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Spring Vegetables, 2009:



NJ - Sufficient moisture and near normal spring temperatures were favorable for the spring vegetable crops. Some growers are concerned the weak demand may adversely affect the price. Despite the lower fuel and fertilizer costs, spring planting intentions were comparable to last year. Prospective planting acreage for processing vegetables (snap beans, green peas, and sweet corn) is 2,850 acres compared with 3,300 acres last year. The contracted acres were not published separately to avoid disclosing individual operations.



New Jersey Spring Vegetables:

CROPS	Harvested		Planted for Harvest
	2007	2008	2009
	— acres —		
Cabbage	1,000	1,000	1,000
Snap Beans	1,600	1,500	1,600

* Spring Season Fresh Market Vegetables down ▼ 4 Percent

* Processed Vegetable Contracted Acreage up ▲ 4 Percent * Onion Acreage down ▼ 3 Percent

US - The prospective area for harvest of 11 selected fresh market vegetables during the spring quarter is forecast at 194,200 acres, down 4 percent from last year. Acreage declines for snap beans, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, sweet corn, cucumbers, and head lettuce, more than offset acreage increases for bell peppers and tomatoes. Celery area remains unchanged. Melon acreage for spring harvest is forecast at 65,300 acres, down 3 percent from last year. Cantaloup, honeydew, and watermelon acreages are down 4 percent, 3 percent, and 1 per-

cent, respectively, from 2008. Asparagus area for spring harvest is forecast at 31,000 acres, down 4 percent from last year. Strawberry area for harvest is forecast at 48,900 acres, up 6 percent from a year ago. Processors expect to contract 1.20 million acres of the 5 major processed vegetable crops in the U.S. this year, up 4 percent from last year. Contracted acreage increases are forecast for sweet corn, cucumbers for pickles, and tomatoes, while snap beans and green beans show declines.

Source: NASS - Vegetables, April 2009.



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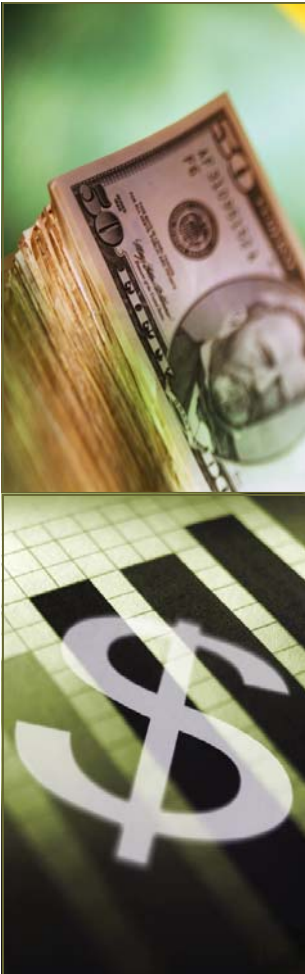
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2008 Summer Potato Revisions:

New Jersey - The final estimate of the 2008 summer potato crop production is 460,000 cwt, compared with 636,000 cwt in 2007, down 28 percent. Harvested area covered 2,000 acres, down 400 acres from 2007. The average yield of 230 cwt per acre is down 35 cwt from the 2007 yield of 265 cwt.

United States - The final estimate of 2008 summer potato crop production is 13.7 million cwt, down 14 percent from the 2007 crop. Harvested area covered 44,800 acres, down 7 percent from 2007. The average yield of 306 cwt per acre is down 25 cwt from the 2007 crop.

New Jersey Cash Rents, 2008



County	Annual Average Rental Rates	
	Non-Irrigated	Irrigated
	\$/Acre	\$/Acre
District 20 (North)		
Warren	36.00	-
Other Counties	34.00	-
District 20 (North)	34.50	-
District 50 (Central)		
Burlington	47.00	-
Other Counties	43.50	-
District 50 (Central)	45.00	-
District 80 (South)		
Cumberland	54.50	-
Salem	56.50	-
Other Counties	49.00	-
District 80 (South)	53.50	89.00
Other Districts (North & South)	-	82.50
New Jersey	45.00	85.00

Milk Cows and Production: By Selected States & United States

Preliminary January-March, 2008-2009

State	January-March Milk Cows		January-March Milk Production		Change From 2008
	2008	2009	2008	2009	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Million pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Delaware	6.5	6.5	30	28	-6.7
Maryland	57	56	271	260	-4.1
New Jersey	10.0	10.0	44	43	-2.3
New York	626	623	3,092	3,041	-1.6
Pennsylvania	551	550	2,671	2,637	-1.3
United States	9,286	9,297	47,610	47,304	-0.6

NJ Quarterly - Milk production was 43 million pounds, down 2.3 percent from the January-March period last year. The average number of milk cows during the January-March 2009 quarter was 10,000 head, which remained the same from the January-March 2008 quarter.

US Quarterly - Milk production totaled 47.3 billion pounds, down 0.6 percent from the January-March quarter last year. The average number of milk cows was 9.30 million head, up 11,000 head from the same period last year.

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

New Jersey Floriculture Totals, 2007 - 2008

Plant Type	Units for quantity sold	Operations with \$100,000+ Sales					
		Growers		Quantity Sold		Wholesale Value of Sales ¹	
		2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
		Number		1,000 Units		1,000 Dollars	
Bedding/Garden Plants, Total²		*	*	*	*	111,818	108,425
Annuals		*	*	*	*	67,504	64,287
Hanging Baskets, Geraniums (Cuttings)	Baskets	88	71	230	220	1,847	1,795
Hanging Baskets, Impatiens	Baskets	48	45	77	70	536	523
Hanging Baskets, New Guinea Impatiens	Baskets	79	74	343	331	2,607	2,512
Hanging Baskets, Petunias	Baskets	62	57	307	247	1,956	1,586
Impatiens	Flats	100	94	715	630	5,856	5,015
Petunias	Flats	99	93	418	434	3,298	2,769
Marigolds	Flats	99	94	277	207	2,180	1,658
Geraniums (Cuttings)	Pots	105	96	2,421	2,335	5,275	5,004
New Guinea Impatiens	Pots	102	89	1,625	1,574	2,707	2,513
Pansies/Violets	Pots	45	43	1,077	923	1,417	1,632
Potted Herbaceous Perennials		*	*	*	*	44,314	44,138
Hardy/Garden Chrysanthemums	Pots	97	89	5,264	4,734	12,617	12,330
Hostas	Pots	69	62	623	576	2,472	2,537
Other Potted Herbaceous Perennials	Pots	83	77	8,062	8,235	29,225	29,271
Flowering Plants, For Indoor Patio Use Total		*	*	*	*	27,168	23,692
Lilies, Easter	Pots	30	31	465	350	1,614	1,547
Poinsettias	Pots	67	67	2,057	1,757	9,084	8,054
Foliage For Indoor or Patio Use, Total		*	*	*	*	1,694	1,767
Hanging Baskets, Foliage	Baskets	23	19	40	35	280	255
Potted Foliage	Pots	12	10	(³)	(³)	1,414	1,512
Growers with Gross Value of Sales		Growers		Covered Area		Expanded Wholesale Value of Sales⁴	
		Number		1,000 Sq Ft		\$ 1,000	
		2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
\$100,000 and over		167	152	18,551	18,195	176,092	169,849
\$10,000 - \$99,999		230	222	2,769	3,035	10,416	10,356
Total		397	374	21,320	21,230	186,508	180,205

*Data not collected ¹Equivalent wholesale value of all sales. ²Includes annual bedding plants and herbaceous perennials. ³Data not available. ⁴Wholesale 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.

Milk & Meat Goats: Selected States & United States, 2008-2009

State	Milk Goats		Meat Goats	
	2008	2009	2008	2009
	<i>Head</i>			
Maryland	3,000	2,800	13,500	13,600
New Jersey	1,700	1,700	8,000	8,000
New York	12,000	13,550	25,000	27,000
Pennsylvania	13,000	14,500	44,000	42,000
United States	323,000	335,000	2,590,000	2,550,000



April Farm Prices Received Index

Increased 4 Percent

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in April, at 131 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 5 points (4.0 percent) from March. The Crop Index is up 9 points (6.2 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 3 points (2.8 percent). Producers received higher prices for lettuce, cattle, soybeans, and onions and lower prices for strawberries, snap beans, apples, and cauliflower. 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 strawberries, sweet corn, cattle, and lettuce offset decreased marketings of soybeans, corn, wheat, and hogs.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 15 points (10 percent) from April 2008. The Food Commodities Index, at 129, increased 7 points (5.7 percent) from last month but decreased 13 points (9.2 percent) from April 2008.

April Prices Paid Index Unchanged

The April Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 178 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is unchanged from March but 1 point (0.6 percent) below April 2008. Lower prices in April for mixed fertilizer, feed supplements, milk cows, and complete feeds offset higher prices for feeder cattle, nitrogen, diesel, and gasoline.

Average Prices Received by Farmers: United States

Item	Entire Month		Preliminary
	April 2008	Mar 2009	April 2009
-- Dollars --			
Field Crops			
Barley, per bushel	4.56	4.88	4.78
Corn, per bushel	5.14	3.86	3.87
Hay, all, baled, per ton ¹	147.00	129.00	129.00
Soybeans, per bushel	12.00	9.12	9.89
Winter Wheat, per bushel	9.62	5.26	5.16
Fruit, Fresh			
Apples, per lb ²	0.338	0.221	0.208
Strawberries, per cwt	65.50	93.10	79.00
Vegetables, Fresh			
Corn, Sweet, per cwt	20.50	59.30	53.50
Lettuce, per cwt	21.60	19.60	32.20
Tomatoes, per cwt	47.40	41.50	55.60
Livestock and Livestock Products			
Beef Cattle, per cwt	86.80	79.00	82.80
Steers and Heifers, per cwt	91.80	84.00	87.70
Cows, per cwt ³	50.70	44.60	47.50
Calves, per cwt	116.00	107.00	109.00
Broilers, live, per lb ⁴	0.460	0.450	0.450
Eggs, all, per dozen ¹	1.030	0.816	0.923
Milk, all, per cwt ^{5,6}	18.00	11.80	12.00

Source: NASS Agricultural Prices, April 2009

¹ Mid-Month Price

² Equivalent packinghouse-door returns for CA, MI, NY, and WA. 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 April 2009 Fat Test percent: All Milk 3.66, fluid milk 3.65, and mfg grade 3.96.



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