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New Jersey's March 1, 2009 Prospective Plantings



As of March 1, 2009, New Jersey farmers expect to produce more hay, while corn, soybean, and sweet potato acreage remained unchanged from the previous year.

Corn planted acreage is expected to total 85,000, unchanged from 2008.

All Hay acreage intended for harvest is expected to total 120,000, up 5,000 acres from a year ago.

Soybeans planted acreage is expected to total 92,000, unchanged acres from last year.

Sweet Potato acreage is expected to total 1,200 acres, unchanged from 2008, 2007, and 2006.

Winter Wheat seeding for the 2009 season totaled 32,000, and down 3,000 acres from a year ago.



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Prospective Plantings Compared to 2008 Acreage:

New Jersey and United States, March 1, 2009

CROPS	New Jersey			United States		
	2008	2009 ⁽¹⁾	% Change	2008	2009 ⁽¹⁾	% Change
	— 1,000 acres —			— 1,000 acres —		
Barley ⁽²⁾	3	-	-	4,234	3,953	-7
Corn	85	85	NC	85,982	84,986	-1
Hay, All ⁽³⁾	115	120	4	60,062	60,297	NC
Soybeans	92	92	NC	75,718	76,024	NC
Sweet Potato	1.2	1.2	NC	102.9	101.9	-1
Winter Wheat ⁽⁴⁾	35	32	-9	46,281	42,889	-7

⁽¹⁾ Intended plantings in 2009 as indicated by reports from farmers.

⁽²⁾ Estimates discontinued in 2009.

⁽³⁾ Intended area harvested for 2009 as indicated by reports from farmers.

⁽⁴⁾ Winter wheat was planted last fall.

2007-2008 Alfalfa County Estimates, New Jersey

County	Acres Harvested		Yield per Acre (Tons)		Production (Tons)	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
District 20 (North)						
Hunterdon	1,500	1,500	2.6	2.6	3,900	3,900
Morris	600	(1)	1.9	(1)	1,140	(1)
Somerset	1,000	1,000	3.5	3.0	3,500	3,000
Sussex	3,200	3,200	2.4	2.4	7,680	7,680
Warren	2,800	2,800	2.5	3.3	7,000	9,240
Other Counties	-	500	-	2.9	-	1,450
District 50 (Central)						
Burlington	900	900	2.7	3.1	2,430	2,790
Monmouth	1,500	1,400	3.4	3.4	5,100	4,760
Other Counties	200	500	2.0	2.9	400	1,450
District 80 (South)						
Cumberland	1,500	1,400	2.8	3.0	4,200	4,200
Gloucester	1,600	1,600	2.4	2.6	3,840	4,160
Salem	4,700	4,700	2.8	3.0	13,160	14,100
Other Counties	500	500	3.3	2.55	1,650	1,270
STATE	20,000	20,000	2.7	2.9	54,000	58,000

⁽¹⁾ Included in Other Counties for 2008.*2007-2008 Other Hay County Estimates, New Jersey*

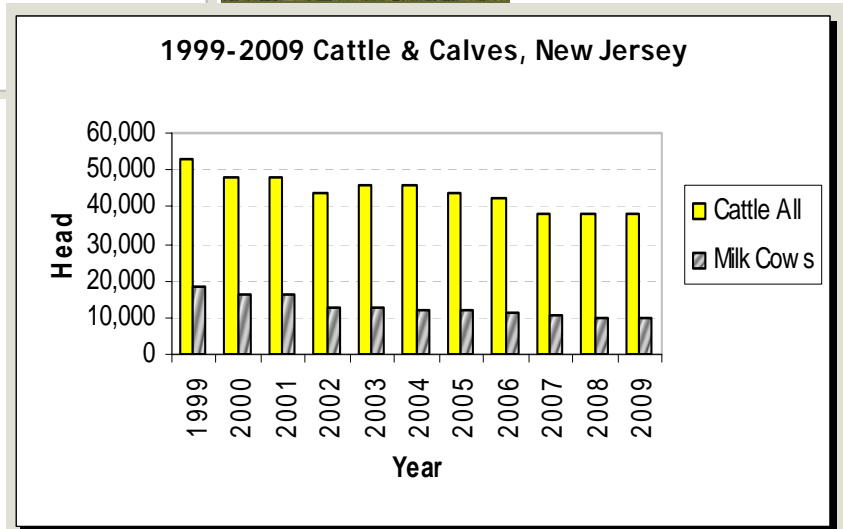
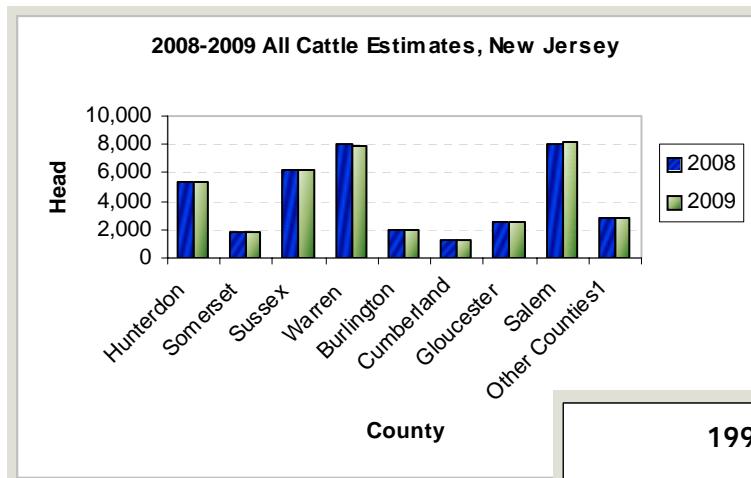
County	Acres Harvested		Yield per Acre (Tons)		Production (Tons)	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
District 20 (North)						
Hunterdon	28,200	28,600	1.7	2.2	47,940	62,920
Morris	3,300	(1)	1.9	(1)	6,270	(1)
Somerset	7,300	7,200	1.5	1.3	10,950	9,360
Sussex	15,200	15,500	1.4	1.6	21,280	24,800
Warren	9,900	9,900	1.8	2.1	17,820	20,790
Other Counties	-	3,300	-	2.3	-	7,560
District 50 (Central)						
Burlington	5,300	5,500	1.9	2.0	10,070	11,000
Mercer	2,400	2,400	1.4	1.8	3,360	4,320
Middlesex	1,100	(1)	1.8	(1)	1,980	(1)
Monmouth	4,200	4,000	1.5	1.9	6,300	7,600
Ocean	1,000	(1)	1.4	(1)	1,400	(1)
Other Counties	-	2,200	-	1.65	-	3,630
District 80 (South)						
Atlantic	1,200	1,100	1.0	1.2	1,200	1,320
Camden	(1)	800	(1)	1.1	(1)	880
Cape May	(1)	600	(1)	1.5	(1)	900
Cumberland	3,200	3,200	1.5	2.0	4,800	6,400
Gloucester	2,400	2,600	1.3	1.9	3,120	4,940
Salem	7,800	8,100	1.7	1.8	13,260	14,580
Other Counties	2,500	-	0.9	-	2,250	-
STATE	95,000	95,000	1.6	1.9	152,000	181,000

⁽¹⁾ Included in Other Counties for 2008.

2008-2009 Cattle County Estimates, New Jersey

County	All Cattle (Head)		Milk Cows (Head)	
	2008	2009	2008	2009
District 20 (North)				
Hunterdon	5,300	5,300	600	600
Somerset	1,900	1,900	(1)	(1)
Sussex	6,200	6,200	2,000	2,000
Warren	8,000	7,900	2,600	2,600
District 50 (Central)				
Burlington	2,000	2,000	(1)	(1)
District 80 (South)				
Cumberland	1,300	1,300	(1)	(1)
Gloucester	2,500	2,500	800	800
Salem	8,000	8,100	2,400	2,500
Other Counties ²	2,800	2,800	1,600	1,500
STATE	38,000	38,000	10,000	10,000

(1) Included in Other Counties for 2008. (2) Other Counties include data from all districts.





March 2009 Farm Prices Received Unchanged From Last Month

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in March, at 126 percent, based on 1990-92=100, was unchanged from February. The Crop Index is up 1 point (0.7 percent) but the Livestock Index decreased 1 point (0.9 percent). Producers received higher prices for corn, lettuce, snap beans, and tomatoes and lower prices for broilers, soybeans, strawberries, and celery. 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, broilers, soybeans, and milk offset decreased marketings of cattle, corn, cotton, and oranges.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 20 points (14 percent) from March 2008. The Food Commodities Index, at 121, decreased 1 point (0.8 percent) from last month and decreased 23 points (16 percent) from March 2008.

Prices Paid Index Unchanged

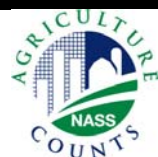
The March Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 174 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is unchanged from both last month and March 2008. Lower prices in March for nitrogen fertilizer, diesel fuel, feeder cattle, and feed concentrates offset higher prices for potash & phosphate, self-propelled machinery, herbicides, and insecticides.

Average Prices Received by Farmers: United States

Item	Entire Month		Preliminary
	Mar 2008	Feb 2009	Mar 2009
-- Dollars --			
Field Crops			
Barley, per bushel	4.18	4.94	4.82
Corn, per bushel	4.70	3.87	3.96
Hay, all, baled, per ton ⁽¹⁾	133.00	132.00	129.00
Soybeans, per bushel	11.40	9.55	9.13
Winter Wheat, per bushel	9.96	5.26	5.27
Fruit, Fresh			
Apples, per lb ⁽²⁾	0.344	0.242	0.221
Strawberries, per cwt	95.30	128.00	108.00
Vegetables, Fresh			
Corn, Sweet, per cwt	28.60	46.40	60.30
Lettuce, per cwt	14.70	17.20	18.90
Tomatoes, per cwt	66.10	32.70	38.10
Livestock and Livestock Products			
Beef Cattle, per cwt	87.70	78.80	78.50
Steers and Heifers, per cwt	92.90	83.80	83.50
Cows, per cwt ⁽³⁾	51.50	43.90	44.00
Calves, per cwt	118.00	105.00	104.00
Broilers, live, per lb ⁽⁴⁾	0.460	0.470	0.450
Eggs, all, per dozen ⁽¹⁾	1.380	0.809	0.816
Milk, all, per cwt ^{(5),(6)}	18.10	11.60	11.50

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) March 2009 Fat Test percent: All Milk 3.70, fluid milk 3.69, and mfg grade 4.03.



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