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The staff of the Illinois Field Office wishes to thank the farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses that responded to the July Yield Survey, the May and June Layers and Egg Production Surveys and the June Prices Received Survey. Your responses to these surveys are important to the agricultural community.

JULY CROP REPORT

The **Illinois wheat yield for the 2006 crop** is estimated to average 68 bushels per acre based on the July 1 surveys, up three bushels per acre from the June forecast. The projected yield would set a state record surpassing the record of 65 bushels per acre set in 2003. If realized, total production would be 59.16 million bushels, 62 percent above the 2005 production. Acreage expected to be harvested for grain is 870 thousand, 45 percent above the harvested acres in 2005. As of July 9, 95 percent of the wheat acres were harvested, compared to 94 percent last year and the five-year average of 92 percent.

Production of oats in Illinois for 2006 is estimated at 3.28 million bushels, four percent above 2005. Acreage to be harvested for grain, at 40 thousand, is unchanged from last year. The yield is estimated at 82 bushels per acre, three bushels above last year's yield. As of July 9, 12 percent of the crop was harvested compared to 24 percent last year and the five-year average of 11 percent.

The **Illinois peach crop for 2006** is estimated at 11,500 tons. This year's forecast is up three percent from last year's 11,200 tons.

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ACREAGE & PRODUCTION

Crop	Illinois		United States	
	2005	2006	2005	2006
Acreage and production in thousands				
<u>Winter Wheat</u>				
Acres 1/	600	870	33,794	31,108
Yield, bu.	61.0	68.0	44.4	41.1
Production	36,600	59,160	1,499,129	1,280,005
<u>Oats, Grain</u>				
Acres 1/	40	40	1,823	1,907
Yield, bu.	79.0	82.0	63.0	57.9
Production	3,160	3,280	114,878	110,322
<u>Potatoes (Summer)</u>				
Acres 1/	5.5	5.5	51.4	56.8
Yield, cwt.	380	390	342	330
Production	2,090	2,145	17,567	18,731
<u>Peaches 2/</u>				
Production	11,200	11,500	1,184,550	1,058,300

1/ Harvested acres.

2/ Production in tons.

WINTER WHEAT, 2005-2006

District	Acres planted		Acres for harvest		Yield		Production	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	1,000 acres		1,000 acres		Bushels		1,000 bushels	
Northwest	22	36	20.5	35	68	74	1,394	2,595
Northeast	32	44	30.0	43	77	71	2,310	3,053
West	27	60	25.5	58	63	66	1,606	3,828
Central	22	49	21.0	48	59	80	1,239	3,840
East	40	63	38.0	62	74	80	2,812	4,960
West Southwest	92	118	89.0	115	61	70	5,429	8,050
East Southeast	119	143	114.0	139	59	70	6,726	9,730
Southwest	199	281	187.0	267	57	63	10,659	16,821
Southeast	77	106	75.0	103	59	61	4,425	6,283
ILLINOIS	630	900	600.0	870	61	68	36,600	59,160

JULY CROP REPORT - Continued

U.S. CROP PRODUCTION

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.28 billion bushels. This is up one percent from last month but 15 percent below 2005. The U.S. yield is forecast at 41.1 bushels per acre, up 0.6 bushel from last month but down 3.3 bushels from last year. Area harvested for grain totals 31.1 million acres, unchanged from the Acreage report released on June 30, 2006, but down eight percent from last year.

With warm, dry weather on the Great Plains, the winter wheat crop continued to progress ahead of normal. Heading reached 95 percent by June 11, three points ahead of last year and five points ahead of normal. At that time, harvest was 21 percent complete, compared with nine percent last year and 11 percent for the five-year average. Harvest continued to advance ahead of the normal pace through month's end, reaching 65 percent complete by July 2, nine points ahead of last year and ten points ahead of normal. Yield forecasts are equal to or higher than the previous month in all states in the Soft Red Winter growing area except Georgia and New York. Harvest is nearly complete in the southern portion of the growing area and revealed that dry spring weather did not affect yields as much as previously thought. Elsewhere, harvest is behind normal in several states in the northern portion of the growing area. In Ohio, lodging was reported in some wheat fields in the northern part of the state due to strong storms that occurred the third week of June. Growers in Illinois are expecting better yields than previously thought due to a continuation of ideal growing conditions during June. Record high yields are expected in Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, and Mississippi.

SOYBEANS: PERCENT OF ACREAGE PLANTED FOLLOWING ANOTHER CROP ^{1/}

State	2003	2004	2005	2006
Alabama	12	11	8	6
Arkansas	16	16	4	6
Delaware	37	29	41	25
Florida	38	41	29	2/
Georgia	33	61	51	69
ILLINOIS	5	5	3	6
Indiana	3	3	1	3
Kansas	7	2	2/	11
Kentucky	24	34	29	21
Louisiana	9	10	9	14
Maryland	43	43	27	32
Mississippi	4	8	1	4
Missouri	7	10	7	11
New Jersey	22	13	31	38
N. Carolina	41	31	32	30
Ohio	1	1	1	2/
Oklahoma	24	34	3	20
Pennsylvania	11	7	4	11
S. Carolina	38	38	37	29
Tennessee	28	32	15	20
Texas	5	3	4	2/
Virginia	34	37	7	25
W. Virginia	1	17	9	2/
U.S.	5	6	4	5

^{1/} Data as obtained from area frame samples. These data do not represent official estimates but provide raw data as obtained from survey respondents. The purpose of these data is to portray trends in production practices.

^{2/} Data rounds to less than 0.5 percent.

LAYERS & EGG PRODUCTION

In Illinois, the average number of layers on hand was up six percent in March, up 11 percent in April, and up 11 percent in May compared to those same months last year. The number of eggs produced increased seven percent in March, seven percent in April, and two percent in May compared to the same time last year.

In the United States, the average number of layers on hand compared to a year ago was up one percent in March, one percent in April, and one percent in May. The number of eggs produced increased one percent in March, two percent in April, and one percent in May.

LAYERS & EGG PRODUCTION, ILLINOIS & UNITED STATES, MARCH-MAY 2006

	Illinois					
	March		April		May ^{1/}	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
Average Number of Layers on hand (thousand)	4,341	4,613	4,217	4,699	4,292	4,758
Eggs produced (million)	105	112	96	103	103	105
	United States					
	March		April		May ^{1/}	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
Average Number of Layers on hand (thousand)	346,959	350,088	343,574	348,154	341,819	344,735
Eggs produced (million)	7,738	7,837	7,407	7,535	7,572	7,628

^{1/} Preliminary.

AGRICULTURAL PRICES

The June index of prices received by Illinois farmers for all commodities was 101 percent of the base, up one point from the revised May figure but 15 points below June 2005. 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 June All Crops index, at 100 percent of the base, was one point above the revised May number but 16 points below June 2005. All crop prices decreased from last month. The All Livestock index was at 108 percent of the base, up five points from the revised April number but ten points below June 2005. Prices for all categories of hogs, beef and steer prices, and all milk increased from last month while prices for other categories of cattle remained the same or decreased. The hog-corn ratio was at 24.9.

The U.S. preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in June was 118, based on 1990-92=100, up three points from the revised May index. The Crop Index was down two points but the Livestock Index increased six points. Producers received higher prices for broilers, sweet corn, hogs, and broccoli. Lower prices were received for lettuce, cantaloupe, corn, and strawberries. The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a three-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased average marketings of wheat, grapes, hay, and cantaloupe offset decreased marketings of oranges, tomatoes, strawberries, and sweet corn. The Preliminary All Farm Products Index was down one point from June 2005.

INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

Commodity	May 2005	June 2005	May 2006	June 15, 2006
ILLINOIS		1999-2003=100		2000-2004=100
All Farm Products	114	116	100 *	101
All Crops	109	116	99 *	100
Food grains	129	133	131 *	130
Feed grains/hay	97	103	99 *	100
Soybeans	123	131	97 *	97
All Livestock	130	118	103 *	108
Meat animals	131	117	105 *	110
Dairy products	126	121	94 *	98
UNITED STATES		1990-92=100		
All Farm Products	119	119	115 *	118
All Crops	116	120	128 *	126
Food grains	109	108	133 *	132
Feed grains/hay	99	103	107 *	106
Oilseeds	111	119	102 *	100
All Livestock	121	117	104 *	110
Meat animals	125	119	112 *	116
Dairy products	113	110	92 *	93
Prices Paid	140	141	147 *	147
Parity Ratio 1/	85	84	78 *	80

1/ Prices received index divided by prices paid index.

* Revised.



PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS 1/

Commodity	Unit	Illinois				United States			
		May 2005	June 2005	May 2006	June 15, 2006	May 2005	June 2005	May 2006	June 15, 2006
Dollars									
Corn	Bushels	2.05	2.12	2.26 *	2.20	1.98	2.03	2.17 *	2.05
Soybeans	Bushels	6.21	6.65	5.83 *	5.80	6.21	6.58	5.68 *	5.57
Sorghum	Cwt.	3.75	3.58	4.47 *	4.40	3.05	3.77	4.01 *	4.12
Wheat, all	Bushels	3.25	3.26	3.77 *	3.50	3.31	3.23	4.09 *	3.96
Oats	Bushels	3/	2.20	3/	3/	1.64	1.75	1.85 *	1.75
Hay, all baled	Tons	88.00	83.00	98.00	93.00	107.00	102.00	114.00 *	109.00
Alfalfa hay, bld	Tons	92.00	89.00	102.00	97.00	116.00	112.00	118.00 *	115.00
Other hay, bld	Tons	69.00	68.00	77.00	76.00	75.40	73.60	96.80 *	90.10
Hogs, all	Cwt.	56.60	50.20	49.20 *	54.80	54.90	49.50	48.20 *	53.20
Barrows, Gilts	Cwt.	58.00	51.00	51.00 *	57.00	55.50	49.90	48.90 *	54.20
Sows	Cwt.	41.50	42.00	28.20 *	29.00	42.60	43.40	30.20 *	31.80
Beef cattle	Cwt.	90.30	84.40	80.30	81.30	92.10	88.00	82.20 *	84.00
Cows	Cwt.	56.00	53.50	45.00	45.00	58.30	56.80	47.50 *	46.10
Steers, Heifers	Cwt.	91.00	85.00	81.00	82.00	96.10	91.50	86.50 *	88.40
Calves	Cwt.	128.00	130.00	123.00 *	120.00	143.00	140.00	132.00 *	132.00
Milk cows	Head	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/
Milk, all	Cwt.	15.10	14.90	13.20 *	13.50	14.70	14.40	12.00 *	12.10
Milk, fluid	Cwt.	15.10	14.90	13.20	3/	14.70	14.40	12.00 *	12.10
Milk, mfg.	Cwt.	14.70	14.10	12.60	3/	14.00	14.00	11.30 *	11.40
Hog-corn ratio		27.6	23.7	21.8 *	24.9	27.7	24.4	22.2 *	26.0

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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AGRICULTURAL EXPORT SHARES

AGRICULTURAL EXPORT SHARES, ILLINOIS AND UNITED STATES, 2003-2005 1/

	Illinois			United States		
	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005
	Million dollars					
Feed grains and products	994.1	1,347.4	971.0	6,684.3	8,290.9	6,944.7
Soybeans and products	1,361.2	1,443.1	1,272.6	8,269.8	9,066.7	8,843.4
Live animals and meat	271.3	264.8	327.3	6,279.7	4,417.5	4,924.0
Wheat and products	109.0	152.8	149.1	5,312.2	6,631.9	5,866.8
Feeds and fodders	55.2	58.6	66.0	1,998.6	2,032.2	2,201.6
Hides and skins	48.5	52.3	51.5	1,785.4	1,763.3	1,746.0
Seeds	6.4	7.2	7.1	802.9	865.4	915.4
Fats, oil and greases	17.0	21.4	17.3	539.4	574.1	477.3
Vegetables	34.7	37.2	45.4	4,667.7	5,213.3	5,606.1
Other 2/	287.4	315.7	344.6	6,189.5	6,559.2	6,922.2
Total	3,204.0	3,724.4	3,282.1	55,986.7	62,368.0	62,369.3

1/ Fiscal year ending September 30.

2/ Other = Sugar and tropical products, minor oilseeds, essential oils, beverages other than juice, nursery and greenhouse, wine, and misc. vegetable products.

Source: Foreign Agricultural Trade of the United States, ERS, USDA <http://www.ers.usda.gov/data/FATUS/>

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