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Floriculture Crops—2009 Summary

The following floriculture statistics were compiled from interviews of all known growers of floriculture crops in New Jersey. Growers must have annual gross sales exceeding \$10,000 of all floriculture crops to be included in the state tabulations. Individual crop details, including quantity sold, price, and value, are summarized only from growers whose gross sales of floriculture crops are above \$100,000.

Value of Production: New Jersey ranked eighth in the nation in expanded wholesale value of floriculture crops with a value of \$166 million. The total crop wholesale value for all New Jersey growers with \$100,000 or more in sales was estimated at \$157 million down 8 percent from \$170 million in 2008. These operations, which comprised 27 percent of all growers, accounted for 95 percent of the total value of floriculture crops. The expanded wholesale value of floriculture crops in the 15 major producing states totaled \$3.69 billion for 2009, compared with \$3.92 billion for 2008.

New Jersey's total bedding and garden plants sales, the largest contributor to total value of sales for growers with \$100,000 or more in sales, were \$109 million, a decrease of 1 percent from a year earlier. Potted flowering plants were down 21 percent in value to \$18.4 million. The value of cut flowers decreased by 17 percent to \$11.1 million.

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Number of Floriculture Producers: Ranked by Expanded Wholesale Value for States with \$10,000+ Sales, 2008-2009

State	All Producers		Expanded Wholesale Value ¹		Ranking
	2008	2009	2008	2009	
	Number		1,000 Dollars		
California	890	765	1,060,489	935,195	1
Florida	887	812	763,566	695,961	2
Michigan	720	651	393,500	397,402	3
North Carolina	347	298	215,779	252,615	4
Texas	348	292	267,282	245,348	5
Ohio	561	503	203,518	206,474	6
New York	837	677	204,291	170,506	7
New Jersey	377	341	180,886	165,531	8
Pennsylvania	842	735	172,918	155,281	9
Washington	255	242	131,006	138,368	10
Illinois	304	281	135,197	130,913	11
Oregon	318	266	129,775	127,559	12
Maryland	198	190	95,939	92,917	13
South Carolina	107	98	101,768	68,193	14
Hawaii	371	306	56,864	46,476	15
Total 15-State Program	7,362	6,457	4,112,778	3,828,739	

¹ Wholesale value of sales as reported by growers with \$100,000 or more in sales of floriculture crops plus a calculated wholesale value of sales for growers with sales below \$100,000. The value of sales for growers below the \$100,000 level was estimated by multiplying the number of growers in each size group by the mid-point of the sales range.

Corn County Estimates, 2008 - 2009

County	Acres Planted For All Purposes		Acres Harvested		Yield Per Acre (Bushels)		Production (Bushels)	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
District 20	North							
Hunterdon	10,600	9,500	9,900	8,200	126	135	1,247,400	1,107,000
Morris	1,300	1,200	1,200	1,000	120	130	144,000	130,000
Somerset	3,000	2,200	2,700	1,900	104	120	280,800	228,000
Sussex	4,500	4,300	3,700	3,300	128	120	473,600	396,000
Warren	19,000	18,400	15,900	16,500	133	145	2,114,700	2,392,500
District 50	Central							
Burlington	7,400	7,500	6,800	7,200	105	129	714,000	928,800
Mercer	3,200	3,100	2,900	2,700	126	131	365,400	353,700
Middlesex	3,900	3,900	3,500	3,600	116	135	406,000	486,000
Monmouth	¹	2,000	¹	1,800	¹	133	¹	239,400
Ocean	¹	500	¹	400	¹	105	¹	42,000
Other Counties	2,600		2,400		103		247,000	
District 80	South							
Cumberland	5,800	5,100	5,000	4,400	120	153	600,000	673,200
Gloucester	3,500	3,300	2,900	2,400	62	144	179,800	345,600
Salem	19,100	17,900	16,200	15,700	110	164	1,782,000	2,574,800
Other Counties	1,100	1,100	900	900	33	126	29,300	113,000
State	85,000	80,000	74,000	70,000	116	143	8,584,000	10,010,000

¹ Not Published.

Source: USDA - NASS

Soybean County Estimates, 2008 - 2009

County	Acres Planted For All Purposes		Acres Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production (Bushels)	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
District 20	North							
Hunterdon	5,000	4,500	4,800	4,200	34	41	163,200	172,200
Warren	5,200	5,300	5,100	5,100	42	44	214,200	224,400
Other Counties	2,300	1,900	2,100	1,700	32	40	67,100	68,000
District 50	Central							
Burlington	21,500	19,800	21,300	19,600	31	39	660,300	764,400
Mercer	5,500	5,100	5,300	5,000	29	39	153,700	195,000
Monmouth	5,400	5,500	5,300	5,400	27	41	143,100	221,400
Other Counties	4,400	4,800	4,200	4,700	35	42.5	147,600	200,900
District 80	South							
Cumberland	9,400	8,300	9,200	8,200	22	41	202,400	336,200
Gloucester	8,000	8,500	7,900	8,300	23	46	181,700	381,800
Salem	24,600	24,800	24,100	24,400	31	44	747,100	1,073,600
Other Counties	700	500	700	400	28	40.5	19,600	16,100
State	92,000	89,000	90,000	87,000	30	42	2,700,000	3,654,000

Source: USDA - NASS

Winter Wheat County Estimates, 2008 - 2009

County	Acres Planted For All Purposes		Acres Harvested		Yield Per Acre (Bushels)		Production (Bushels)	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
District 20 (North)								
Hunterdon	2,300	2,200	2,100	2,000	59	52	123,900	104,000
Somerset	1,900	1,600	1,600	1,300	52	52	83,200	67,600
Other Counties	1,700	1,900	1,600	1,500	53.5	46	85,400	69,100
District 50								
Burlington	4,700	4,000	4,500	3,700	57	55	256,500	203,500
Monmouth	900	1,300	800	1,000	64	56	51,200	56,000
Other Counties	1,000	900	900	700	58	43	52,200	30,100
District 80								
Cumberland	7,000	6,400	6,900	5,700	63	46	434,700	262,200
Gloucester	4,600	¹	4,200	¹	53	¹	222,600	¹
Salem	10,200	10,000	9,900	9,200	68	57	673,200	524,400
Other Counties	700	5,700	500	3,900	60	41.5	30,100	162,100
State	35,000	34,000	33,000	29,000	61	51	2,013,000	1,479,000

¹ Not Published.

Source: USDA - NASS

Farm Labor & Wage Rates: Northeast II

Farm Employment	Northeast II ¹		United States	
	April 12-18, 2009 ²	April 11-17, 2010 ²	April 12-18, 2009 ²	April 11-17, 2010 ²
1,000 Workers				
Hired Workers ³	22	31	680	737
150 Days or More	18	25	554	586
149 Days or Less	4	6	126	151
Per Week				
Avg. Hours Worked (Hired Farm Workers)	36.6	40.6	40.1	39.8
Per Hour				
Avg. Wage Rate (All Hired Farm Workers)	11.10	10.60	10.84	10.83
By Type of Workers				
Field	10.60	10.43	9.99	10.04
Livestock	8.86	9.12	10.25	10.31

Source: USDA - NASS: Farm Labor, May 2010

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 31,000 hired workers on Northeast II Region farms and ranches the week of April 11, 2010 through April 17, 2010, up 41 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 40.6, up 11 percent from the previous year.

Farm operators in the Northeast Region II paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.60 per hour during the April 2010 reference week, down \$0.50 from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$10.43 per hour, down \$0.17 from last April, while livestock workers earned \$9.12 per hour compared with \$8.86 a year earlier.

At the U.S. level, there were 997,000 hired farm workers. Of these hired workers, 737,000 were hired by farm operators and 260,000 were agricultural service employees. Hired worker wages averaged \$10.83 per hour, down 1 cent from a year earlier. Field workers averaged \$10.04 per hour, and livestock workers averaged \$10.31.

May Farm Prices Received Index Up 2.2 Percent

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in May, at 141 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 3 points (2.2 percent) from April. The Crop Index is up 1 point (0.7 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 4 points (3.1 percent). Producers received higher prices for lettuce, broilers, hogs, and strawberries and lower prices for onions, eggs, sweet corn, and tomatoes. 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 wheat offset decreased marketings of cattle, milk, apples, and corn.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 11 points (8.5 percent) from May 2009. The Food Commodities Index, at 142, increased 3 points (2.2 percent) from last month and increased 16 points (13 percent) from May 2009.

May Prices Paid Index Unchanged

The May Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 183 percent of the 1990-1992 average. The index is unchanged from April but 3 points (1.7 percent) above May 2009. Higher prices in May for nitrogen, diesel, mixed fertilizer, and hay & forages offset lower prices for complete feeds, concentrates, feeder pigs, and feeder cattle.

Average Prices Received by Farmers: United States

Item	Entire Month		Preliminary
	May 2009	Apr 2010	May 2010
\$dollars			
Field Crops			
Corn, per Bushel	3.96	3.41	3.41
Hay, All, Baled, per Ton ¹	130.00	109.00	116.00
Alfalfa ¹	137.00	113.00	121.00
Other ¹	112.00	99.30	99.70
Soybeans, per Bushel	10.70	9.47	9.28
Winter Wheat, per Bushel	5.52	4.19	4.10
Fruit, Fresh			
Apples, per Lb ²	0.187	0.300	0.318
Peaches, per Ton ²	846.00	(7)	1080.00
Vegetables, Fresh			
Corn, Sweet, per Cwt	20.80	37.60	19.90
Lettuce, per Cwt	18.20	19.00	26.40
Tomatoes, per Cwt	33.20	97.80	73.60
Livestock and Livestock Products			
Beef Cattle, per Cwt	83.20	95.70	96.50
Steers and Heifers, per Cwt	87.70	101.00	101.00
Cows, per Cwt ³	48.80	57.50	59.50
Calves, per Cwt	111.00	122.00	123.00
Broilers, live, per Lb ⁴	0.490	0.480	0.510
Eggs, all, per Dozen ¹	0.617	0.767	0.633
Milk, all, per Cwt ^{5,6}	11.60	14.60	15.00

Source: USDA - NASS: Agricultural Prices, May 2010

¹ Mid-month price.

² Equivalent packinghouse-door returns for CA, MI, NY (apples only), and WA (apples and peaches). 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 May 2010 Fat test percent: all milk 3.58, fluid milk 3.57, and mfg grade 3.88.

⁷ Insufficient sales to establish a price.



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