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New Jersey Corn and Soybean Production UP From 2011



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Soybeans: Production increased by 12 percent from 3.268 million bushels in 2011 to 3.666 million bushels in 2012. Yield is estimated at 39.0 bushels per acre, 1.0 bushel ahead of last year's 38.0. Acreage harvested was 94,000 acres, up 8,000 acres from 2011.

Corn for Grain: Production for 2012 was 10.148 million bushels, up 2 percent from 2011. There were 86,000 acres harvested for grain compared to 81,000 the previous year. The yield at 118.0 bushels per acre was down 5.0 bushels from 2011. **Corn for silage** production was 104,000 tons, down 26 percent from the previous year. The yield averaged 13.0 tons per acre, down 4.5 tons from 2011. Area cut for silage was 8,000 acres, unchanged from 2011.

Hay: Alfalfa Hay production was 66,000 tons, up 2,000 tons from 2011. The yield was 3.90 tons per acre, up 0.7 tons from the previous year. Harvested acreage was 17,000, down 3,000 acres from 2011. **Other Hay** acreage of 88,000 was up 3,000 acres, while production of 194,000 tons was up by 20 percent from 2011. The yield was 2.20 tons per acre, an increase of 0.3 tons from 2011.

U.S. Produces Less Corn and Soybean Crops in 2012

Corn production was 10.780 billion bushels, 13 percent below the 12.359 billion bushels in 2011. Corn yield in 2012 is estimated at 123.4 bushels an acre, 23.8 bushels below last year. Harvested area, at 87.4 million acres, is the highest since 1944. **Soybean** harvested acres reached 76.1 million in 2012. The average yield per acre was 39.6 bushels, 2.3 bushels below last year's yield. Production totaled to 3.015 billion bushels, slightly below the production set in 2011.

Acreage, Yield, & Production of Corn, Hay, Soybeans, and Winter Wheat

Crop	Unit	Acres for Harvest		Yield per Acre		Production	
		2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
NEW JERSEY		Thousand Acres		Units		Thousand Units	
Corn for Grain	Bu.	81	86	123.0	118.0	9,963	10,148
Corn for Silage	Tons	8	8	17.5	13.0	140	104
Hay, All	Tons	105	105	2.15	2.48	226	260
Alfalfa Hay	Tons	20	17	3.20	3.90	64	66
Other Hay	Tons	85	88	1.90	2.20	162	194
Soybeans	Bu.	86	94	38.0	39.0	3,268	3,666
UNITED STATES		Thousand Acres		Units		Million Units	
Corn for Grain	Bu.	83,989	87,375	147.2	123.4	12,359	10,780
Corn for Silage	Tons	5,935	7,379	18.4	15.4	109.1	113.5
Hay, All	Tons	55,653	56,260	2.36	2.13	131.2	119.9
Alfalfa Hay	Tons	19,213	17,292	3.40	3.01	65.3	52.0
Other Hay	Tons	36,440	38,968	1.81	1.74	65.9	67.8
Soybeans	Bu.	73,776	76,104	41.9	39.6	3,094	3,015

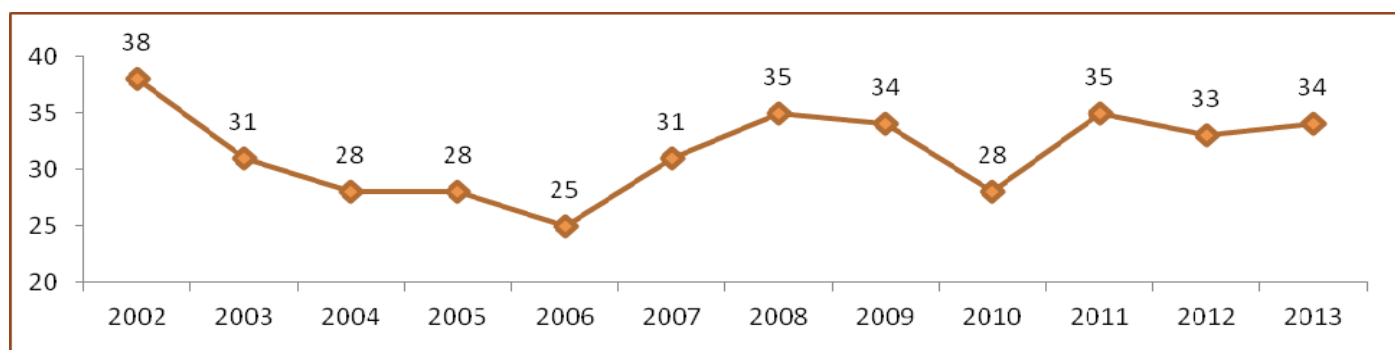
Winter Wheat Seedings Down 7,000 acres from Last Year

New Jersey - Winter Wheat production in 2012, at 1.512 million bushels, was down just 0.5 percent from the 1.519 million bushels produced in 2011. Wheat yields averaged 56.0 bushels per acre in 2012, a strong increase from 49.0 bushels per acre in 2011.

United States - The 2012 winter wheat production totaled 1.645 billion bushels, 10 percent above the previous year. The U.S. yield was 47.2 bushels per acre, up 1.0 bushels from 2011. Area harvested for grain was 34.8 million acres, up 8 percent from the previous year.



New Jersey Planted Acreage, Thousands of Acres, 2001-2012 Crop Years



Winter Wheat: Area Seeded by Selected States & United States, 2011-2013

State	Crop Year			2013 as a Percent of 2012
	2011	2012	2012	
	1,000 Acres			Percent
Delaware	80	85	75	88
Maryland	260	310	330	106
New Jersey	35	33	34	103
New York	120	100	125	125
Pennsylvania	185	165	200	121
United States	40,646	41,324	41,820	101

New Jersey

New Jersey's hog and pig inventory was 8,000 head as of December 1, 2012, down 1,000 head from the previous year.

Breeding inventory, at 1,000 head, was up by 300 from 2011. Market hog inventory was down 16 percent at 7,000 head.

The market hog inventories by weight group were: **Under 50 pounds:** 1,900 head; **50-119 pounds:** 2,000 head; **120-179 pounds:** 1,000 head; and **180 or more pounds:** 2,100 head.

United States - United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2012 was 66.3 million head. This was down slightly from December 1, 2011, and down 2 percent from September 1, 2012.

Breeding inventory, at 5.82 million head, was up slightly from last year, and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 60.5 million head, was down slightly from last year, and down 2 percent from last quarter.

The September-November 2012 pig crop, at 29.4 million head, was up slightly from 2011. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.90 million head, down 1 percent from 2011. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 10.15 for the September-November period, compared to 10.02 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.60 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.20 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

Hogs & Pigs: Breeding, Market, & Total Inventory by Selected States & United States, 2011-2012

State	Breeding			Market			Total		
	2011	2012		2011	2012		2011	2012	
		Number	% of 2010		Number	% of 2010		Number	% of 2010
	1,000 Head	Percent	1,000 Head	Percent	1,000 Head	Percent			
Delaware	1.0	0.8	80	4.0	3.2	80	5.0	4.0	80
Maryland	2.0	2.5	125	21.0	17.5	83	23.0	20.0	87
New Jersey	0.7	1.0	143	8.3	7.0	84	9.0	8.0	89
New York	11	6	55	80	60	75	91	66	73
Pennsylvania	100	100	100	1,030	1,030	100	1,130	1,130	100
United States	5,803	5,817	100	60,558	60,531	100	66,361	66,348	100

Source: USDA - NASS: Quarterly Hogs & Pigs, December, 2012

Market Hogs & Pigs: Inventory Number by Weight, Selected States & United States, 2011-2012

State	Under 50 lbs.		50-119 lbs.		120-179 lbs.		180 lbs. and Over	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
	1,000 Head							
Delaware	1.9	1.8	1.0	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.3	0.2
Maryland	8.0	7.0	5.0	4.0	5.0	4.0	3.0	2.5
New Jersey	2.5	1.9	2.4	2.0	1.1	1.0	2.3	2.1
New York	29	20	19	13	17	13	15	14
Pennsylvania	245	250	350	355	210	195	225	230
United States	19,524	19,448	16,643	16,643	12,473	12,479	11,918	11,961

Source: USDA - NASS: Quarterly Hogs & Pigs, December 2012

December Farm Prices Received Index Declines 5 Points

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in December, at 201 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, decreased 5 points (2.4 percent) from November. The Crop Index is down 8 points (3.4 percent) and the Livestock Index remained unchanged. Producers received lower prices for milk, lettuce, turkeys, and eggs and higher prices for soybeans, broilers, cattle, and grapes. 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 movement of wheat, milk, broilers, and hay offset the decreased marketing of corn, soybeans, cattle, and grapes.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 22 points (12 percent) from December 2011. The Food Commodities Index, at 187, decreased 3 points (1.6 percent) from last month but increased 18 points (11 percent) from December 2011.

December Prices Paid Index Down 1 Point

The December Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 217 percent of the 1990-1992 average. The index is down 1 point (-0.5 percent) from November but 11 points (5.3 percent) above December 2011. Lower prices in December for concentrates, complete feeds, LP gas, and gasoline more than offset higher prices for feeder pigs, feeder cattle, nitrogen, and potash & phosphate.

Average Prices Received by Farmers: United States

Item	Entire Month		Preliminary
	Dec 2011	Nov 2012	Dec 2012
dollars			
Field Crops			
Corn, per Bushel	5.86	7.02	7.01
Hay, All, Baled, per Ton	174.00	193.00	192.00
Alfalfa	195.00	215.00	217.00
Other	131.00	144.00	142.00
Soybeans, per Bushel	11.50	14.30	14.70
Winter Wheat, per Bushel	6.41	8.38	8.24
Fruit, Fresh			
Apples, per Lb ¹	0.302	0.479	0.474
Peaches, per Ton ¹	(S)	(S)	(S)
Vegetables, Fresh²			
Corn, Sweet, per Cwt	14.90	26.70	31.90
Lettuce, per Cwt	17.40	20.10	12.40
Tomatoes, per Cwt	26.50	45.10	52.70
Livestock and Livestock Products			
Beef Cattle, all, per Cwt	120.00	123.00	125.00
Steers and Heifers, per Cwt	126.00	128.00	130.00
Cows, per Cwt ³	70.50	76.80	76.80
Calves, per Cwt	157.00	161.00	162.00
Broilers, live, per Lb ⁴	0.470	0.570	0.600
Eggs, all, per Dozen ⁵	1.220	1.190	1.130
Milk, all, per Cwt ⁶	19.70	22.00	21.10
Fat Test, All Milk per %	3.83	3.83	3.86

Source: USDA-NASS: Agricultural Prices, December 2012

^{1/} Equivalent packinghouse-door returns for CA, MI, NY (apples only), and WA (apples, peaches, and pears). Prices as sold for other states.

^{2/} Beginning January 2006, point of first sale. FOB shipping point for prior years.

^{3/} Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

^{4/} Equivalent live weight price.

^{5/} Mid-Month Price.

^{6/} Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.



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