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

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ACREAGE

Corn planted in Illinois in 2007 is estimated at 13.2 million acres, up 300 thousand acres from the March Prospective Plantings Report and up 1.9 million acres from 2006. Acreage planted to biotechnology varieties is estimated at 74 percent of the total acreage, up from 55 percent last year. Bt varieties account for 19 percent, herbicide resistant varieties account for 15 percent, and 40 percent of the total corn acres were planted to stacked-gene varieties. After being slowed by cold temperatures early, farmers were able to start planting in earnest by mid-April, eventually catching and then passing the average planting progress by early May. Corn has started silking in some areas of the state. The crop was rated 17 percent excellent, 52 percent good, 24 percent fair, 5 percent poor, and 2 percent very poor as of June 24.

Acreage planted and to be planted to soybeans in Illinois in 2007 is estimated at 8.35 million acres, which is 17 percent fewer acres than in 2006. Of the total acreage planted, an estimated 88 percent was planted with herbicide resistant varieties. Farmers had reported that 96 percent of the intended soybean acreage had been planted at the time of the survey interview, compared with the 5-year average of 81 percent. The crop was rated as 13 percent excellent, 52 percent good, 28 percent fair, 5 percent poor, and 2 percent very poor on June 24.

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ACREAGE SUMMARY, 2006-2007

Crop	Illinois				United States			
	Planted acres		Acres for harvest		Planted acres		Acres for harvest	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	Thousands							
Corn	11,300	13,200	11,150	13,000	78,327	92,888	70,648	85,418
Soybeans	10,100	8,350	10,050	8,300	75,522	64,081	74,602	63,285
Winter Wheat	930	970	910	810	40,575	45,136	31,117	37,588
Oats	60	35	40	20	4,168	3,860	1,576	1,612
Sorghum	75	80	72	78	6,522	7,765	4,937	6,698
Summer Potatoes	6.5	6.0	6.3	5.8	58.4	56.3	54.3	54.3
Alfalfa Hay	--	--	440	380	--	--	21,384	21,451
All Other Hay	--	--	320	300	--	--	39,423	40,338

CORN & SOYBEANS BY DISTRICTS, 2006-2007

District	Corn				Soybeans			
	Planted acres		Acres for grain		Planted acres		Acres for beans	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	Thousands							
Northwest	1,857	2,089	1,824	2,046	1,070	821	1,065	816
Northeast	1,045	1,245	1,028	1,229	790	674	786	669
West	1,069	1,234	1,055	1,217	943	774	939	771
Central	1,619	1,904	1,603	1,879	1,252	943	1,247	938
East	1,596	1,855	1,581	1,831	1,382	1,119	1,376	1,113
West Southwest	1,612	1,838	1,597	1,812	1,295	1,077	1,288	1,071
East Southeast	1,490	1,721	1,468	1,696	1,669	1,421	1,660	1,413
Southwest	484	627	472	613	899	798	894	793
Southeast	528	687	522	677	800	723	795	716
ILLINOIS	11,300	13,200	11,150	13,000	10,100	8,350	10,050	8,300

ACREAGE - CONTINUED

An estimated 970 thousand acres of winter wheat were seeded in Illinois last fall, up four percent from the previous year. Harvested acreage is expected to total 810 thousand acres, down 11 percent from last year. As of June 24, 91 percent of the wheat crop was ripe, compared to 85 percent last year and the five-year average of 80 percent. Harvest advanced to 73 percent complete, compared to 61 percent last year and the average of 53 percent.

U.S. corn planted area for all purposes is estimated at 92.9 million acres in 2007, up 19 percent from 2006 and 14 percent higher than 2005. Farmers increased corn plantings 3 percent from their March intentions, resulting in the highest planted area since 1944 when 95.5 million acres were for all purposes. Wet conditions during March and April delayed field preparations and planting activities in the Corn Belt and Great Plains. Conditions dried out considerably in the eastern Corn Belt and Ohio Valley during May allowing producers to make good planting progress, but the lack of precipitation reduced topsoil moisture and increased stress on the crop. Meanwhile, excessive rainfall in parts of the western Corn Belt, central and southern Great Plains, and middle Mississippi Valley during much of May continued to hamper fieldwork. Despite the weather related delays, growers made rapid progress and planting was completed ahead of the average pace. Farmers reported that 99 percent of the intended corn acreage had been planted at the time of the survey interview which is slightly above the average for the past 10 years.

The 2007 soybean planted area is estimated at 64.1 million acres, down 15 percent from last year's record high. Area for harvest, at 63.3 million acres, is also down 15 percent from 2006. This is the lowest planted and harvested area for soybeans since 1995. With the exception of New York, Pennsylvania, and the Southeast States, planted acreage decreased in all States across the country. Growers in Illinois and Iowa showed the largest decrease in soybean acreage from last year, down 1.75 million acres and 1.35 million acres, respectively. Large declines in soybean area occurred across the Corn Belt and Great Plains, with planted acreage

also down more than one million acres from last year in Indiana, Minnesota, and Nebraska. Many farmers across the country shifted to planting more corn this year at the expense of soybeans. However, increases in soybean area occurred across the Southeast, where some farmers shifted from cotton to corn and soybeans. New York and Pennsylvania both set new record high planted areas, at 215,000 and 440,000 acres, respectively. Nationally, farmers reported that 88 percent of the intended soybean acreage had been planted at the time of the survey interview, compared with the average of 81 percent for the past 5 years.

All wheat planted area is estimated at 60.5 million acres, up 6 percent from 2006. The 2007 winter wheat planted area, at 45.1 million acres, is 11 percent above last year and up 1 percent from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 32.4 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 8.80 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.91 million acres are White Winter

WINTER WHEAT BY DISTRICTS, 2006-2007

District	Planted acres		Acres for grain	
	2006	2007	2006	2007
	Thousands			
Northwest	37	36	35	32
Northeast	51	54	50	47
West	47	62	46	54
Central	35	42	34	36
East	61	72	60	48
W. Southwest	121	132	118	119
E. Southeast	163	178	160	159
Southwest	281	268	276	223
Southeast	134	126	131	92
ILLINOIS	930	970	910	810

JUNE 1 GRAIN STOCKS

Stocks of corn in Illinois on June 1, 2007 were estimated at 634 million bushels, 17 percent below June 1, 2006. On-farm stocks were at 240 million bushels, down 23 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 394 million bushels, were down 14 percent. The March-May indicated disappearance was 514 million bushels, 13 more than the disappearance of 455 million bushels last year.

Soybean stocks were estimated at 181 million bushels on June 1, 2007, 6 percent above a year earlier. On-farm stocks totaled 73 million bushels, which compares to 72 million on June 1, 2006. Off-farm stocks totaled 108 million bushels, 9 percent above the previous year. The March-May indicated disappearance for stocks in all positions was 122 million bushels, 6 percent less than the disappearance of 129 million bushels a year ago.

Wheat stocks on June 1, 2007 were estimated at 14.9 million bushels, 41 percent above a year ago, and the highest level since 2001. Off-farm stocks were 14.6 million bushels, 98 percent of the total stocks.

U.S. Corn stocks in all positions on June 1, 2007 totaled 3.53 billion bushels, down 19 percent from June 1, 2006. Of the total stocks, 1.83 billion bushels are stored on farms, down 22 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 1.71 billion bushels, are down 15 percent from a year ago. The March - May 2007 indicated disappearance is 2.53 billion bushels, compared with 2.63 billion bushels during the same period last year.

Soybeans stored in all positions on June 1, 2007 totaled 1.09 billion bushels, up 10 percent from June 1, 2006 and the largest June 1 stocks on record. On-farm stocks totaled 500 million bushels, up 1 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 591 million bushels, are up 19 percent from the previous year. Indicated disappearance for the March - May 2007 quarter totaled 696 million bushels, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

All wheat stored in all positions on June 1, 2007 totaled 456 million bushels, down 20 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 73.2 million bushels, down 34 percent from last year. Off-farm stocks, at

383 million bushels, are down 17 percent from a year ago. The March - May 2007 indicated disappearance is 401 million bushels, up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

GRAIN STOCKS - JUNE 1, 2006-2007

Crop and position 1/	Illinois		United States	
	2006	2007	2006	2007
	Thousand bushels			
Corn				
On farms	310,000	240,000	2,350,500	1,826,600
Off farms	456,980	394,437	2,011,199	1,707,101
Total	766,980	634,437	4,361,699	3,533,701
Soybeans				
On farms	72,000	73,000	495,500	500,000
Off farms	98,419	107,537	495,199	591,085
Total	170,419	180,537	990,699	1,091,085
All Wheat				
On farms	300	300	111,010	73,190
Off farms	10,278	14,603	460,180	382,503
Total	10,578	14,903	571,190	455,693
Oats				
On farms	2/	2/	25,190	18,400
Off farms	241	2/	27,376	32,784
Total	2/	2/	52,566	51,184
Sorghum				
On farms	2/	2/	12,650	5,380
Off farms	773	2/	102,213	69,498
Total	2/	2/	114,863	74,878

1/ Off farm stocks include stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors.

2/ Data not published.

HOGS AND PIGS

The number of hogs and pigs on Illinois farms on June 1, 2007 was 3.90 million head, seven percent less than a year earlier and four percent less than the March 1, 2007 inventory. Breeding hogs, at 440 thousand head, were up two percent from a year ago, but steady with last quarter. Market hogs, at 3.46 million head, were down eight percent from June 2006 and down four percent from March 2007.

The Illinois **March-May pig crop**, at 2.025 million, was up seven percent from a year ago. There were 225 thousand sows that farrowed, up seven percent from the farrowings for the same time last year. Pigs per litter, at 9.00, were down slightly from the average of 9.05 pigs saved per litter last quarter.

Illinois hog producers **intend to farrow** 450 thousand sows between June 1 and November 30, 2007. This would be 35 thousand farrowings more than during this period a year ago. Producers expect to farrow 225 thousand sows during the June-August quarter, up 13 percent from a year earlier. The first intentions estimate for farrowings during the September-November quarter is 225 thousand sows, up five percent from the number farrowed during that period in 2006.

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2007 was 62.8 million

head. This was up 2 percent from both June 1, 2006 and March 1, 2007. Breeding inventory, at 6.12 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, and 2 percent from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 56.6 million head, was up 2 percent from both last year and last quarter.

The **March-May 2007 pig crop**, at 27.1 million head, was up 2 percent from 2006 and up 4 percent from 2005. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.97 million head, up 1 percent from 2006 and up 3 percent 2005. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.15 for the March-May 2007 period, compared to 9.08 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.60 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.20 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.96 million sows farrow during the June-August 2007 quarter, up 2 percent from the actual farrowings in 2006, and up 1 percent from 2005. Intended farrowings for September-November 2007, at 2.96 million sows, are up slightly from 2006 and up 2 percent from 2005. The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 39 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, up from 38 percent last year.

HOGS & PIGS: INVENTORY NUMBERS, JUNE 1, 2006-2007

	Illinois			Iowa			United States		
	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
Breeding	430	440	102	1,080	1,080	100	6,060	6,116	101
Market	3,770	3,460	92	15,520	16,720	108	55,627	56,634	102
Under 60 lbs.	1,350	1,270	94	4,860	5,190	107	20,808	21,182	102
60-119 lbs.	940	860	91	4,240	4,630	109	13,692	13,894	101
120-179 lbs.	840	760	90	3,530	3,800	108	11,485	11,624	101
180 lbs. & over	640	570	89	2,890	3,100	107	9,643	9,934	103
Total	4,200	3,900	93	16,600	17,800	107	61,687	62,750	102

HOGS & PIGS: FARROWINGS & PIG CROP, 2006-2007

	Illinois			Iowa			United States		
	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
Sows Farrowing									
Dec.-Feb. <u>1/</u>	195	210	108	455	445	98	2,840	2,885	102
Mar.-May	210	225	107	465	460	99	2,927	2,966	101
Jun.-Aug.	200	225 <u>2/</u>	113	455	460 <u>2/</u>	101	2,912	2,958 <u>2/</u>	102
Sep.-Nov.	215	225 <u>2/</u>	105	480	470 <u>2/</u>	98	2,949	2,960 <u>2/</u>	100
Pig Crop									
Dec.-Feb. <u>1/</u>	1,755	1,901	108	4,095	4,005	98	25,661	26,210	102
Mar.-May	1,901	2,025	107	4,162	4,232	102	26,579	27,141	102
Pigs Per Litter	Number			Number			Number		
Dec.-Feb. <u>1/</u>	9.00	9.05	--	9.00	9.00	--	9.03	9.09	--
Mar.-May	9.05	9.00	--	8.95	9.20	--	9.08	9.15	--

1/ December of prior year.

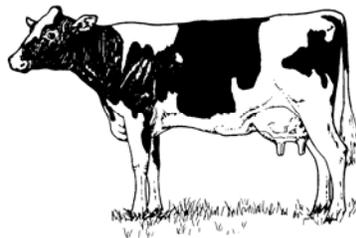
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MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in Illinois during May 2007 totaled 172 million pounds, down one percent from last May. The number of milk cows on farms averaged 103,000 head, unchanged from May of last year. Milk per cow averaged 1,670 pounds for May, 20 pounds below May 2006.

Estimated milk production in the U.S. during May 2007 totaled 16.2 billion pounds, up one percent from May 2006. Production per cow averaged 1,776 pounds, 16 pounds above May 2006. The number of milk cows on farms in the U.S. was 9.12 million head in May, 10,000 head less than May 2006.



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

		May					
		Illinois			United States		
		2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006
Milk Production:							
Number of milk cows	Head (000)	103	103	100	9,129	9,119	100
Milk production per cow	Lbs.	1,690	1,670	99	1,760	1,776	101
Total milk production	Mil. lbs.	174	172	99	16,068	16,195	101

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