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FIELD CROPS, HOGS AND PIGS



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FLORIDA: Significant rains in early April elevated soil moisture supplies. Cool temperatures slowed plant germination and growth during mid-April. The potato harvest was underway in the Hastings area with most fields yielding a good crop. Warm, dry daytime temperatures and little rain towards the end of April increased the need for irrigation of the later maturing crops. Peanut and cotton planting began in parts of the Panhandle where fields had sufficient moisture.

Extreme drought conditions combined with gusty winds increased the danger of wildfires during May. Several crop acres were stressed due to the lack of rain. Hay was made where possible, but dry conditions left the crop in short supply. Acres of cotton crop were replanted in areas of the Panhandle due to inadequate moisture.

Warm, dry and windy conditions continued in early June. Wind damage affected a small percentage of the wheat acreage in the Panhandle. The drought persisted during the month which continued to affect all field crops. Growers welcomed significant showers mid to late June. Some pastures were still in poor condition despite recent rains.

CORN: Corn planted for all purpose totaled 75,000 acres and the acreage to be harvested for grain is estimated at 40,000 acres.

COTTON: Planted cotton acreage is projected at 72,000 acres, down nearly 15 percent from last year's 85,000 acres planted.

ALL HAY: Acreage of all types of hay, cut and to be cut is estimated at 260,000 acres, down 13 percent or 40,000 acres from last year.

PEANUTS: Planted acreage of peanuts is estimated at 120,000 acres, with 110,000 acres expected to be harvested for dry nuts.

SOYBEANS: Planted acres of soybeans are estimated at 22,000 acres, with 20,000 acres expected to be harvested.

SUGARCANE: Producers expect to harvest 405,000 acres for the 2007-2008 season, up three percent from last year.

WHEAT: Wheat planted is estimated at 25,000 acres and the acreage to be harvested is projected at 23,000 acres.

FLORIDA CROP ACREAGE

Crop	Planted for all purposes		Harvested or to be harvested ^{1/}	
	2007	2008	2007	2008 ^{2/}
	<i>1,000 acres</i>			
All Corn	75	75	35	40
Soybeans	14	22	12	20
Peanuts	130	120	119	110
All Cotton	85	72	81	^{3/}
All Hay	--	--	300	260
Sugarcane for Sugar and Seed	--	--	393	405
Winter Wheat	13	25	9	23

^{1/} Harvested for principal use of each crop, i.e., grain, beans, nuts, etc.

^{2/} Forecasted.

^{3/} Estimates to be released August 12, 2008.

UNITED STATES CROP HIGHLIGHTS

CORN: The 2008 corn planted area for all purposes is estimated at 87.3 million acres, down seven percent from last year. Growers expect to harvest 78.9 million acres for grain, down nine percent from last year. Farmers responding to the survey indicated that 97 percent of the intended corn acreage had been planted at the time of the interview compared with the 10-year average of 98 percent.

WINTER WHEAT: The 2008 winter wheat planted area is estimated at 46.6 million acres, down slightly from the previous estimate but up four percent from 2007. Area harvested for grain is forecasted at 40.3 million acres, up slightly from the June forecast and up 12 percent from last year. Planted acreage declined from the previous year in the Hard Red Winter growing region. Winter wheat heading progress as of June 1 was behind the 5-year average in all States except Arizona, California, and North Carolina.

SOYBEANS: The 2008 soybean planted area is estimated at 74.5 million acres, up 17 percent from 2007. Planted area increased from last year in all States, and is the third largest U.S. planted soybean acreage on record. The area for harvest is forecast at 72.1 million acres, up 15 percent from 2007.

HAY: Producers expect to harvest 60.4 million acres of all hay in 2008, down two percent from 2007. Harvested area is expected to decrease from last year throughout the Great Plains and the West. Increased acres are expected to be harvested along the East Coast.

PEANUTS: Area planted to peanuts in 2008 is estimated at 1.46 million acres, up 19 percent from 2007 and 18 percent more than was planted in 2006. Area for harvest is forecast at 1.43 million acres compared with 1.20 million harvested last year. Higher prices received in 2007, coupled with attractive contract prices in 2008, are the main reasons for the increase in acreage.

COTTON: The 2008 all cotton planted area is estimated at 9.25 million acres, down 15 percent from last year. Upland cotton planted area totals 9.04 million acres, down 14 percent from 2007 and the lowest acreage since 1983. Upland growers in the Southeastern States (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia) planted 1.87 million acres, down 17 percent from last year. By mid-June, planting was virtually complete throughout the region. The crop is rated in mostly fair to good condition throughout the region. Producers planted 86 percent of their upland acreage with seed varieties developed using biotechnology, down one percent from last year.

SUGARCANE: Area for harvest of sugarcane for sugar and seed during the 2008 crop year is forecast at 871,500 acres, down one percent from 2007. Area for harvest in Louisiana is down 15,000 acres from last year, while Florida growers expect to harvest 12,000 more acres than last year. In Louisiana, crop conditions for sugarcane have been improving from mostly fair to good, to good and excellent. In Florida, sporadic rains during May boosted growth.

UNITED STATES CROP ACREAGE

Crop	Planted for all purposes		Harvested or to be harvested ^{1/}	
	2007	2008	2007	2008 ^{2/}
	<i>1,000 acres</i>			
Corn	93,600	87,327	86,542	78,940
Sorghum	7,718	7,271	6,805	6,405
Oats	3,760	3,467	1,505	1,443
All wheat	60,433	63,457	51,011	56,586
Winter wheat	44,987	46,605	35,952	40,252
Soybeans	63,631	74,533	62,820	72,121
Peanuts	1,230	1,461	1,195	1,426
All cotton	10,827.2	9,246.0	10,489.1	^{3/}
All hay	--	--	61,625	60,439
All tobacco	--	--	356.0	348.0
Sugarbeets	1,268.8	1,080.1	1,246.8	1,027.3
Sugarcane for sugar and seed	--	--	879.6	871.5

^{1/} Harvested for principal use of each crop, i.e., grain, beans, nuts, etc.

^{2/} Forecasted.

^{3/} Estimates to be released August 12, 2008.

HOGS AND PIGS: Breeding, market, and total inventory, June 1, 2007 and 2008

State	Breeding			Market			Total		
	2007	2008	2008 As % of 2007	2007	2008	2008 As % of 2007	2007	2008	2008 As % of 2007
	<i>1,000 head</i>			<i>1,000 head</i>			<i>1,000 head</i>		
AR	85	95	112	205	215	105	290	310	107
CO	150	150	100	690	620	90	840	770	92
IL	440	440	100	3,560	3,910	110	4,000	4,350	109
IN	310	300	97	3,040	3,400	112	3,350	3,700	110
IA	1,080	1,090	101	17,120	18,310	107	18,200	19,400	107
KS	165	160	97	1,735	1,630	94	1,900	1,790	94
MI	110	100	91	920	930	101	1,030	1,030	100
MN	610	580	95	6,390	7,020	110	7,000	7,600	109
MO	375	375	100	2,675	2,775	104	3,050	3,150	103
NE	360	360	100	2,790	3,040	109	3,150	3,400	108
NC	1,020	1,020	100	8,680	9,080	105	9,700	10,10	104
OH	165	165	100	1,505	1,735	115	1,670	1,900	114
OK	360	360	100	1,960	2,000	102	2,320	2,360	102
PA	100	95	95	1,020	1,085	106	1,120	1,180	105
SD	145	150	103	1,145	1,290	113	1,290	1,440	112
TX	110	110	100	890	970	109	1,000	1,080	108
WI	50	45	90	360	355	99	410	400	98
Oth States ^{1/}	485	474	98	3,145	3,226	103	3,631	3,701	102
US	6,120	6,069	99	57,830	61,591	107	63,951	67,661	106

^{1/} Individual State estimates not available for the 33 other States.

MARKET HOGS AND PIGS: Inventory by weight groups, June 1, 2007 and 2008

State	Under 60 lbs		60-119 lbs		120-179 lbs		180 lbs and over	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	<i>1,000 head</i>							
AR	150	160	20	20	15	15	20	20
CO	375	320	100	115	85	70	130	115
IL	1,310	1,420	920	990	760	850	570	650
IN	1,120	1,240	780	880	590	670	550	610
IA	5,450	5,500	4,770	4,910	3,850	4,450	3,050	3,450
KS	620	550	340	325	335	275	440	480
MI	330	330	215	230	195	185	180	185
MN	2,570	2,760	1,620	1,760	1,300	1,470	900	1,030
MO	1,300	1,330	545	565	505	475	325	405
NE	1,040	1,130	730	810	580	650	440	450
NC	3,600	3,700	2,000	2,150	1,670	1,760	1,410	1,470
OH	600	650	375	435	315	400	215	250
OK	940	1,000	315	300	230	230	475	470
PA	300	330	305	315	225	235	190	205
SD	425	485	270	305	240	260	210	240
TX	285	325	215	225	200	200	190	220
WI	155	140	85	90	65	60	55	65
Oth States ^{1/}	1,212	1,217	734	742	630	652	570	616
US	21,782	22,587	14,339	15,167	11,790	12,907	9,920	10,931

^{1/} Individual State estimates not available for the 33 other States.

UNITED STATES: HOGS AND PIGS

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2008 was 67.7 million head. This was up six percent from June 1, 2007 and up one percent from March 1, 2008.

Breeding inventory, at 6.07 million head, was down one percent from last year, and down one percent from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 61.6 million head, was up seven percent from last year, and up one percent from last quarter.

The March - May 2008 U.S. pig crop, at 29.0 million head, was up four percent from 2007 and up nine percent from 2006. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.09 million head, up two percent from 2007 and up six percent from 2006. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 51 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.38 for the March - May 2008 period, compared to 9.20 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.70 to 9.40.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 3.07 million sows farrow during the June-August 2008 quarter, down two percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2007, but up five percent from 2006. Intended farrowings for September-November 2008, at 3.05 million sows, are down four percent from 2007 but up three percent from 2006.

The total number of hogs owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 41 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory. This was up from 39 percent last year.

HOGS AND PIGS: U.S. inventory number, sows farrowing, and pig crop, 2007 and 2008.

	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007
	<i>1,000 head</i>		
June 1 Inventory			
All hogs and pigs	63,951	67,661	106
Kept for breeding	6,120	6,069	99
Market	57,830	61,591	107
Market hogs and pigs by weight groups:			
Under 60 pounds	21,782	22,587	104
60-119 pounds	14,339	15,167	106
120-179 pounds	11,790	12,907	109
180 pounds	9,920	10,931	110
Sows farrowing:			
December ^{1/} -February	2,905	3,067	106
March-May	3,033	3,092	102
December ^{1/} -May	5,938	6,159	104
June-August ^{2/}	3,132	3,070	98
September-November ^{2/}	3,180	3,052	96
June-November ^{2/}	6,312	6,122	97
Pig crop:			
December ^{1/} -February	26,396	28,352	107
March-May	27,896	29,000	104
December ^{1/} -May	54,293	57,352	106
June-August	29,094		
September-November	29,511		
June-November	58,606		

^{1/} December preceding year.

^{2/} Intentions for 2008.