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THIS FARM REPORT CONTAINS THE RESULTS
FROM THESE SURVEYS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP.

*Vegetables for Processing
March Milk Production
March Prices Received Survey*

VEGETABLES FOR PROCESSING

Vegetable growers in Illinois intend to plant 15,200 acres of snap beans for processing under contract in 2007, up seven percent from last year's contracted acreage. United States snap bean processors intend to contract 204,540 acres, down one percent from last year's contract acreage. Canning acreage is expected to decrease slightly and freezing acreage is expected to decrease three percent.

United States sweet corn processors plan to contract 372,900 acres, down five percent from 2006. Canning acreage is expected to decrease six percent from last year and freezing acreage is expected to decrease five percent.

VEGETABLES FOR PROCESSING, ILLINOIS & U.S., 2005-2007

Area	Planted area			2007 Contract intentions	Percent change 2007/2006
	2005 Total	2006			
		Total	Contract		
Acres					
SWEET CORN					
Illinois	1/	1/	1/	1/	--
United States	421,510	394,400	394,400	372,900	95
Canning	227,000	197,600	197,600	185,500	94
Freezing	194,510	196,800	196,800	187,400	95
SNAP BEANS					
Illinois	18,000	15,800	14,200	15,200	107
United States	210,230	211,920	206,551	204,540	99
Canning	147,330	142,580	139,741	139,660	100
Freezing	62,900	69,340	66,810	64,880	97

1/ Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in Illinois during March 2007 totaled 170 million pounds, five percent less than March 2006. Production per cow averaged 1,655 pounds, 65 pounds below March 2006. The number of milk cows on farms in Illinois was 103,000 head, 1,000 less than March 2006.

Milk production in the U.S. during March 2007 totaled 16.1 billion pounds, up one percent from March 2006. Production per cow averaged 1,765 pounds, 12 pounds above March 2006. The number of milk cows on farms in the U.S. was 9.13 million head, 24,000 head more than March 2006.

MILK PRODUCTION: ILLINOIS & UNITED STATES, MARCH 2006-2007

		March					2007 as % of 2006
		Illinois			United States		
		2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006	2006	2007	
Milk Production:							
Number of milk cows	Head (000)	104	103	99	9,106	9,130	100
Milk production per cow	Lbs.	1,720	1,655	96	1,753	1,765	101
Total milk production	Mil. lbs.	179	170	95	15,966	16,114	101

FLORICULTURE

The Floriculture Survey schedule was delayed this year. The results from the survey, which would normally be printed in this issue of the Illinois Farm Report, will not be available until sometime during the week of July 23, 2007.

www.nass.usda.gov/il

The screenshot shows the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service website for Illinois. At the top, it says "USDA United States Department of Agriculture National Agricultural Statistics Service". Below that, it says "The first census of agriculture was taken in 1840". The main navigation bar includes "Home", "About NASS", "Newsroom", "Publications", "Data and Statistics", "Census", "Surveys", "Help", and "Contact Us". A search bar is on the left with a "Go" button. Below the search bar is a "Browse NASS by Subject" menu with categories like "Crops and Plants", "Demographics", "Economics", "Environmental", "Livestock and Animals", "Charts and Maps", and "Education and Outreach". There is also a "Statistics by State" dropdown menu. The main content area is titled "Illinois office of USDA's NASS" and includes the Illinois Department of Agriculture logo. It features a "Quick Stats" section with "IL State Level Data" and "IL County Level Data" dropdowns and "Go" buttons. Below that is a list of links: "County Estimates", "Illinois Fact Sheets", "Census of Agriculture for Illinois", and "Interactive Statistical Map of Illinois". There is also an "Illinois Publications" section with a dropdown menu for "Publications and News Releases" and a "Go" button. The dropdown menu is open, showing options like "Publications and News Releases", "Annual Summary Bulletin", "County Estimates", "Crop Progress & Condition", "Farm Reports" (highlighted), "Farm Facts", and "Special Surveys". On the right side, there are two boxes: "I Want To..." with links like "Search for Illinois Data and Statistics", "Contact the Illinois Field Office", "Subscribe to IL reports", "Make sure I'm counted", and "Learn About the Illinois Field Office"; and "More State Features" with a link for "Other Illinois Links". At the bottom right, there is a banner for "CENSUS of Agriculture 2002" with an image of a person on a tractor.

Would you like to get your copy of the Illinois Farm Report faster? You can access this same report by going to our website at www.nass.usda.gov/il on the day it's released. By clicking on the drop down menu (shown above), you can access this and all other Farm Reports online. The release dates for all 2007 Farm Reports can be found at:

http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Illinois/Publications/Farm_Reports/2007/07schedule.htm

While you're visiting, be sure to check out the other reports we offer. As you can see above, the same drop down menu will give you access to our County Estimates, News Releases, and the Annual Bulletin. In addition, the most current Crop Progress & Condition report is released on our website at 3:00 p.m. each Monday during the growing season.

We also offer a list of agriculture-related links that you may find useful. Here is a sampling of the links what you'll find on our website:

Census of Agriculture: www.nass.usda.gov/Census_of_Agriculture/index.asp

FarmDoc (Farm Decision Outreach Central): www.farmdoc.uiuc.edu

Illinois Department of Agriculture: www.agr.state.il.us

Quick Stats: www.nass.usda.gov/Data_and_Statistics/Quick_Stats/index.asp

AGRICULTURAL PRICES

The March index of prices received by Illinois farmers for all commodities was 128 percent of the base, down eight points from the revised February figure but 28 points above March 2006. 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 133 percent of the base, was nine points below the revised February number but 36 points above March 2006. Crop prices decreased for all commodities except for hay. The All Livestock index was at 109 percent of the base, down four points from the revised February number and one point below March 2006. Prices for all livestock commodities increased with the exception of barrows and gilts. The hog-corn ratio was at 13.5.

The U.S. preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in March, at 133 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased five points from February. The Crops Index was up six points and the Livestock Index increased five points. Producers received higher commodity prices for cattle, lettuce, oranges, and broilers. Lower prices were received for strawberries, celery, corn, and hogs. The overall index was also affected by the seasonal change based on a three-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased average marketings of strawberries, broilers, and milk offset decreased marketings of cattle, oranges, and corn.

INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

Commodity	Feb. 2006	Mar. 2006	Feb. 2007	Mar. 15, 2007
ILLINOIS			2000-2004=100	2001-2005=100
All Farm Products	103	100	136 *	128
All Crops	100	97	142 *	133
Food grains	116	127	132 *	126
Feed grains/hay	96	95	156 *	147
Soybeans	104	98	124 *	116
All Livestock	116	110	113 *	109
Meat animals	115	109	111 *	108
Dairy products	123	110	122 *	118
UNITED STATES			1990-92=100	
All Farm Products	113	113	128 *	133
All Crops	113	118	138 *	144
Food grains	121	124	154 *	154
Feed grains/hay	96	98	150 *	149
Oilseeds	102	100	123 *	123
All Livestock	114	110	120 *	125
Meat animals	120	115	115 *	118
Dairy products	103	96	114 *	119
Prices Paid	147	147	153 *	155
Parity Ratio <u>1/</u>	77	77	84 *	86

1/ Prices received index divided by prices paid index.

* Revised.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS 1/

Commodity	Unit	Illinois				United States			
		Feb. 2006	Mar. 2006	Feb. 2007	Mar. 15, 2007	Feb. 2006	Mar. 2006	Feb. 2007	Mar. 15, 2007
Dollars									
Corn	Bushels	2.08	2.12	3.44 *	3.30	2.02	2.06	3.44 *	3.36
Soybeans	Bushels	5.80	5.68	7.05 *	6.95	5.67	5.57	6.87 *	6.85
Sorghum	Cwt.	4.06	4.03	7.14 *	6.80	3.40	3.54	6.98 *	6.74
Wheat, all	Bushels	3.46	3.69	4.24 *	4.00	3.66	3.79	4.71 *	4.75
Oats	Bushels	2.06	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	1.82	1.82	2.34 *	2.24
Hay, all baled	Tons	98.00	97.00	101.00	102.00	95.80	97.50	114.00 *	117.00
Alfalfa hay, bld	Tons	105.00	105.00	108.00	110.00	98.40	100.00	117.00 *	120.00
Other hay, bld	Tons	80.00	81.00	84.00	86.00	88.60	90.10	105.00 *	108.00
Hogs, all	Cwt.	43.80	44.00	46.20 *	44.50	42.60	42.80	47.30 *	45.40
Barrows, Gilts	Cwt.	45.00	45.00	47.50 *	45.50	43.20	43.20	48.10 *	45.90
Sows	Cwt.	29.90	32.30	31.00 *	33.00	31.20	34.20	32.20 *	34.40
Beef cattle	Cwt.	90.20	86.20	89.10 *	95.00	92.40	87.90	86.60 *	91.40
Cows	Cwt.	50.00	47.00	47.00	48.00	49.50	49.50	47.00 *	46.90
Steers, Heifers	Cwt.	91.00	87.00	90.00 *	96.00	97.60	92.80	91.50 *	97.20
Calves	Cwt.	123.00	123.00	106.00 *	109.00	143.00	139.00	117.00 *	123.00
Milk cows	Head	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>
Milk, all	Cwt.	14.80	13.80	15.80 *	16.00	13.50	12.60	14.90 *	15.50
Milk, fluid	Cwt.	14.80	13.80	15.80	<u>3/</u>	13.50	12.60	14.90 *	15.50
Milk, mfg.	Cwt.	14.00	12.90	15.50	<u>3/</u>	12.60	11.50	14.40 *	15.00
Hog-corn ratio		21.1	20.8	13.4 *	13.5	21.1	20.8	13.8 *	13.5

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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