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New Jersey's Prospective Plantings

Corn planted acreage is expected to total 95,000, up 5,000 acres from last year.

All hay acreage intended for harvest is expected to total 100,000, down 5,000 acres from 2011.

Soybeans planted acreage is expected to total 90,000, up 2,000 acres from a year ago.

Sweet potato acreage is expected to total 1,300 acres, unchanged from last year.

Winter wheat seeding for the 2012 season totaled 40,000, up 5,000 acres from last year.

United States: **Corn** growers intend to plant 95.9 million acres of corn for all purposes in 2012, up 4 percent from last year and 9 percent higher than in 2010. If realized, this will represent the highest planted acreage in the United States since 1937 when an estimated 97.2 million acres were planted.

Soybean planted area for 2012 is estimated at 73.9 million acres, down 1 percent from last year and down 5 percent from 2010. Compared with 2011, planted area is down or unchanged across the Corn Belt and Great Plains with the exceptions of Illinois, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

The 2012 **winter wheat** planted area, at 41.7 million acres, is up 3 percent from last year but down 1 percent from the previous estimate.

Prospective Plantings Compared to 2011 Acreage: New Jersey and United States, March 1, 2012

Crops	New Jersey			United States		
	2011	2012 ¹	% Change	2011	2012 ¹	% Change
	1,000 acres			1,000 acres		
Corn ²	90	95	6	91,921	95,864	4
Hay, All	105	100	-5	55,633	57,348	3
Soybeans	88	90	2	74,976	73,902	-1
Sweet Potato	1.3	1.3	N/C	134.2	133.4	-1
Winter Wheat	35	40	14	40,646	41,709	3

¹ Intended plantings in 2012 as indicated by reports from farmers.

² Area planted for all purposes.

Honey Production

New Jersey honey production in 2011 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 451,000 pounds, down 1 percent from 2010. The number of colonies, at 11,000, were down by 15 percent. The average yield per colony was 41 pounds compared to 35 pounds in 2010. The average price received for honey sold was 376 cents, up 98 percent from 2010. The value of the honey crop was \$1,696,000, up \$831,000, a 96 percent increase from the previous year. Honey stocks on December 15, 2011 amounted to 135,000 pounds, up 62,000 pounds from 2010.

United States honey production in 2011 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 148 million pounds, down 16 percent from 2010. There were 2.49 million colonies producing honey in 2011, down 7 percent from 2010. Yield per colony averaged 59.6 pounds, down 9 percent from the 65.6 pounds in 2010. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State where the honey was produced. Therefore, at the United States level yield per colony may be understated, but total production would not be impacted. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 36.8 million pounds on December 15, 2011, down 18 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude those held under the commodity loan program.

Number of Colonies, Yield, & Production, 2010-2011^{1,2}

States	Honey Producing Colonies ³		Yield Per Colony		Production ⁴	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	1,000 colonies		pounds		1,000 pounds	
Florida	200	180	69	61	13,800	10,980
New Jersey	13	11	35	41	455	451
New York	45	49	64	56	2,880	2,744
Pennsylvania	30	24	37	44	1,110	1,056
United States ⁵	2,692	2,491	65.6	59.6	176,462	148,357

¹ For producers with 5 or more colonies.

Source: USDA - NASS: Honey, March 2012

² Revised.

³ Honey producing colonies are the maximum number of colonies from which honey was taken during the yr. It's possible to take honey from colonies which did not survive the entire yr.

⁴ Due to rounding, total colonies multiplied by total yield may not exactly equal production.

⁵ United States value of production will not equal summation of States.

Stocks, Price, & Value, 2010-2011^{1,2}

States	Stocks, Dec. 15th ³		Avg. Price Per Pound ⁴		Value of Production ^{5,6}	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	1,000 pounds		cents		1,000 dollars	
Florida	1,794	988	156	165	21,528	18,117
New Jersey	73	135	190	376	865	1,696
New York	1,123	1,235	196	193	5,645	5,296
Pennsylvania	377	306	213	242	2,364	2,556
United States ⁷	45,018	36,761	161.9	172.9	285,692	256,509

¹ For producers with 5 or more colonies.

Source: USDA - NASS: Honey, March 2012

² Revised.

³ Stocks held by producers.

⁴ Average price per pound based on expanded sales.

⁵ Value of production is equal to production multiplied by average price per pound.

⁶ Due to rounding, total colonies multiplied by total yield may not exactly equal production.

⁷ United States value of production will not equal summation of States.

Crop Production - Potatoes

New Jersey - The final estimate of the 2011 summer potato crop production is 342,000 cwt, compared with 391,000 cwt in 2010, down 13 percent. Harvested area covered 1,800, up 100 acres from 2010. The average yield of 190 cwt per acre is down 40 cwt from the 2010 yield of 230 cwt.

United States - Production in 2011 totaled 13.0 million cwt, unchanged from the previous estimate but fractionally below the previous year's production. Harvested area covered 46,000 acres, unchanged from the previous estimate but 14 percent more than in 2010. Average yield, at 282 cwt per acre, was 39 cwt below the previous season.

Summer Potato Area Planted, Harvested, Yield, and Production, 2011

State	Area Planted	Area Harvested	Yield	Production
	2011	2011	2011	2011
	1,000 Acres		Cwt	1,000 Cwt
Delaware	1.6	1.6	250	400
Maryland	2.2	2.2	300	660
New Jersey	2.0	1.8	190	342
Virginia	6.0	5.9	200	1,180

Alfalfa County Estimates, 2010-2011

County	Acres		Yield Per Acre (Bushels)		Production	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
North						
Hunterdon	1,600	1,500	3.5	2.2	5,600	3,300
Morris	n/a	600	n/a	3.85	n/a	2,300
Somerset	n/a	1,000	n/a	2.2	n/a	2,200
Sussex	n/a	2,900	n/a	1.85	n/a	5,300
Warren	2,800	3,000	3.5	4.05	9,800	12,100
Other Counties	4,300	n/a	3.0	n/a	12,800	n/a
District 20 (North)	8,700	9,000	3.25	2.8	28,200	25,200
Central						
Burlington	700	900	2.2	2.9	1,540	2,600
Monmouth	1,200	2,000	2.2	2.45	2,640	4,900
Other Counties	800	500	2.05	3.0	1,620	1,500
District 50 (Central)	2,700	3,400	2.15	2.65	5,800	9,000
South						
Cumberland	n/a	1,400	n/a	2.35	n/a	3,300
Gloucester	1,500	1,700	2.6	5.4	3,900	9,200
Salem	4,700	n/a	3.0	n/a	14,100	n/a
Other Counties	2,400	4,500	2.5	3.85	6,000	17,300
District 80 (South)	8,600	7,600	2.8	3.9	24,000	29,800
State	20,000	20,000	2.9	3.2	58,000	64,000

n/a - Not Available

March Farm Prices Received Index Up 5 Points

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in March, at 186 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 5 points (2.8 percent) from February. The Crop Index is up 8 points (3.9 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 3 points (1.9 percent). Producers received higher prices for soybeans, corn, broilers, and cattle and lower prices for milk, strawberries, snap beans, and lettuce. In addition to prices, the overall index is affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year averagemix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly movement of soybeans, strawberries, broilers, and milk offset decreased marketings of corn, cattle, cotton, and wheat.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 13 points (7.5 percent) from March 2011. The Food Commodities Index, at 173, increased 5 points (3.0 percent) from last month and March 2011.

May Prices Paid Index Up 1 Point

The March Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 210 percent of the 1990-1992 average. The index is up 1 point (0.5 percent) from February and 9 points (4.5 percent) above March 2011. Compared with February, higher prices in March for diesel, gasoline, feed grains, and concentrates offset lower prices for nitrogen, potash & phosphate, feeder cattle, and supplements.

Average Prices Received by Farmers: United States

Item	Entire Month		Preliminary
	Mar 2011	Feb 2012	Mar 2012
dollars			
Field Crops			
Corn, per Bushel	5.53	6.28	6.48
Hay, All, Baled, per Ton ¹	126.00	176.00	181.00
Alfalfa ¹	142.00	198.00	201.00
Other ¹	99.50	130.00	139.00
Soybeans, per Bushel	12.70	12.20	13.10
Winter Wheat, per Bushel	7.02	6.67	6.65
Fruit, Fresh			
Apples, per Lb ²	.282	.354	.364
Peaches, per Ton ²	(S)	(S)	(S)
Vegetables, Fresh³			
Corn, Sweet, per Cwt	42.40	31.00	35.60
Lettuce, per Cwt	35.20	12.60	11.90
Tomatoes, per Cwt	98.70	30.60	50.50
Livestock and Livestock Products			
Beef Cattle, all, per Cwt	115.00	127.00	130.00
Steers and Heifers, per Cwt	118.00	131.00	134.00
Cows, per Cwt ⁴	75.20	82.00	84.50
Calves, per Cwt	148.00	184.00	185.00
Broilers, live, per Lb ⁵	.490	.530	.570
Eggs, all, per Dozen ¹	.849	.885	.995
Milk, all, per Cwt ⁶	20.40	17.70	17.40
Fat Test, All Milk per %	3.74	3.75	3.70

Source: USDA-NASS: Agricultural Prices, March 2012

^{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/} Beginning January 2011, point of first sale. FOB shipping point for prior years.

^{4/} Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

^{5/} Equivalent live weight price.

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

(S) Insufficient number of reports to establish a price.



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