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

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JULY CROP REPORT

The **Illinois wheat yield for the 2007 crop** is estimated to average 57 bushels per acre based on the July 1 surveys, up two bushels per acre from the June forecast. Total production would be 46.2 million bushels, 76 percent of the 2006 production. Acreage expected to be harvested for grain is 810 thousand, 89 percent of the harvested acres in 2006. As of July 8, 96 percent of the wheat acres were harvested, compared to 93 percent last year and the five-year average of 91 percent.

Production of oats in Illinois for 2007 is estimated at 1.42 million bushels, 54 percent below 2006. Acreage to be harvested for grain, at 20 thousand, is half of last year's acreage. The yield is estimated at 71 bushels per acre, six bushels below last year's yield. As of July 8, 12 percent of the crop was harvested compared to 11 percent for both last year and the five-year average.

The **Illinois peach crop for 2007** is estimated at 1,000 tons. The "Easter Freeze" which affected a majority of crops in the mid-west did not spare many peaches in Illinois this year. There were reports that the trees were loaded when the freeze occurred, but now most everything is gone.

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ACREAGE & PRODUCTION

Crop	Illinois		United States	
	2006	2007	2006	2007
Acreage and production in thousands				
<u>Winter Wheat</u>				
Acres 1/	910	810	31,117	37,588
Yield, bu.	67.0	57.0	41.7	41.6
Production	60,970	46,170	1,298,081	1,561,907
<u>Oats, Grain</u>				
Acres 1/	40	20	1,576	1,612
Yield, bu.	77.0	71.0	59.5	62.6
Production	3,080	1,420	93,764	100,921
<u>Potatoes (Summer)</u>				
Acres 1/	6.3	5.8	54.3	53.8
Yield, cwt.	395	400	338	311
Production	2,489	2,320	18,350	16,749
<u>Peaches 2/</u>				
Production	11,370	1,000	1,010,120	1,026,845

1/ Harvested acres.

2/ Production in tons.

WINTER WHEAT, 2006-2007

District	Acres planted		Acres for harvest		Yield		Production	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	1,000 acres		1,000 acres		Bushels		1,000 bushels	
Northwest	37	36	35	32	77	70	2,695	2,240
Northeast	51	54	50	47	83	69	4,150	3,243
West	47	62	46	54	71	67	3,266	3,722
Central	35	42	34	36	70	71	2,381	2,556
East	61	72	60	48	85	64	5,097	3,072
West Southwest	121	132	118	119	66	57	7,787	6,783
East Southeast	163	178	160	159	69	59	11,040	9,381
Southwest	281	268	276	223	60	47	16,564	10,481
Southeast	134	126	131	92	61	51	7,990	4,692
ILLINOIS	930	970	910	810	67	57	60,970	46,170

JULY CROP REPORT - Continued

U.S. CROP PRODUCTION

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.56 billion bushels, down three percent from the June 1 forecast but up 20 percent from 2006. Based on July 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 41.6 bushels per acre, down 1.6 bushels from last month and 0.1 bushel below last year. Expected grain area totals 37.6 million acres, up 21 percent from last year but unchanged from the Acreage report released on June 29, 2007. Harvest progress in the 18 major producing states was 40 percent complete by July 1. This was 22 percentage points behind last year and 14 points behind the five-year average.

Hard Red Winter, at 964 million bushels, is down seven percent from a month ago. Soft Red Winter, at 364 million bushels, is up seven percent from the last forecast. White Winter is down one percent from last month and now totals 235 million bushels. Of this total, 18.1 million bushels are Hard White and 216 million bushels are Soft White.

Yield forecasts are equal to or higher than the previous month in all states in the Soft Red Winter growing area except Arkansas, Georgia, Indiana, New York, and South Carolina. Harvest is nearly complete in the southern portion of the growing area and revealed that the April freeze caused yields to be below normal but higher than previously expected. Elsewhere, harvest is close to normal in most states in the northern portion of the growing area. In Missouri, heavy rains during the last part of June caused some lodging and reduced grain quality in the southwestern part of the state.

Winter wheat heading reached 97 percent by mid-June, 1 point behind last year but two points ahead of normal. All states were at or ahead of normal, except Washington. However, by the end of the month, harvest was 40 percent complete nationwide, 22 points behind last year and 14 points behind the five-year average. In the central and southern Great Plains, showers and thunderstorms halted field activities, where the crop trailed behind the normal pace by 21 points or more in Oklahoma, Kansas, and Texas.

SOYBEANS: PERCENT OF ACREAGE PLANTED FOLLOWING ANOTHER CROP 1/

State	2004	2005	2006	2007
Alabama	11	8	6	10
Arkansas	16	4	6	23
Delaware	29	41	25	50
Florida	41	29	2/	71
Georgia	61	51	69	77
ILLINOIS	5	3	6	6
Indiana	3	1	3	4
Kansas	2	2/	11	15
Kentucky	34	29	21	26
Louisiana	10	9	14	22
Maryland	43	27	32	47
Mississippi	8	1	4	14
Missouri	10	7	11	13
New Jersey	13	31	38	27
N. Carolina	31	32	30	38
Ohio	1	1	2/	1
Oklahoma	34	3	20	64
Pennsylvania	7	4	11	19
S. Carolina	38	37	29	36
Tennessee	32	15	20	31
Texas	3	4	2/	2/
Virginia	37	7	25	44
W. Virginia	17	9	2/	4
U.S.	6	4	5	8

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 five percent in March, up one percent in April, and up two percent in May compared to those same months last year. The number of eggs produced decreased one percent in March and three percent in April, but increased 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 down one percent for March, April, and May. The number of eggs produced decreased one percent for March, April, and May.

LAYERS & EGG PRODUCTION, ILLINOIS & UNITED STATES, MARCH-MAY 2007

	Illinois					
	March		April		May 1/	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
Average Number of Layers on hand (thousand)	4,613	4,846	4,699	4,740	4,758	4,873
Eggs produced (million)	112	111	103	100	105	107
	United States					
	2006		2007		2007	
	350,470	346,437	348,643	343,814	345,223	340,705
Eggs produced (million)	7,843	7,769	7,543	7,435	7,637	7,584

1/ Preliminary.

AGRICULTURAL PRICES

The June index of prices received by Illinois farmers for all commodities was 143 percent of the base, up ten points from the revised May figure and 41 points above June 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 June All Crops index, at 152 percent of the base, was 13 points above the revised May number and 51 points above June 2006. Crop prices increased for all commodities. The All Livestock index was at 111 percent of the base, down one point from the revised May number but four points above June 2006. Prices for all livestock commodities decreased with the exception of sows and all milk. The hog-corn ratio was at 12.7.

The U.S. preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in June, at 141 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased three points from May. The Crop Index was up three points and the Livestock Index increased two points. Producers received higher commodity prices for milk, corn, lettuce, and soybeans. Lower prices were received for cantaloupes, cattle, tomatoes, and eggs. 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 wheat, grapes, hay, and cantaloupes offset decreased marketings of oranges, strawberries, tomatoes, and sweet corn.

INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

Commodity	May 2006	June 2006	May 2007	June 15, 2007
ILLINOIS				
	2000-2004=100		2001-2005=100	
All Farm Products	100	102	133 *	143
All Crops	99	101	139 *	152
Food grains	131	120	141 *	171
Feed grains/hay	99	103	155 *	172
Soybeans	97	97	117 *	122
All Livestock	103	107	112 *	111
Meat animals	105	109	109 *	106
Dairy products	94	96	126 *	138
UNITED STATES				
	1990-92=100			
All Farm Products	111	118	138 *	141
All Crops	120	127	143 *	146
Food grains	133	134	159 *	175
Feed grains/hay	107	109	158 *	167
Oilseeds	102	101	128 *	136
All Livestock	104	110	134 *	136
Meat animals	112	116	124 *	121
Dairy products	91	91	138 *	153
Prices Paid	149	149	157 *	156
Parity Ratio 1/	74	79	88 *	90

1/ Prices received index divided by prices paid index.

* Revised.



PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS 1/

Commodity	Unit	Illinois				United States			
		May 2006	June 2006	May 2007	June 15, 2007	May 2006	June 2006	May 2007	June 15, 2007
Dollars									
Corn	Bushels	2.26	2.28	3.52 *	3.90	2.17	2.14	3.49 *	3.77
Soybeans	Bushels	5.83	5.78	7.27 *	7.70	5.68	5.62	7.13 *	7.57
Sorghum	Cwt.	4.47	4.73	6.50 *	6.90	4.01	3.95	6.48 *	6.60
Wheat, all	Bushels	3.77	3.23	4.34 *	5.00	4.09	3.98	4.88 *	5.28
Oats	Bushels	3/	2.25	3/	3/	1.85	1.90	2.49 *	2.55
Hay, all baled	Tons	98.00	93.00	106.00	103.00	113.00	109.00	138.00 *	131.00
Alfalfa hay, bld	Tons	102.00	97.00	110.00	113.00	117.00	115.00	144.00 *	137.00
Other hay, bld	Tons	77.00	76.00	84.00	87.00	95.80	90.10	116.00 *	111.00
Hogs, all	Cwt.	49.20	53.10	50.40 *	49.70	48.20	53.80	53.00 *	52.50
Barrows, Gilts	Cwt.	51.00	55.00	52.00 *	51.00	48.90	54.80	53.90 *	53.20
Sows	Cwt.	28.20	30.70	32.50 *	35.30	30.10	33.10	33.90 *	36.60
Beef cattle	Cwt.	80.30	82.30	97.10 *	92.20	82.20	84.00	93.20 *	89.70
Cows	Cwt.	45.00	46.00	54.00 *	52.00	47.40	46.80	51.60 *	50.00
Steers, Heifers	Cwt.	81.00	83.00	98.00 *	93.00	86.30	88.20	98.10 *	94.00
Calves	Cwt.	123.00	122.00	117.00 *	113.00	134.00	135.00	126.00 *	125.00
Milk cows	Head	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/
Milk, all	Cwt.	13.20	13.30	18.70 *	20.20	11.90	11.90	18.00 *	20.00
Milk, fluid	Cwt.	13.20	13.30	18.70	3/	11.90	11.90	18.00 *	20.00
Milk, mfg.	Cwt.	12.60	13.40	18.20	3/	11.30	11.30	17.70 *	19.80
Hog-corn ratio		21.8	23.3	14.3 *	12.7	22.2	25.1	15.2 *	13.9

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, 2004-2006 1/

	Illinois			United States		
	2004	2005	2006	2004	2005	2006
	Million dollars					
Feed grains and products	1,347.4	973.6	1,378.8	8,290.9	6,968.4	8,689.7
Soybeans and products	1,442.0	1,267.2	1,255.2	9,059.3	8,805.8	8,296.1
Live animals and meat	269.2	333.7	365.9	4,417.5	4,922.6	5,841.9
Wheat and products	152.8	149.8	122.3	6,631.9	5,886.3	6,187.4
Feeds and fodders	58.6	66.1	77.8	2,032.2	2,210.6	2,492.8
Hides and skins	52.3	51.6	57.0	1,763.3	1,748.1	1,977.5
Seeds	7.2	7.1	8.6	865.4	916.3	876.8
Fats, oil and greases	21.4	17.4	15.7	574.1	479.4	478.0
Vegetables	17.8	21.6	25.5	3,291.3	3,631.9	3,905.1
Other 2/	374.0	401.8	448.1	8,520.9	8,963.4	9,955.3
Total	3,767.3	3,321.7	3,787.1	62,408.8	62,516.2	68,720.6

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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