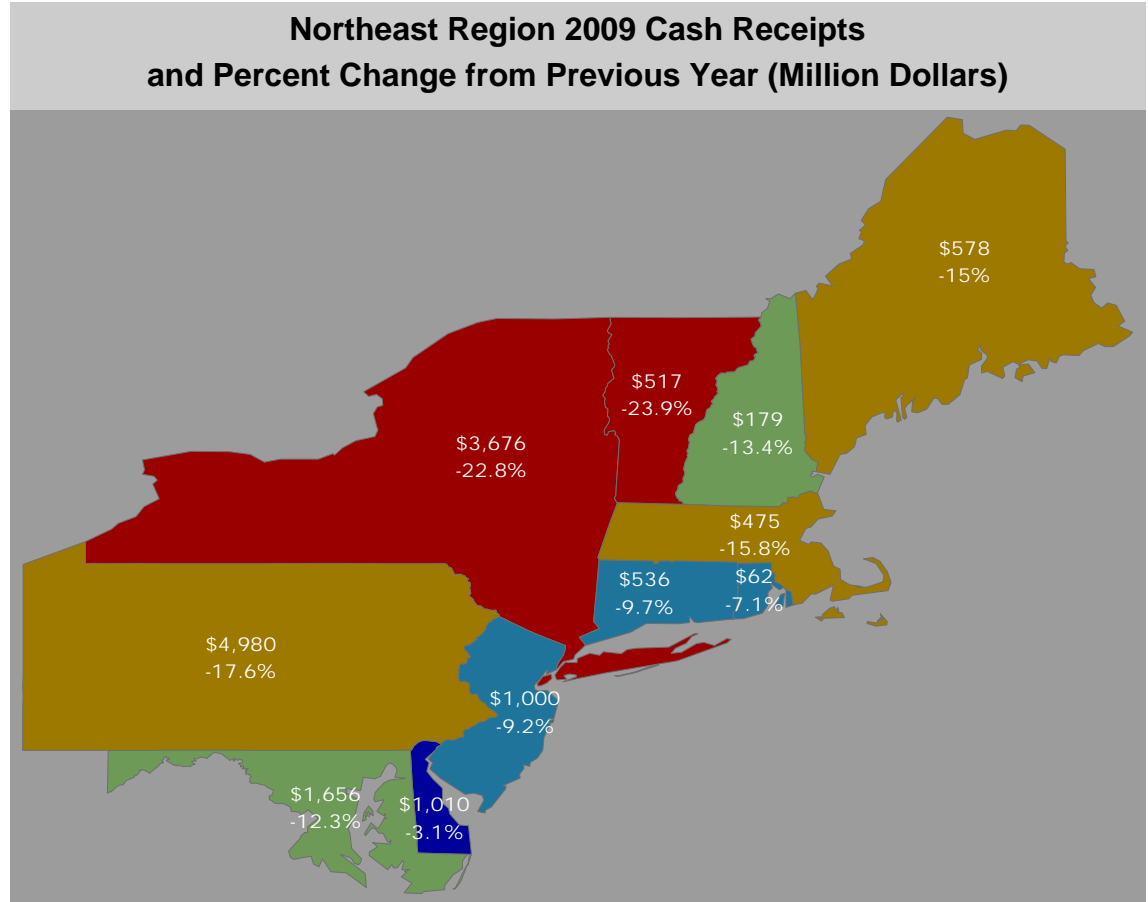
CROP	UNITS	Area for Harvest		Yield per Acre			Production		
		Final 2009	Sept. 1 2010 Forecast	Final 2009	August 1 2010 Forecast	Sept. 1 2010 Forecast	Final 2009	August 1 2010 Forecast	Sept. 1 2010 Forecast
<b>New Jersey</b>		Thousand Acres		Units			Thousand Units		
<b>Corn for Grain</b>	Bu.	70	75	143.0	123.0	118.0	10,010	9,225	8,850
<b>Soybeans</b>	Bu.	87	88	42.0*	34.0	34.0	3,654	2,992	2,992
<b>Summer Potatoes</b>	Cwt	2.1	2.1	260.0	<sup>1</sup>	230.0	546	<sup>1</sup>	483
<b>United States</b>		Thousand Acres		Units			Million Units		
<b>Corn for Grain</b>	Bu.	79,590	81,005	164.7*	165.0	162.5	13,110.1	13,365.2	13,159.7*
<b>Soybeans</b>	Bu.	76,372	77,986	44.0	44.0	44.7*	3,359.0	3,433.4	3,482.9*
<b>Summer Potatoes</b>	Cwt	42.7	37.1	340.0	<sup>1</sup>	317.0	14.5	<sup>1</sup>	11.8

<sup>1</sup> Not Available. \* Record high.

## New Jersey's 2009 Cash Receipts Reverse Upward Trend

**Commodity Cash Receipts** totaled \$1.00 billion for the 2009 calendar year, the third highest on record. This compares with the record \$1.10 billion set in 2008 and the \$1.08 billion set in 2007, the second highest record year.

The 2009 cash receipts declined \$101.3 million (-9.2 percent) from 2008. This is the first annual decline in total cash receipts since 2001. The Total Fruits and Nuts and Total Vegetables categories increased in cash receipts. The Total Field Crop; Total Livestock and Products; and Total Greenhouse, Sod, Nursery, and Christmas Tree categories decreased.



Source: USDA - Economic Research Service: Annual Cash Receipts, August 2010

### Cash Receipts from NJ Farm Marketings, 2007-2009

COMMODITY	2007	2008	2009	% Change from 2008
	1,000 Dollars			
<b>Total All Commodities</b>	<b>1,078,159</b>	<b>1,101,804</b>	<b>1,000,458</b>	<b>-9.2</b>
Total Crops	906,797	931,260	<b>867,645</b>	-6.8
Total Field Crops	73,353	97,916	<b>88,771</b>	-9.3
Corn	25,496	36,911	<b>27,684</b>	-25.0
Hay	6,890	7,453	<b>7,448</b>	-0.1
Soybeans	20,937	25,561	<b>29,687</b>	16.1
Wheat	7,515	13,935	<b>7,809</b>	-44.0
Total Fruits & Nuts	173,918	156,955	<b>157,962</b>	0.6
Apples	14,577	11,929	<b>17,182</b>	44.0
Blueberries	90,240	81,990	<b>65,260</b>	-20.4
Cranberries	24,479	27,136	<b>29,970</b>	10.4
Peaches	32,832	23,920	<b>33,660</b>	40.7
Total Vegetables	181,111	217,753	<b>240,512</b>	10.5
Peppers, green, fresh	29,295	32,922	<b>31,366</b>	-4.7
Sweet corn, fresh	15,053	15,510	<b>22,805</b>	47.0
Tomatoes, fresh	23,622	26,645	<b>33,942</b>	27.4
Total Greenhouse, Sod, Nursery, & Christmas Trees	478,413	458,636	<b>380,401</b>	-17.1
Total Livestock & Products	171,362	170,544	<b>132,813</b>	-22.1
Dairy Products	32,340	30,895	<b>20,352</b>	-34.1
Honey	1,005	583	<b>556</b>	-4.6
Horses & Mules	85,000	78,000	<b>66,000</b>	-15.4
Meat Animals	6,256	6,127	<b>6,381</b>	4.1
Poultry & Eggs	37,837	45,746	<b>30,316</b>	-33.7
Other Livestock	8,690	8,805	<b>8,810</b>	0.1

Source: USDA - Economic Research Service: Annual Cash Receipts, August 2010

## New Jersey Cranberry Production Down 5 Percent

**N**ew Jersey expects a crop of 530,000 barrels, down 5 percent from 2009. Some growers expressed concerns of potential sun scalding of fruit due to above normal temperatures. However, the crop was generally in good condition with no unusual problems reported.

**United States** cranberry crop is 7.35 million barrels, up 6 percent from 2009. If realized, this will be the second largest production on record. Production forecasts are up from last year in Massachusetts and Wisconsin but down in New Jersey, Oregon, and Washington.

Production by State and United States, 2008, 2009 and Forecasted 2010

STATE	Cranberry Total Production		
	2008	2009	2010
	barrels <sup>1</sup>		
Massachusetts	2,374,000	1,817,000	1,950,000
<b>New Jersey</b>	<b>512,000</b>	<b>555,000</b>	<b>530,000</b>
Oregon	400,000	430,000	385,000
Washington	109,000	161,000	135,000
Wisconsin	4,470,000	3,950,000	4,350,000
<b>United States</b>	<b>7,865,000</b>	<b>6,913,000</b>	<b>7,350,000</b>

<sup>1</sup> A barrel weighs 100 lbs.

Source: USDA - NASS: Cranberries, August, 2010

## Quarterly Milk Production, April - June



**New Jersey - Milk Production** for the April-June 2010 quarter was 36 million pounds, down 1 million pounds from the previous quarter and 14.3 percent below the April-June quarter last year.

**Number of Milk Cows** was 8.0 thousand head, 500 head below last quarter and 1,000 below the April-June period last year.

**United States - Milk Production** in the US during the April-June 2010 quarter totaled 49.7 billion pounds, up 1.7 percent from the April-June quarter last year.

**Number of Milk Cows** during the quarter was 9.11 million head, 151,000 head less than the same period last year.

Source: USDA - NASS: Milk Production, July, 2010

## Northeast II Region Farm Labor

There were 37,000 hired workers on Northeast II Region farms and ranches the week of July 11, 2010 through July 17, 2010, down 3 percent from a year ago. States included in the Northeast II Region are Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. Hours worked during the reference week averaged 39.2 compared to 39.1 the previous year.

Farm operators in the Northeast II Region paid their hired workers an average wage of \$11.10 per hour during the July 2010 reference week, up 90 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$10.55 per hour, up 72 cents from last July, while livestock workers earned \$9.09 per hour, unchanged from a year earlier. The higher wages in the Northeast II region were due to a larger percentage of higher paid equine workers.

## Farm Employment & Wage Rates

ITEM	Northeast II <sup>1</sup>			United States <sup>2</sup>		
	July 12-18, 2009	April 11-17, 2010	July 11-17, 2010	July 12-18, 2009	April 11-17, 2010	July 11-17, 2010
	1,000 Workers					
<b>Hired Workers</b> <sup>3</sup>	38	31	37	875	737	894
150 Days or More	27	25	25	609	585	634
149 Days or Less	11	6	12	266	152	260
Per Week						
<b>Avg. Hours Worked</b> (Hired Farm Workers)	39.1	40.6	39.2	39.7	39.8	41.0
Per Hour						
<b>Avg. Wage Rate</b> (All Hired Farm Workers)	10.20	10.60	11.10	10.66	10.82	10.82
<b>By Type of Workers</b>						
Field	9.83	10.43	10.55	10.04	10.04	10.12
Livestock	9.09	9.12	9.09	10.05	10.30	10.19

<sup>1</sup> Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania

Source: USDA - NASS: Farm Labor, August, 2010

<sup>2</sup> Excludes Alaska <sup>3</sup> Excludes agricultural service workers

## August Farm Prices Received Index

### Increased 3 points

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in August, at 145 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 3 points (2.1 percent) from July. The Crop Index is up 5 points (3.3 percent), and the Livestock Index increased 1 point (0.8 percent). Producers received higher prices for wheat, corn, milk, and cattle and lower prices for broilers, lettuce, onions, and cantaloupes. 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 marketing's of cattle, grapes, sweet corn, and potatoes offset decreased marketings of wheat, hay, strawberries, and milk.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 19 points (15 percent) from August 2009. The Food Commodities Index, at 145, increased 3 points (2.1 percent) from last month and increased 21 points (17 percent) from August 2009.

## August Prices Paid Index Unchanged

The August Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 182 percent of the 1990-1992 average. The index is unchanged from July but 5 points (2.8 percent) above August 2009. Lower prices in August for nitrogen, feeder pigs, feeder cattle, and hay & forages offset higher prices for concentrates, diesel, feed grains, and LP gas.

## Average Prices Received by Farmers: United States

Item	Entire Month		Preliminary
	Aug 2009	Jul 2010	Aug 2010
dollars			
<b>Field Crops</b>			
Corn, per Bushel	3.33	3.49	3.65
Hay, All, Baled, per Ton <sup>1</sup>	104.00	112.00	111.00
Alfalfa <sup>1</sup>	109.00	117.00	116.00
Other <sup>1</sup>	94.40	97.30	96.10
Soybeans, per Bushel	10.80	9.79	10.10
Winter Wheat, per Bushel	4.67	4.47	5.60
<b>Fruit, Fresh</b>			
Apples, per Lb <sup>2</sup>	0.238	0.304	0.317
Peaches, per Ton <sup>2</sup>	676.00	512.00	520.00
<b>Vegetables, Fresh</b>			
Corn, Sweet, per Cwt	26.40	19.60	22.40
Lettuce, per Cwt	16.70	26.00	18.90
Tomatoes, per Cwt	35.90	34.30	35.40
<b>Livestock and Livestock Products</b>			
Beef Cattle, all, per Cwt	80.40	91.60	93.20
Steers and Heifers, per Cwt	85.10	95.90	97.70
Cows, per Cwt <sup>3</sup>	45.50	59.00	58.20
Calves, per Cwt	108.00	120.00	120.00
Broilers, live, per Lb <sup>4</sup>	0.430	0.510	0.480
Eggs, all, per Dozen <sup>1</sup>	0.758	0.708	0.792
Milk, all, per Cwt <sup>5,6</sup>	12.10	16.00	16.60

Source: USDA - NASS: Agricultural Prices, August 2010

<sup>1</sup> Mid-month price.

<sup>2</sup> Equivalent packinghouse-door returns for CA, MI, NY (apples only), and WA (apples, peaches, and pears). 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. Excludes hauling subsidies.

<sup>6</sup> Aug 2010 Fat test percent: all milk 3.52, fluid milk 3.52, and mfg grade 3.83.



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