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VEGETABLES FOR PROCESSING

United States sweet corn processors plan to contract 408,800 acres, down one percent from 2004. Canning acreage is expected to increase slightly from last year while freezing acreage is expected to decrease two percent.

Vegetable growers in Illinois intend to plant 14,900 acres of snap beans for processing under contract in 2005, up 16 percent from last year's contracted acreage. United States snap bean processors intend to contract 194,800 acres, down four percent from last year's contract acreage. Canning acreage is expected to decrease seven percent while freezing acreage is expected to increase by two percent.

VEGETABLES FOR PROCESSING, ILLINOIS & U.S., 2003-2005

Area	Planted area				Contract change 2005/2004
	2003 Total	2004		2005 Contract intentions	
		Total	Contract		
	Acres				Percent
	SWEET CORN				
Illinois	1/	1/	1/	1/	--
United States	438,400	412,700	412,400	408,800	99
Canning	222,600	215,300	215,300	215,800	100
Freezing	215,800	197,400	197,100	193,000	98
	SNAP BEANS				
Illinois	17,100	12,900	12,800	14,900	116
United States	200,900	206,900	202,950	194,800	96
Canning	142,200	144,500	143,400	133,900	93
Freezing	58,700	62,400	59,550	60,900	102

1/ Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production during March 2005 totaled 175 million pounds in Illinois, two percent less than a year ago. The number of milk cows on farms decreased three percent from March 2004 to 105,000 head, while milk per cow averaged 1,670 pounds, up one percent from last year.

Estimated milk production during March in the United States totaled 15.2 billion pounds, up three percent from last year. Production per cow averaged 1,684 pounds, up 44 pounds from March 2004. The number of milk cows on farms was 9.01 million head, eight thousand head more than March 2004.

MILK PRODUCTION: ILLINOIS & UNITED STATES, MARCH 2004-2005

		March					
		Illinois			United States		
		2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004
Milk Production:							
Number of milk cows	Head (000)	108	105	97	9,002	9,010	100
Milk production per cow	Lbs.	1,650	1,670	101	1,640	1,684	103
Total milk production	Mil. lbs.	178	175	98	14,762	15,172	103

FLORICULTURE

GROWERS, GROWING AREA & WHOLESALE VALUE OF SALES, ILLINOIS & U.S., 2003-2004

	Illinois		United States	
	2003	2004	2003	2004
Number of growers ^{1/}	326	296	11,996	11,099
Expanded wholesale value (thousand dollars) ^{1/}	108,959	118,951	5,082,172	5,179,696
Total covered area (thousand square feet) ^{1/}	14,021	14,039	931,485	925,645
Open ground (acres) ^{1/}	509	511	40,916	38,594
	Thousand dollars			
Cut flowers	675	2/	422,982	421,631
Gladioli	301	2/	28,325	25,957
Potted flowering plants	21,595	21,692	803,462	815,136
African Violets	257	292	18,540	16,308
Azaleas	1,415	1,384	39,048	41,130
Chrysanthemums	2,729	2,199	69,641	75,018
Easter Lilies	1,386	1,455	36,434	38,488
Orchids	2,103	2,453	121,908	127,608
Poinsettias	9,769	9,605	244,973	247,845
Roses	351	77	20,394	17,977
Spring flowering bulbs	743	1,376	54,927	53,268
All other potted flowering plants	2,842	2,851	197,597	197,494
Foliage plants	2,988	4,759	649,681	638,979
Potted foliage	1,780	3,765	566,984	558,311
Foliage hanging baskets	1,208	994	82,697	80,668
Herbaceous perennial plants	28,981	36,127	634,872	687,050
Potted hardy/garden Chrysanthemums	4,821	4,843	120,927	133,641
Potted Hosta	2,463	4,150	44,498	47,493
Other potted herbaceous perennials	21,697	27,134	469,447	505,916
Annual bedding/garden plants	40,949	44,573	1,788,854	1,845,495
Begonias (flats)	990	1,178	56,633	52,650
Geraniums from vegetative cuttings (flats)	71	9	9,239	11,255
Geraniums from seed (flats)	196	189	7,725	8,014
New Guinea Impatiens (flats)	2/	217	6,160	4,474
Impatiens (flats)	3,142	3,239	104,689	98,476
Marigolds (flats)	1,191	1,259	52,298	50,965
Pansy/Viola (flats)	1,376	1,427	118,358	109,396
Petunias (flats)	2,719	2,948	95,161	92,083
Other flowering and foliar type (flats)	7,038	6,038	338,557	331,783
Vegetable type (flats)	1,373	1,296	65,629	62,824
Potted Begonias	607	725	22,946	26,175
Potted Geraniums from vegetative cuttings	4,718	6,718	119,921	126,022
Potted Geraniums from seed	1,130	2/	31,697	35,508
Potted New Guinea Impatiens	1,185	1,706	43,790	44,811
Potted Impatiens	333	289	26,989	29,734
Potted Marigolds	92	75	7,189	9,599
Potted Pansy/Viola	212	420	33,026	37,553
Potted Petunias	488	500	31,190	35,200
Other potted flowering and foliar type	4,821	3,752	316,867	343,953
Potted vegetable type	1,263	532	51,028	57,704
Begonia hanging baskets	473	846	17,229	18,301
Geranium (cuttings) hanging baskets	1,316	2,065	33,848	37,161
New Guinea Impatiens hanging baskets	990	1,555	29,247	32,193
Impatiens hanging baskets	722	684	19,267	19,865
Petunia hanging baskets	833	1,392	23,325	27,346
Other flowering hanging baskets	2,705	2,599	118,125	133,528
Total wholesale value of reported crops	100,619	110,711	4,769,887	4,887,046

^{1/} Includes all growers with gross value of sales of \$10,000 or more. Expanded wholesale value includes sales reported by growers with \$100,000 or more in sales plus a calculated value for growers with sales below \$100,000. All other estimates represent growers with value of sales of \$100,000 or more.

^{2/} Data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operation.

AGRICULTURAL PRICES

The March index of prices received by Illinois farmers for all commodities was 117 percent of base, up six points from the revised February figure but 30 points below March 2004. The current year's base was computed by multiplying the average production for the five-year period by the average price for each year. These five years were summed and then divided by five to arrive at an average (base) for the period. The current five-year average production was then multiplied by the current price and divided by the average for the five years to arrive at the current index. The March All Crops index, at 113 percent of the base, was up nine points from the revised February number but 39 points below March of last year. All crop prices increased from last month with the exception of wheat which remained unchanged. The All Livestock index was at 131 percent of the base, down four points from the revised February figure and one point above March 2004. Livestock prices for hogs fell while prices for cattle increased from last month. The hog-corn ratio was at 23.1

The U.S. preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in March was 118, based on 1990-92=100, four points above the February Index. The Crop Index was up seven points while the Livestock Index was up three points. Producers received higher commodity prices for cattle, soybeans, lettuce, and corn. Lower prices were received for strawberries, grapefruit, apples, and eggs. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell, based on the past three-year average, also affects the overall index. Increased marketings of strawberries, dairy, broilers, and tomatoes offset decreased marketings of cattle, corn, oranges, and cotton.

INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

Commodity	Feb. 2004	Mar. 2004	Feb. 2005	Mar. 15, 2005
ILLINOIS	1998-2002=100		1999-2003=100	
All Farm Products	136	147	111 *	117
All Crops	141	152	104 *	113
Food grains	147	148	134 *	135
Feed grains/hay	122	127	96 *	99
Soybeans	165	185	113 *	129
All Livestock	121	130	135 *	131
Meat animals	124	132	137 *	131
Dairy products	106	119	130 *	130
UNITED STATES	1990-92=100			
All Farm Products	116	121	114 *	118
All Crops	121	121	106 *	113
Food grains	124	127	109 *	114
Feed grains/hay	113	118	90 *	95
Oilseeds	147	165	99 *	113
All Livestock	112	122	119 *	122
Meat animals	104	111	120 *	123
Dairy products	104	118	119 *	119
Prices Paid	131	132	135 *	135
Parity Ratio 1/	89	92	84 *	87

1/ Prices received index divided by prices paid index.

* Revised.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS 1/

Commodity	Unit	Illinois				United States			
		Feb. 2004	Mar. 2004	Feb. 2005	Mar. 15, 2005	Feb. 2004	Mar. 2004	Feb. 2005	Mar. 15, 2005
Dollars									
Corn	Bushels	2.65	2.77	2.02 *	2.10	2.61	2.75	1.95 *	2.03
Soybeans	Bushels	8.37	9.32	5.49 *	6.30	8.28	9.28	5.42 *	6.28
Sorghum	Cwt.	5.15	3/	3.67 *	3.70	4.76	4.84	2.95 *	3.17
Wheat, all	Bushels	3.77	3.86	3.50 *	3.50	3.77	3.83	3.36 *	3.53
Oats	Bushels	3/	2/	3/	3/	1.58	1.60	1.66 *	1.60
Hay, all baled	Tons	91.00	95.00	87.00	92.00	81.20	81.80	84.70 *	89.10
Alfalfa hay, bld	Tons	95.00	97.00	92.00	94.00	85.10	86.20	91.90 *	96.40
Other hay, bld	Tons	78.00	75.00	67.00	70.00	72.10	72.00	70.00 *	70.40
Hogs, all	Cwt.	46.00	49.00	51.80 *	48.50	42.60	47.20	50.70 *	51.50
Barrows, Gilts	Cwt.	47.00	50.00	52.50 *	49.00	43.00	47.60	51.00 *	51.80
Sows	Cwt.	34.00	39.00	43.30 *	42.30	34.60	39.90	45.00 *	43.80
Beef cattle	Cwt.	78.20	86.20	87.30	90.20	78.50	83.70	89.00 *	91.90
Cows	Cwt.	41.00	45.00	51.00	53.00	46.00	46.50	52.40 *	53.60
Steers, Heifers	Cwt.	79.00	87.00	88.00	91.00	82.30	88.00	93.30 *	96.30
Calves	Cwt.	97.00	104.00	115.00	119.00	111.00	115.00	128.00 *	132.00
Milk cows	Head	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/
Milk, all	Cwt.	13.70	15.50	15.90 *	16.10	13.60	15.40	15.50 *	15.60
Milk, fluid	Cwt.	13.70	15.50	15.90	3/	13.60	15.40	15.50 *	15.60
Milk, mfg.	Cwt.	13.40	15.20	15.90	3/	12.80	15.20	14.90 *	14.60
Hog-corn ratio		17.4	17.7	25.6 *	23.1	16.3	17.2	26.0 *	25.4

1/ Prices received represents the average of all grades or classes at point of first sale and should not be confused with market quotations.

2/ Estimated in January, April, July and October.

3/ State prices not published.

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State	Was Asian Rust a factor in your planting intentions?			
	Yes	If so, how did your intentions change?		
		Increase	Decrease	No Change
		Percent		
Illinois	12	4	58	38
Indiana	8	7	48	45
Iowa	8	10	49	41
Kansas	5	4	56	40
Minnesota	7	13	56	31
Missouri	5	8	28	64
Nebraska	8	17	43	40
Ohio	6	7	33	60
South Dakota	8	5	71	24
United States	6	7	53	40



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