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New Jersey's Expected Soybean Production Unchanged from the August 1 Forecast

The Garden State's corn, soybean, and summer potato production are expected to be higher than last year's crops. Forecasted soybean production is up from 2010, despite fewer acres for harvest. Corn acreage, up from last year, is expected to yield 16 bushels per acre more than in 2010. Potato producers reported lower yields than a year ago, but more acres for harvest is anticipated.

- ◆ Corn yield is forecast at 130 bushels per acre, down 5 bushels from the August 1 forecast. Production is expected to total 10.7 million bushels, up 32 percent from 2010. Area harvested for grain at 82,000 acres, is up 11,000 acres from last year.
- ◆ Soybean production is forecast at 2.74 million bushels, up 24 percent from the previous year. Producers expect 33 bushels per acre from the 2011 crop, same as the August 1 forecast, and up 9 bushels from 2010. Soybean harvested area is expected to total 83,000 acres, down 9,000 acres from last year.
- ◆ Summer potato yield is forecast at 200 cwt. per acre, down 30 cwt. from the previous year. Production of summer potatoes is forecast at 400,000 cwt, up 2 percent from 2010's production.

United States: Corn production is forecast at 12.5 billion bushels, down 3 percent from last month, but slightly higher than the 2010 crop. Yields are expected to average 148.1 bushels per acre, down 4.9 bushels from the August 1 forecast and down 4.7 bushels from 2010. Soybean harvested area is expected to total 73.8 million acres, unchanged from August, but down 4 percent from 2010's record. Production is forecast at 3.09 billion bushels, up 1 percent from the August forecast but down 7 percent from last year. Yields are expected to average 41.8 bushels per acre, up 0.4 bushel from last month.

Summer potatoes production is forecast at 13.4 million cwt, up 11 percent from the July forecast and 15 percent above 2010. Harvested area is estimated at 44,200 acres, up 14 percent from the previous forecast and 18 percent above last year. Average yield is forecast at 303 cwt per acre, down 10 cwt from July and 7 cwt from 2010.

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

Crop	U N I T S	Area for Harvest			Yield per Acre			Production		
		Final 2010	August 1 2011 Forecast	Sept. 1 2011 Forecast	Final 2010	August 1 2011 Forecast	Sept. 1 2011 Forecast	Final 2010	August 1 2011 Forecast	Sept. 1 2011 Forecast
New Jersey		Thousand Acres			Units			Thousand Units		
Corn for Grain	Bu.	71	82	82	114.0	135.0	130.0	8,094	11,070	10,660
Soybeans	Bu.	92	83	83	24.0	33.0	33.0	2,208	2,739	2,739
Summer Potatoes	Cwt	1.7	^{1/}	2.0	230.0	^{1/}	200.0	391	^{1/}	400
United States		Thousand Acres			Units			Million Units		
Corn for Grain	Bu.	81,446	84,388	84,388	152.8	153.0	148.1	12,446.9	12,914.1	12,497.1
Soybeans	Bu.	76,616	73,823	73,823	43.5	41.4	41.8	3,329.3	3,055.9	3,085.3
Summer Potatoes	Cwt	37.5	^{1/}	44.2	310.0	^{1/}	303.0	11.6	^{1/}	13.4

^{1/} Not Available.

Source: USDA - NASS: Crop Production, September, 2011

Source: USDA - Economic Research Service: Annual Cash Receipts, August 2011

New Jersey's 2011 Cranberry Production Down 4 Percent

New Jersey expects a crop of 540,000 barrels, down 4 percent from 2010. 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 7.50 million barrels, up 10 percent from 2010. If realized, this will be the second largest production on record. Production forecasts are up from last year in Massachusetts, Oregon, Washington, and Wisconsin but down in New Jersey.

Production by State and United States, 2009, 2010 and Forecasted 2011

State	Cranberry Total Production		
	2009	2010	2011
	Barrels ^{1/}		
Massachusetts	1,817,000	1,891,000	2,100,000
New Jersey	555,000	562,000	540,000
Oregon	430,000	290,000	385,000
Washington	161,000	108,000	173,000
Wisconsin	3,950,000	3,960,000	4,300,000
United States	6,913,000	6,811,000	7,498,000

^{1/} A barrel weighs 100 lbs.

Source: USDA - NASS: Cranberries, August, 2011

Farm Computer Usage and Ownership

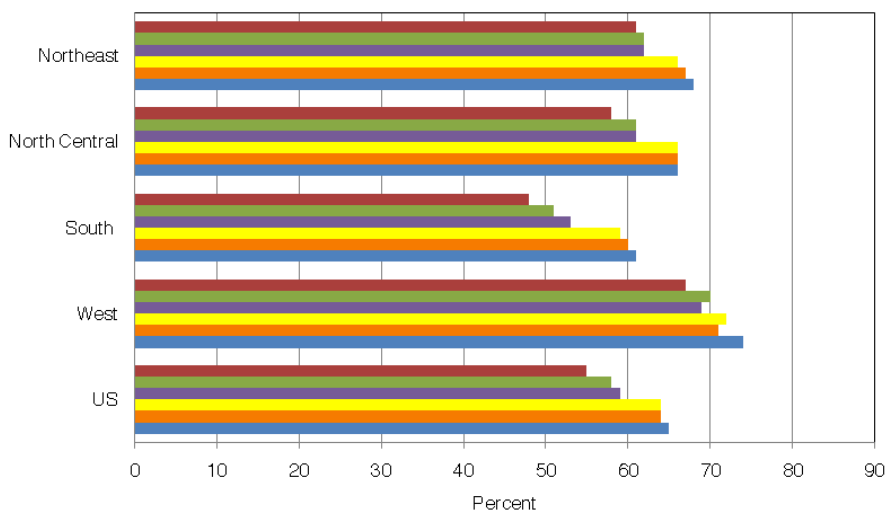
State	Percentage of Farms					
	With Computer Access		With Internet Access		Purchasing Agricultural Inputs Over Internet ^{1/}	
	2009	2011	2009	2011	2009	2011
Maryland ^{2/}	62	60	59	59	19	17
New Jersey	76	77	75	75	30	39
New York	71	68	66	66	25	24
Pennsylvania	55	60	48	58	12	15
United States^{3/}	64	65	59	62	13	14

^{1/} Agricultural inputs include seed, fertilizer, chemicals, veterinarian supplies, feed, machinery, replacement parts, farm supplies, office equipment, etc.

Source: USDA-NASS: Farm Computer Usage & Ownership, August 2011

^{2/} Includes Delaware and Maryland. ^{3/} Excludes Alaska and Hawaii.

Percent of Farms With Computer Access –
By Region and United States: 2001-2011



United States - A total of 62 percent of U.S. farms now have Internet access, compared with 59 percent in 2009. Sixty-five percent of farms have access to a computer in 2011, up 1 percentage point from 2009. The proportion of U.S. farms owning or leasing a computer in 2011, at 63 percent, was up 2 percentage points from 2009. Farms using computers for their farm business remained virtually stable at 37 percent in 2011 compared to 36 percent in 2009.

In 2011, 84 percent of U.S. farms with sales and government payments of \$250,000 or more have access to a computer, 83 percent own or lease a computer, 72 percent are using a computer for their farm business, and 82 percent have Internet access.

August Farm Prices Received Index

Average Prices Received by Farmers: United States

Increased 2 points

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in August, at 182 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 2 points (1.1 percent) from July. The Crop Index is up 2 points (1.0 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 3 points (1.9 percent). Producers received higher prices for wheat, corn, and eggs and lower prices for lettuce, potatoes, 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 marketings of cattle, sweet corn, and barley offset decreased marketings of wheat, hay, corn, and strawberries.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 41 points (29 percent) from August 2010. The Food Commodities Index, at 173, increased 2 points (1.2 percent) from last month and increased 31 points (22 percent) from August 2010.

Prices Paid Index Unchanged

The August Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPIITW) is 204 percent of the 1990-1992 average. The index is unchanged from July but 22 points (12 percent) above August 2010. Higher prices in August for feed grains, nitrogen, hay & forages, and mixed fertilizer offset lower prices for feeder cattle, complete feeds, feeder pigs, and potash & phosphate.

Item	Entire Month		Preliminary
	Aug 2010	July 2011	Aug 2011
dollars			
Field Crops			
Corn, per Bushel	3.65	6.32	6.62
Hay, All, Baled, per Ton ^{1/}	110.00	170.00	172.00
Alfalfa ^{1/}	118.00	189.00	191.00
Other ^{1/}	95.10	119.00	127.00
Soybeans, per Bushel	10.10	13.20	12.90
Winter Wheat, per Bushel	5.47	6.77	7.26
Fruit, Fresh			
Apples, per Lb ^{2/}	0.291	0.289	0.434
Peaches, per Ton ^{2/}	540.00	632.00	622.00
Vegetables, Fresh^{6/}			
Corn, Sweet, per Cwt	23.10	33.00	31.70
Lettuce, per Cwt	23.30	19.40	14.30
Tomatoes, per Cwt	35.50	33.70	31.10
Livestock and Livestock Products			
Beef Cattle, all, per Cwt	93.50	111.00	110.00
Steers and Heifers, per Cwt	98.10	115.00	113.00
Cows, per Cwt ^{3/}	58.30	73.60	71.10
Calves, per Cwt	123.00	138.00	134.00
Broilers, live, per Lb ^{4/}	0.490	0.470	0.480
Eggs, all, per Dozen ^{1/}	0.789	0.880	1.140
Milk, all, per Cwt ^{5/}	16.70	21.90	22.00
Fat Test, All Milk per %	3.52	3.57	3.57

Source: USDA - NASS: Agricultural Prices, August 2011

^{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/} Beginning January 2006, point of first sale. FOB shipping point for prior years.

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