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New Jersey Producers Plant More Corn and Soybeans

NJ: Farmers responding to New Jersey's Agricultural Statistics Service's June Agricultural Survey reported an increase for planted corn and soybean acres from 2009. Producers planted or will plant 90,000 acres of soybeans. About 14 percent of the crop is planted following the wheat harvest. Total corn planted acreage in 2010, at 85,000 acres, is up 6 percent from last year's 80,000 acres. Winter wheat acreage for harvest, at 27,000 acres, is down 7 percent from last year's 29,000 acres as the harvest gets underway. Acreage for hay production

remained unchanged from last year at 110,000 acres. Summer and sweet potatoes planted acreage and set for harvest remains unchanged from last year. Row crop conditions on June 1, 2010, were in mostly good condition across the state. New Jersey experienced its warmest spring on record this year with topsoil moisture rated adequate to dry throughout June.

US: The U.S. soybean planted area is estimated at a record high 78.9 million acres and up 2 percent from 2009's record planted acreage. Prospects for soybean acres harvested are up 2 percent, and will

be the largest on record, if realized. Corn planted area for all purposes for the U.S. is estimated at 87.9 million acres, up 2 percent from the previous year. It is the second highest planted corn acreage since 1946, behind the 2007 crop of 93.5 million acres. Corn planting proceeded at a record pace with more than two-thirds in the ground by May 2. All wheat planted area is estimated at 54.3 million acres, down 8 percent from 2009. The 2010 winter wheat planted area is 37.7 million acres, 13 percent below last year. Harvested acreage at 32.1 million acres will be the fewest since 1957.

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Planted and Harvested Acres of Principal Crops, June 1

CROPS	Area Planted for All Purposes				Area Intended for Harvest ¹			
	2008	2009	2010	% Change 2009	2008	2009	2010	% Change 2009
New Jersey	- 1,000 acres -				- 1,000 acres -			
Corn	85	80	85	6	74	70	75	7
All Hay	-	-	-	-	115	110	110	NC
Alfalfa Hay	-	-	-	-	20	25	20	-20
Other Hay	-	-	-	-	95	85	90	6
Summer Potatoes	2.0	2.1	2.1	NC	2.0	2.1	2.1	NC
Sweet Potatoes	1.2	1.2	1.2	NC	1.2	1.2	1.2	NC
Soybeans	92	89	90	1	90	87	88	1
Winter Wheat	35	34	32	-6	33	29	27	-7
United States	- 1,000 acres -				- 1,000 acres -			
Corn	85,982	86,482	87,872	2	78,570	79,590	81,005	2
All Hay	-	-	-	-	60,152	59,755	59,656	*
Alfalfa Hay	-	-	-	-	21,060	21,227	20,732	-2
Other Hay	-	-	-	-	39,092	38,528	38,924	1
Summer Potatoes	47.1	44.2	39.4	-11	45.1	42.7	38.4	-10
Sweet Potatoes	103.2	109.9	113.8	4	97.3	96.9	110.2	14
Soybeans	75,718	77,451	78,868	2	74,681	76,372	77,986	2
Winter Wheat	46,307	43,311	37,723	-13	39,608	34,485	32,085	-7

NC - No Change

¹ Harvested for principle use, i.e.: grain, beans, etc.

* Change is less than 0.5 percent.

Source: USDA - NASS: *Acreage, June 30, 2010*

New Jersey Crop Acreage

Corn Acreage Up 5,000 Acres

Near normal temperatures and adequate moisture during the spring produced ideal planting conditions for farmers. Corn acreage planted is estimated at 85,000 acres, up 5,000 acres from 2009. The state record high for corn planted acreage was set in 1944 at 208,000 acres. Acreage to be harvested for grain in 2010 is projected at 75,000 acres, up 5,000 acres from last year.

Soybean Acreage Up 1,000 Acres

Warm conditions and sufficient soil moisture throughout spring advanced soybean planting ahead of schedule. The 2010 soybean planted acreage is estimated at 90,000 acres, up 1,000 acres from 2009. In 1979, a record high of 205,000 acres were planted in New Jersey. Acreage to be harvested for grain in 2010 is projected at 88,000 acres, up 1,000 acres from last year.

All Hay Acreage Unchanged

Moderate temperatures and excessive moisture resulted in poor drying and delayed the start of hay harvest. Producers expect to

harvest 20,000 acres of alfalfa hay, down 5,000 acres from 2009. 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 2010 All Other Hay estimate of 90,000, is up 5,000 acres 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 2,000 Acres

Warm temperatures and adequate moisture this past spring aided crop development, which led to an early harvest. Winter wheat seedings is estimated at 32,000 acres, down 2,000 from the previous year. The projected wheat harvested acres for 2010 is 27,000 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 - 2010

State	Ranking based on 2010 Forecast	Total Production			
		2008	2009	2010 ¹	% Change from 2009
California ²	1	433,000	350,000	355,000	1
South Carolina	2	60,000	75,000	120,000	60
Georgia	3	28,000	32,000	40,000	25
New Jersey	4	34,000	35,000	35,000	n/c
Pennsylvania	5	21,200	27,900	21,900	-22
Washington	6	16,800	14,500	17,000	17
Michigan	7	14,000	17,200	14,600	-15
Colorado	8	14,000	13,000	14,000	8
Texas	9	7,900	4,900	13,000	165
Illinois	10	8,730	8,210	9,600	17

Source: USDA - NASS: Crop Production, July 2010

¹ Forecasted.

² Freestone Variety.

New Jersey Blueberry Crop

This year's blueberry harvest began earlier than normal this season. The quality of berries looks very good. Bloom was reported 17% light, 63% average, and 20% heavy. Set of fruit was reported 27% light, 59% average, and 14% heavy. Production is forecast at 51 million pounds, down 3.8 percent from last year's production. Data collection started May 24, 2010.

Year	Acres Harvested	Yield per Acre (lbs.) ¹	Production (1,000 lbs.)	
			Total	Utilized
2010 ²	7,700	*	51,000	*
2009	7,700	6,880	53,000	53,000
2008	7,600	7,760	59,000	59,000

Source: USDA-NASS - July 2010

¹ Yield is derived from utilized production. ² Forecasted. * Not available until January 2011.

NJ - The 2010 Garden State peach crop is estimated at 35,000 tons, unchanged from the previous year. Fruit setting and sizing were excellent throughout the state. The winter and spring weather was very favorable. Trees began blooming earlier than usual. Adequate rainfall and thinning has contributed to good crop sizing. Harvest of early varieties is underway.

US - The U.S. all peach variety production forecast is 1.13 million tons, up 2 percent from 2009. Freestone production, at 707,090 tons, is up 11 percent from 2009. Fourteen of the twenty-three Freestone peach estimating States expect increases in production, six States expect decreases, and three showed no change.



Summer Potato Acreage, Yield, and Production

NJ - New Jersey's summer potato planted and harvested acreage is estimated at 2,100 acres. This is unchanged from the 2009 planted and harvested acreage. The warm temperatures in early season helped the plant development. Expected Garden State potato yield is forecasted at 250 cwt per acre, a decrease of 10 cwt from 2009. New Jersey's record high yield was set in 2000 at 285 cwt per harvested

acre. Current year production is set at 525 cwt, down 4 percent from 2009.

New Jersey's expected summer potato yield was based on the survey indications as of July 1, 2010. If the growing conditions continue to be favorable during the next few weeks, the good yield may be sustained.

State	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	1,000 Acres				Cwt		1,000 Cwt	
California ¹	3.4	n/a	3.4	n/a	405	n/a	1,377	n/a
Colorado	4.0	4.1	3.9	4.0	400	410	1,560	1,640
Delaware	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.6	300	270	480	432
Illinois	5.4	5.4	5.2	5.3	385	389	2,002	2,062
Kansas	5.0	4.5	4.8	4.3	360	370	1,728	1,591
Maryland	2.4	2.1	2.3	2.1	320	310	736	651
Missouri	7.3	7.7	7.1	7.6	275	300	1,953	2,280
New Jersey	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	260	250	546	525
Texas	5.9	6.1	5.4	5.6	460	440	2,484	2,464
Virginia	7.0	6.0	6.9	5.9	240	240	1,656	1,416

Source: USDA - NASS: Crop Production, July 2010

¹ Beginning in 2010, winter and summer estimates included in spring total for California.

Sweet Potato Acreage - 2010

NJ - New Jersey sweet potato acreage is estimated at 1,200 for both planted and harvested acres for 2010, unchanged from 2009.

Actual planting was the same as the March intended acres.

The crop was rated in good condition.

The final 2010 sweet potato production estimate will be published in the Crop Production Summary in January 2011.

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	Area Planted		Acres Harvested	
	2009	2010	2009	2010 ¹
	1,000 Acres			
Alabama	2.6	3.0	2.3	2.9
Arkansas	3.0	3.3	2.5	3.0
California	17.4	18.5	17.4	18.5
Florida	3.3	3.5	3.2	3.4
Louisiana	14.0	15.0	12.0	14.0
Mississippi	20.0	18.0	11.0	17.0
New Jersey	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
North Carolina	47.0	50.0	46.0	49.0
Texas	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.2
United States	109.9	113.8	96.9	110.2

Source: USDA - NASS: Acreage, June 2010;

¹ Forecasted.

June Farm Prices Received Index

Decreased 1.4 Percent

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in June, at 139 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, decreased 2 points (1.4 percent) from May. The Crop Index is down 5 points (3.3 percent), and the Livestock Index decreased 1 point (0.8 percent). Producers received lower prices for cattle, onions, hogs, and wheat and higher prices for lettuce, milk, turkeys, and cucumbers. 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 oranges, strawberries, cattle, and sweet corn.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 6 points (4.5 percent) from June 2009. The Food Commodities Index, at 139, decreased 3 points (2.1 percent) from last month but increased 9 points (6.9 percent) from June 2009.

June Prices Paid Index Decreased 0.5 Percent

The June 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 down 1 point (0.5 percent) from May but is 2 points above (1.1 percent) June 2009. Lower prices in June for diesel, feeder cattle, supplements, and feeder pigs more than offset higher prices for complete feeds, other services, mixed fertilizer, and other machinery.

Average Prices Received by Farmers: United

Item	Entire Month		Preliminary
	Jun 2009	May 2010	Jun 2010
\$dollars			
Field Crops			
Corn, per Bushel	4.01	3.48	3.38
Hay, All, Baled, per Ton ¹	123.00	116.00	114.00
Alfalfa ¹	128.00	121.00	119.00
Other ¹	107.00	99.70	99.10
Soybeans, per Bushel	11.40	9.41	9.39
Winter Wheat, per Bushel	5.47	4.21	3.66
Fruit, Fresh			
Apples, per Lb ²	0.181	0.318	0.308
Peaches, per Ton ²	822.00	1,080.00	604.00
Vegetables, Fresh			
Corn, Sweet, per Cwt	25.40	20.50	16.60
Lettuce, per Cwt	18.90	24.30	29.60
Tomatoes, per Cwt	67.20	48.30	24.70
Livestock and Livestock Products			
Beef Cattle, per Cwt	80.10	94.80	91.10
Steers and Heifers, per Cwt	84.90	99.70	95.70
Cows, per Cwt ³	45.40	59.20	58.20
Calves, per Cwt	109.00	122.00	121.00
Broilers, live, per Lb ⁴	0.510	0.510	0.510
Eggs, all, per Dozen ¹	0.594	0.633	0.619
Milk, all, per Cwt ^{5,6}	11.30	15.10	15.80

Source: USDA - NASS: Agricultural Prices, June 2010

- ¹ Mid-month price.
- ² Equivalent packinghouse-door returns for CA, MI, NY (apples only), and WA (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 June 2010 Fat test percent: all milk 3.55, fluid milk 3.54, and mfg grade 3.82.



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