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THESE PROJECTS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP.

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ACREAGE

A sample of the previously contacted producers was re-interviewed between June 23rd and 25th, in order to better assess the conditions in the field. Throughout the spring, producers were hampered by above normal precipitation, which caused standing water in fields and flooding. Additional update surveys will be conducted around August 1 and results will be published in the August Crop Production Report on August 12.

Corn planted in Illinois in 2008 is estimated at 12.3 million acres, down 300 thousand acres from the March Prospective Plantings Report, and down 900 thousand acres from last year. Acreage planted to biotechnology varieties is estimated at 80 percent of the total acreage, up from 74 percent last year. Bt varieties account for 13 percent, herbicide resistant varieties account for 15 percent, and 52 percent of the total corn acres were planted to stacked-gene varieties. Acreage expected to be

harvested for grain is currently estimated at 11.5 million. The crop was rated 11 percent excellent, 45 percent good, 32 percent fair, 9 percent poor, and 3 percent very poor as of June 22.

Acreage planted and to be planted to soybeans in Illinois in 2008 is estimated at 9.1 million acres, which is 300,000 acres above the March intentions and 900 thousand above a year ago. Of the total acreage planted, an estimated 87 percent was planted with herbicide resistant varieties. Of the planted acres, 8.6 million are projected to be harvested. Only 66 percent of the intended soybean acreage had been planted at the time of the survey interview, compared with the average of 92 percent for the last five years. The crop was rated as 4 percent excellent, 47 percent good, 39 percent fair, 8 percent poor, and 2 percent very poor on June 22.

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ACREAGE SUMMARY, 2007-2008

Crop	Illinois				United States			
	Planted acres		Acres for harvest		Planted acres		Acres for harvest	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	Thousands							
Corn	13,200	12,300	13,050	11,500	93,600	87,327	86,542	78,940
Soybeans	8,200	9,100	8,150	8,600	63,631	74,533	62,820	72,121
Winter Wheat	1,000	1,200	890	1,160	44,987	46,605	35,952	40,252
Oats	35	45	24	30	3,760	3,467	1,505	1,443
Sorghum	80	60	77	50	7,718	7,271	6,805	6,405
Summer Potatoes	6.3	4.4	6.1	4.2	53.7	48.0	51.3	45.5
Alfalfa Hay	--	--	380	350	--	--	21,670	20,778
All Other Hay	--	--	300	270	--	--	39,955	39,661

CORN & SOYBEANS BY DISTRICTS, 2007-2008

District	Corn				Soybeans			
	Planted acres		Acres for grain		Planted acres		Acres for beans	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	Thousands							
Northwest	2,163	2,038	2,135	1,976	769	894	765	849
Northeast	1,242	1,196	1,229	1,163	619	665	616	639
West	1,236	1,200	1,219	1,166	760	796	754	761
Central	1,883	1,698	1,868	1,653	976	1,161	972	1,131
East	1,844	1,709	1,829	1,541	1,153	1,288	1,147	1,196
West Southwest	1,851	1,734	1,835	1,579	1,035	1,152	1,028	1,081
East Southeast	1,729	1,564	1,710	1,324	1,424	1,589	1,416	1,431
Southwest	590	548	573	512	794	836	788	813
Southeast	662	613	652	586	670	719	664	699
ILLINOIS	13,200	12,300	13,050	11,500	8,200	9,100	8,150	8,600

ACREAGE - CONTINUED

An estimated 1.2 million acres of winter wheat were seeded in Illinois last fall, up 20 percent from the previous year. Harvested acreage is expected to total 1.16 million acres, up 30 percent from last year. As of June 22, 32 percent of the wheat crop was ripe, compared to 85 percent last year and the five-year average of 77 percent. Harvest had just begun and was only three percent complete, compared to 63 percent last year and the average of 46 percent.

U.S. corn planted area for all purposes is estimated at 87.3 million acres, down seven percent from last year. Despite the decrease, corn planted acreage is the second highest since 1946, behind last year's total of 93.6 million acres. Growers expect to harvest 78.9 million acres for grain, down nine percent from 2007. If realized, this would be the second highest since 1944, behind last year. Farmers increased corn plantings 1.31 million acres from their March intentions. Planting got off to a slow start across the Corn Belt, Ohio Valley, and the northern half of the Great Plains as frequent precipitation and cool temperatures during March and April prevented spring planting preparations. Corn planting was 27 percent complete on May 4, down 32 points from normal. Despite intermittent showers and below normal temperatures, producers were able to make rapid progress during May, particularly across the upper Midwest and northern Great Plains. Planting was at 97 percent of the intended corn acreage at the time of the survey interview compared with the average of 98 percent for the past ten years.

Soybean planted area for 2008 is estimated at 74.5 million acres, up 17 percent from last year but one percent below the record high acreage in 2006. Area for harvest, at 72.1 million acres, is up 15 percent from 2007. Compared with last year, planted acreage increases are expected in all states, and the U.S. planted area for soybeans is the third largest on record. The largest increase is expected in Nebraska, up 950,000 acres from 2007, followed by Illinois and South Dakota, both up 900,000 acres. Increases of at least 800,000 acres are also expected in Indiana, Iowa, and Minnesota.

If realized, the planted acreage in Kansas, New York, and Pennsylvania will be the largest on record. Nationally, 79 percent of the intended soybean acreage had been planted at the time of the survey interview, which is the lowest since 1996.

All wheat planted area is estimated at 63.5 million acres, up five percent from 2007. The 2008 winter wheat planted area, at 46.6 million acres, is four percent above last year but down slightly from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 31.9 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 11.0 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.7 million acres are White Winter. Area planted to other spring wheat for 2008 is estimated at 14.2 million acres, up seven percent from 2007. Of this total, about 13.4 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. The Durum planted area for 2008 is 2.66 million acres, up 24 percent from the previous year.

WINTER WHEAT BY DISTRICTS, 2007-2008

District	Planted acres		Acres for grain	
	2007	2008	2007	2008
	Thousands			
Northwest	42	49	39	44
Northeast	47	71	40	64
West	65	76	63	71
Central	42	46	39	44
East	73	84	50	78
W. Southwest	146	155	142	153
E. Southeast	178	218	163	215
Southwest	275	325	253	317
Southeast	132	176	101	174
ILLINOIS	1,000	1,200	890	1,160

JUNE 1 GRAIN STOCKS

Stocks of corn in Illinois on June 1, 2008 were estimated at 777 million bushels, 22 percent above June 1, 2007. On-farm stocks were 300 million bushels, up 25 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 477 million bushels, were up 21 percent. The March-May indicated disappearance was 531 million bushels, compared to the disappearance of 514 million bushels last year.

Soybean stocks were estimated at 112 million bushels on June 1, 2008, 38 percent below a year earlier. On-farm stocks totaled 31 million bushels, which compares to 73 million on June 1, 2007. Off-farm stocks totaled 81.1 million bushels, 25 percent below the previous year. The March-May indicated disappearance for stocks in all positions was 108 million bushels, 11 percent below the disappearance of 122 million bushels a year ago.

Wheat stocks on June 1, 2008 were estimated at 6.32 million bushels, 58 percent below a year ago. Off-farm stocks were 6.25 million bushels, 99 percent of the total stocks.

U.S. corn stocks in all positions on June 1, 2008 totaled 4.03 billion bushels, up 14 percent from June 1, 2007. Of the total stocks, 1.97 billion bushels are stored on farms, up eight percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 2.06 billion bushels, are up 21 percent from a year ago. The March-May 2008 indicated disappearance is 2.83 billion bushels, compared with 2.53 billion bushels during the same period last year.

Soybeans stored in all positions on June 1, 2008 totaled 676 million bushels, down 38 percent from June 1, 2007. On-farm stocks totaled 227 million bushels, down 55 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 449 million bushels, are down 24 percent from the previous year. Indicated disappearance for the March-May 2008 quarter totaled 758 million bushels, up nine percent from the same period a year earlier.

All wheat stored in all positions on June 1, 2008 totaled 306 million bushels, down 33 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 25.6 million bushels, down 65 percent from last year. Off-farm stocks, at 280 million bushels, are down 27 percent from a year ago. The March-May 2008 indicated disappearance is 404 million bushels, up one percent from the same period a year earlier.

GRAIN STOCKS - JUNE 1, 2007-2008

Crop and position ^{1/}	Illinois		United States	
	2007	2008	2007	2008
	Thousand bushels			
<u>Corn</u>				
On farms	240,000	300,000	1,826,600	1,970,900
Off farms	394,437	476,980	1,706,843	2,057,117
Total	634,437	776,980	3,533,443	4,028,017
<u>Soybeans</u>				
On farms	73,000	31,000	500,000	226,600
Off farms	107,537	81,149	592,185	449,491
Total	180,537	112,149	1,092,185	676,091
<u>All Wheat</u>				
On farms	300	70	73,190	25,635
Off farms	14,603	6,254	382,963	279,983
Total	14,903	6,324	456,153	305,618
<u>Oats</u>				
On farms	2/	2/	18,400	16,100
Off farms	305	176	32,198	50,704
Total	2/	2/	50,598	66,804
<u>Sorghum</u>				
On farms	2/	2/	5,380	7,000
Off farms	2/	686	69,490	89,805
Total	2/	2/	74,870	96,805

^{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, 2008 was 4.35 million head, nine percent more than a year earlier but two percent less than the March 1, 2008 inventory. Breeding hogs, at 440 thousand head, was unchanged from a year ago, but down two percent from last quarter. Market hogs, at 3.91 million head, were up ten percent from June 2007 but down two percent from March 2008.

The Illinois March-May pig crop, at 2.15 million, was up three percent from a year ago. There were 230 thousand sows that farrowed, unchanged from the farrowings for the same time last year. Pigs per litter, at 9.35, were up from the average of 9.25 pigs saved per litter last quarter.

Illinois hog producers intend to farrow 465 thousand sows between June 1 and November 30, 2008. This would be 25 thousand farrowings less than during this period a year ago. Producers expect to farrow 230 thousand sows during the June-August quarter, down six percent from a year earlier. The first intentions estimate for farrowings during the September-November quarter is 235 thousand sows, down four percent from the number farrowed during that period in 2007.

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2008 was 67.7 million head. This was up six percent from June 1, 2007, and up one percent from March 1, 2008. Breeding inventory, at 6.07 million head, was down

one percent from last year, and down one percent from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 61.6 million head, was up seven percent from last year, and up one percent from last quarter.

The March-May 2008 pig crop, at 29.0 million head, was up four percent from 2007 and up nine percent from 2006. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.09 million head, up two percent from 2007 and up six percent from 2006. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 51 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.38 for the March-May 2008 period, compared to 9.20 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.70 for operations with 1-99 head to 9.40 for operations with more than 2,000 head.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 3.07 million sows farrow during the June-August 2008 quarter, down two percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2007, but up five percent from 2006. Intended farrowings for September-November 2008, at 3.05 million sows, are down four percent from 2007 but up three percent from 2006. The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 41 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, up from 39 percent last year.

HOGS & PIGS: INVENTORY NUMBERS, JUNE 1, 2007-2008

	Illinois			Iowa			United States		
	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
Breeding	440	440	100	1,080	1,090	101	6,120	6,069	99
Market	3,560	3,910	110	17,120	18,310	107	57,830	61,591	107
Under 60 lbs.	1,310	1,420	108	5,450	5,500	101	21,782	22,587	104
60-119 lbs.	920	990	108	4,770	4,910	103	14,339	15,167	106
120-179 lbs.	760	850	112	3,850	4,450	116	11,790	12,907	109
180 lbs. & over	570	650	114	3,050	3,450	113	9,920	10,931	110
Total	4,000	4,350	109	18,200	19,400	107	63,951	67,661	106

HOGS & PIGS: FARROWINGS & PIG CROP, 2007-2008

	Illinois			Iowa			United States		
	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
Sows Farrowing									
Dec.-Feb. <u>1/</u>	210	240	114	455	510	112	2,905	3,067	106
Mar.-May	230	230	100	480	530	110	3,033	3,092	102
Jun.-Aug.	245	230 <u>2/</u>	94	480	520 <u>2/</u>	108	3,132	3,070 <u>2/</u>	98
Sep.-Nov.	245	235 <u>2/</u>	96	540	520 <u>2/</u>	96	3,180	3,052 <u>2/</u>	96
Pig Crop									
Dec.-Feb. <u>1/</u>	1,901	2,220	117	4,095	4,692	115	26,396	28,352	107
Mar.-May	2,082	2,151	103	4,416	4,956	112	27,896	29,000	104
Pigs Per Litter	Number			Number			Number		
Dec.-Feb. <u>1/</u>	9.05	9.25	--	9.00	9.20	--	9.09	9.24	--
Mar.-May	9.05	9.35	--	9.20	9.35	--	9.20	9.38	--

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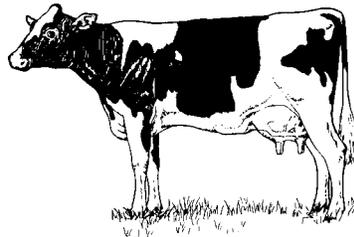
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MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in Illinois during May 2008 totaled 170 million pounds, down one percent from last May. The number of milk cows on farms averaged 102,000 head, down 1,000 head from May of last year. Milk per cow averaged 1,665 pounds for May, five pounds below May 2007.

Estimated milk production in the U.S. during May 2008 totaled 16.7 billion pounds, up three percent from May 2007. Production per cow averaged 1,796 pounds, 25 pounds above May 2007. The number of milk cows on farms in the U.S. was 9.28 million head in May, 143,000 head more than May 2007.



MILK PRODUCTION: ILLINOIS & UNITED STATES, MAY 2007-2008

		May					
		Illinois			United States		
		2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007
Milk Production:							
Number of milk cows	Head (000)	103	102	99	9,138	9,281	102
Milk production per cow	Lbs.	1,670	1,665	100	1,771	1,796	101
Total milk production	Mil. lbs.	172	170	99	16,180	16,667	103

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