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New Jersey's Corn for Grain Production Down 27 Percent from Previous Year

- **Corn for grain** production is estimated at 7.56 million bushels, down 27 percent from last year's crop. Yield is estimated at 122 bushels per acre, 21 bushels below the 2004 yield. The 10-year (1995-2004) state average yield is 101.9 bushels per harvested acre. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 62,000 acres, down 10,000 acres from last year.
- **Corn for silage** production is estimated at 272,000 tons, up 5 percent from the previous year. Yield is estimated at 16 tons per acre, down 4 tons from 2004. Acreage cut for silage is estimated at 17,000 acres, up 4,000 acres from last year.
- **Alfalfa Hay** production is estimated at 68,000 tons, down 39 percent from 2004. Yield is estimated at 2.70 tons per acre, down 1 ton from 2004. Harvested acreage is estimated at 25,000, down 5,000 acres from 2004.
- **Other Hay** production is estimated at 144,000 tons, down 16 percent from 2004. Yield is estimated at 1.60 tons per acre, down 0.30 ton from 2004. Harvested acreage remains unchanged at 90,000 acres.
- **Soybean** production decreased from 4.33 million bushels in 2004 to 2.55 million bushels in 2005, down 41 percent. Yield is estimated at 28 bushels per acre, down 14 bushels from last year. The 10-year average yield is 31.3 bushels per harvested acre. Area harvested for beans is estimated at 91,000 acres, down 12,000 acres from last year.

Acreage, Yield, and Production of Corn, Hay, and Soybeans

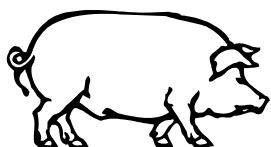
Crop	Unit	Acres for Harvest		Yield per Acre		Production	
		2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
NEW JERSEY		Thousand Acres		Units		Thousand Units	
Corn for Grain	Bu.	72	62	143.0	122.0	10,296.0	7,564.0
Corn for Silage	Tons	13	17	20.0	16.0	260.0	272.0
Hay, All	Tons	120	115	2.35	1.84	282.0	212.0
Alfalfa Hay	Tons	30	25	3.70	2.70	111.0	68.0
Other Hay	Tons	90	90	1.90	1.60	171.0	144.0
Soybeans	Bu.	103	91	42.0	28.0	4,326.0	2,548.0
UNITED STATES		Thousand Acres		Units		Million Units	
Corn for Grain	Bu.	73,631	75,107	160.4	147.9	11,807.1	11,112.1
Corn for Silage	Tons	6,101	5,920	17.6	18.0	107.3	106.3
Hay, All	Tons	61,966	61,649	2.55	2.44	158.2	150.6
Alfalfa Hay	Tons	21,707	22,389	3.48	3.38	75.5	75.8
Other Hay	Tons	40,259	39,260	2.06	1.91	82.8	74.8
Soybeans	Bu.	73,958	71,361	42.2	43.3	3,123.7	3,086.4

Hogs and Pigs

New Jersey's hog and pig inventory set a new State record low of 9,000 head as of December 1, 2005. This is down 2,000 head from December 1, 2005.

Breeding inventory at 1,000, was unchanged from last year. Market hog inventory was down 2,000 head from the previous year to 8,000 as of December 1, 2005.

The under 60 pounds class inventory was 1,000 head, 60-119 pounds inventory was 2,000 head, 120-179 pounds inventory was 2,000 head, and the 180 pounds inventory and over class was 3,000 head.



U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2005, was 61.2 million head. This was up slightly from December 1, 2004, but down 1 percent from September 1, 2005.

Breeding inventory, at 6.01 million head, was up 1 percent from last year and last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 55.2 million head, was up slightly from last year, but 1 percent below last quarter.

Nationwide, market hogs and pigs, less than 60 pounds, totaled 20.0 million head, down slightly from previous year. Market hogs, weighing 60 to 119 pounds, totaled 13.6 million, up 1 percent from previous year. The 120 to 179 pound market hog weight category was 11.3 million head, also up 1 percent from previous year. Inventory for market hogs, weighing 180 pounds or more, totaled 10.4 million head, up slightly from previous year.

Hog and Pigs: Breeding, Market, and Total Inventory by Selected States, and United States, December 1, 2004-2005 ^{1/}

State	Breeding			Market			Total		
	2004	2005		2004	2005		2004	2005	
		Number	as % of 2004		Number	as % of 2004		Number	as % of 2004
		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent
Delaware	3.0	3.5	117	12.0	13.0	108	15.0	16.5	110
Maryland	4.0	5.0	125	22.0	30.0	136	26.0	35.0	135
New Jersey	1.0	1.0	100	10.0	8.0	80	11.0	9.0	82
New York	12.0	10.0	83	72.0	73.0	101	84.0	83.0	99
Pennsylvania	115.0	100.0	87	965.0	990.0	103	1,080.0	1,090.0	101
United States	5,969.0	6,011.0	101	55,005.0	55,186.0	100	60,975.0	61,197.0	100

Market Hogs and Pigs: Inventory Number by Weight Group, Selected States, and United States, December 1, 2004-2005 ^{1/}

State	Under 60 Lbs.		60-119 Lbs.		120-179 Lbs		180 Lbs. and Over	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	1,000 Head							
Delaware	5.0	5.0	2.5	2.5	2.0	3.0	2.5	2.5
Maryland	7.0	12.0	5.0	3.0	5.0	7.0	5.0	8.0
New Jersey	1.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	5.0	8.0
New York	26.0	24.0	18.0	16.0	13.0	17.0	15.0	16.0
Pennsylvania	280.0	310.0	275.0	280.0	215.0	215.0	195.0	185.0
United States	19,980.0	19,955.0	13,439.0	13,552.0	11,186.0	11,266.0	10,401.0	10,414.0

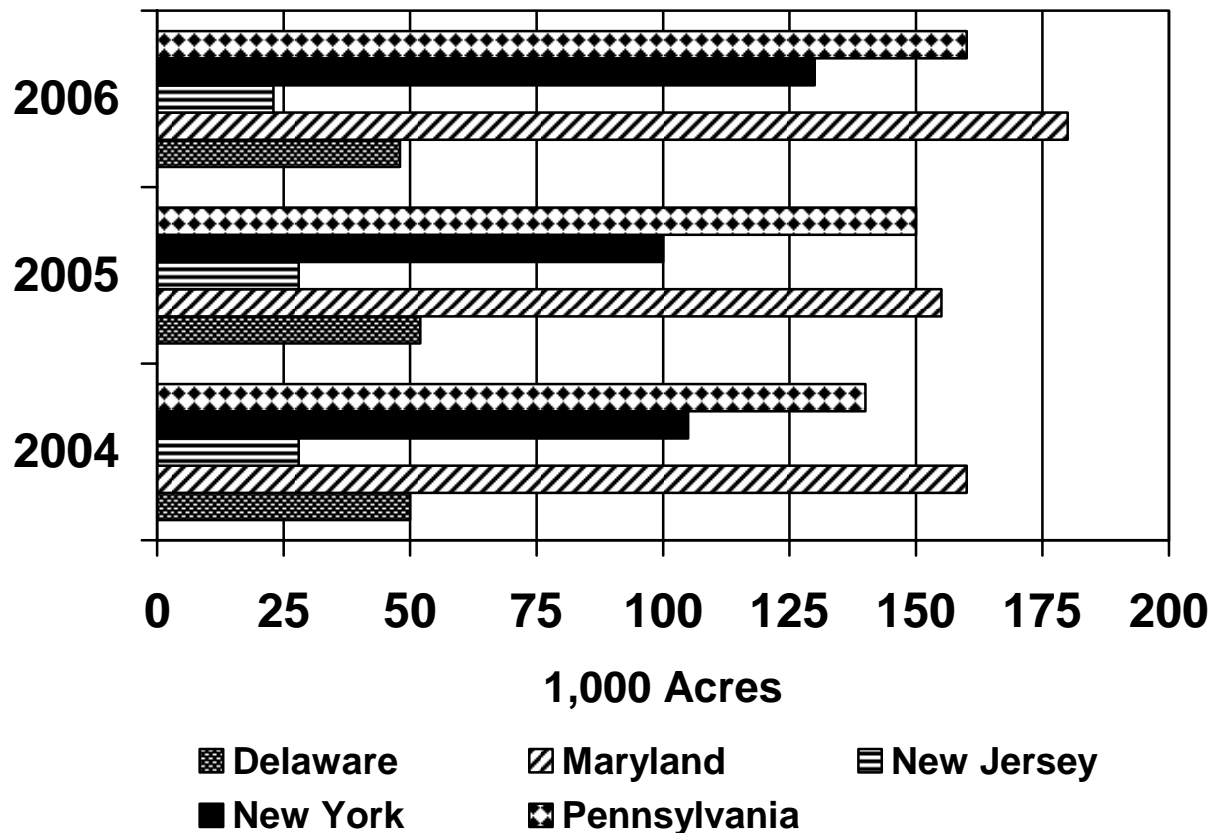
New Jersey winter wheat seeded area for 2006 is expected to total 23,000 acres. This was down 5,000 acres from 2004-2005.

United States winter wheat seeded area for 2006 is expected to total 41.4 million acres, up 2 percent from 2005. Approximate class acreage breakdowns are: Hard Red Winter, 29.9 million; Soft Red Winter, 7.3 million; and White Winter, 4.2 million.

Winter Wheat: Area Seeded, by Selected States and United States, 2004-2006

State	Crop Year			2006 as Percent of 2005
	2004	2005	2006	
	1,000 Acres			Percent
Delaware	50	52	48	92
Maryland	160	155	180	116
New Jersey	28	28	23	82
New York	105	100	130	130
Pennsylvania	140	150	160	107
United States	43,350	40,433	41,367	102

Winter Wheat: Area Seeded, by Selected States 2004-2006



November Farm Prices Received Index Up 1 Point From Last Month

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in November, at 114, based on 1990-92=100, is 1 point above the November Index. The Crop Index increased 4 points (3.8 percent), while the Livestock Index decreased 2 points (1.7 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for tomatoes, corn, strawberries and lettuce. Lower prices were received for oranges, broilers, dairy, and grapes. The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased average marketings of dairy, wheat, oranges, and broilers offset decreased marketings of cattle, soybeans, grapes, and corn.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 3 points (2.7 percent) from December 2004. The Food Commodities Index, at 120, was unchanged from last month but increased 3 points (2.6 percent) from December 2004.

Prices Paid Index Down Unchanged

The December Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 143 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is unchanged from November but 9 points (6.7 percent) above December 2004. Lower prices in December for feeder cattle, diesel fuel, complete feeds, and LP gas, offset higher prices for nitrogen fertilizers, feed concentrates, feeder pigs, and feed grains.

Average Prices Received by Farmers: United States

Item	Entire Month		Preliminary
	Dec 2004	Nov 2005	Dec 2005
- - Dollars - -			
Field Crops			
Barley, per bushel	2.49	2.64	2.54
Corn, per bushel	2.04	1.77	1.88
Hay, all, baled, per ton ^{1/}	86.00	91.70	92.00
Soybeans, per bushel	5.45	5.62	5.71
Fruit, fresh			
Apples, per lb ^{2/}	.222	.282	.265
Strawberries, per cwt	182.00	102.70	290.00
Vegetables, fresh			
Corn, Sweet, per cwt	36.80	35.60	38.00
Lettuce, per cwt	15.70	9.66	14.00
Tomatoes, per cwt		39.70	86.70
Livestock and Livestock Products			
Beef Cattle, per cwt	86.80	91.30	92.70
Steers and Heifers, per cwt	91.90	97.30	99.10
Cows, per cwt ^{3/}	48.60	46.00	46.60
Calves, per cwt	122.00	133.00	135.00
Broilers, live, per lb ^{4/}	.390	.420	.390
Eggs, all, per dozen ^{1/}	.654	.653	.719
Milk, all, per cwt ^{5/ 6/}	16.40	15.10	14.70

^{1/} Mid-month price.

^{2/} Equivalent packinghouse-door returns for CA, MI, and 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 liveweight returns to producers for most states. Includes growers and contractors.

^{5/} Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums.

^{6/} Excludes hauling subsidies.

^{6/} December 2005 fat test percent: all milk 3.80, fluid milk 3.79, and mfg grade 4.05.



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