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AUGUST CROP REPORT

The 2008 Illinois corn crop is expected to yield 172 bushels per acre, down three bushels from last year's yield. Production of corn for grain would be 2.03 billion bushels, down 11 percent from 2007. Growing conditions for corn have improved after a rough start caused by heavy rains and flooding conditions across much of the state. Due to the heavy rains, farmers ended corn planting three weeks later than 2007. Warmer weather and adequate sunshine have created excellent conditions for crop progress, pollination, and ear development. As of August 3, 27 percent of the crop was in the dough stage, compared to 66 percent last year and 54 percent for the five-year average. Corn condition was rated 20 percent excellent, 53 percent good, 20 percent fair, 5 percent poor, and 2 percent very poor.

Soybean production in 2008 is expected to reach 375.9 million bushels, seven percent above last year's production. Yield is forecast at 42 bushels per acre, one bushel below last year. Temperatures were above average for the month and precipitation was in line with average July totals. As of August 3, 31 percent of the crop was setting pods compared to 73 percent last year and 62 percent for the five-year average. The condition of the soybean crop was rated as 3 percent very poor, 6 percent poor, 27 percent fair, 53 percent good, and 11 percent excellent.

The 2008 winter wheat yield is estimated at 65 bushels per acre, down one from the July 1 forecast, but eight bushels above the 2007 yield. With 1.16 million acres harvested for grain, production would equal 75.4 million bushels, 49 percent above last year.

CORN, 2007-AUGUST 1, 2008

District	Acres planted		Acres for grain		Yield		Production	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	1,000 acres		1,000 acres		Bushels		1,000 bushels	
Northwest	2,163	2,069	2,135	2,006	186	182	397,074.8	365,092
Northeast	1,242	1,184	1,229	1,151	185	183	227,409.1	210,633
West	1,236	1,186	1,219	1,151	184	176	224,333.7	202,576
Central	1,883	1,691	1,868	1,655	193	191	360,529.8	316,105
East	1,844	1,666	1,829	1,622	184	169	336,567.1	274,118
West Southwest	1,851	1,708	1,835	1,641	170	167	311,935.1	274,047
East Southeast	1,729	1,547	1,710	1,475	160	155	273,616.8	228,625
Southwest	590	553	573	528	123	141	70,450.7	74,448
Southeast	662	596	652	571	126	147	81,832.9	83,956
ILLINOIS	13,200	12,200	13,050	11,800	175	172	2,283,750.0	2,029,600

SOYBEANS, 2007-AUGUST 1, 2008

District	Acres planted		Acres for harvest		Yield		Production	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	1,000 acres		1,000 acres		Bushels		1,000 bushels	
Northwest	769	889	765	864	50	48	38,399.1	41,472
Northeast	619	675	616	668	48	47	29,569.5	31,396
West	760	791	754	769	45	46	34,158.1	35,374
Central	976	1,166	972	1,144	51	48	49,651.4	54,912
East	1,153	1,279	1,147	1,261	53	45	60,821.2	56,745
West Southwest	1,035	1,175	1,028	1,158	40	40	41,129.9	46,320
East Southeast	1,424	1,577	1,416	1,561	40	35	57,248.9	54,635
Southwest	794	832	788	821	27	35	21,485.7	28,735
Southeast	670	716	664	714	27	37	17,986.2	26,311
ILLINOIS	8,200	9,100	8,150	8,950	43	42	350,450.0	375,900

U.S. CROP PRODUCTION

Corn production is forecast at 12.3 billion bushels, down six percent from last year but 17 percent above 2006. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average 155.0 bushels per acre, up 3.9 bushels from last year. If realized, this yield would be the second highest on record, behind 2004. Production would be the second highest on record, behind last year when producers harvested the most acres of corn for grain since 1933. Forecasted yields are higher than last year in the northern and eastern Corn Belt, Ohio and Tennessee Valleys, and northern half of the Atlantic Coast where frequent precipitation this year contrasted with extremely dry weather last year. Expected yields across the southern half of the Great Plains and the Carolinas are below last year due to drought-like conditions throughout much of the growing season. Growers expect to harvest 79.3 million acres for grain, up 350,000 acres from June but eight percent lower than last year.

Soybean production is forecast at 2.97 billion bushels, up 15 percent from last year but down seven percent from the record high production of 2006. If realized, this will be the fourth largest production on record. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 40.5 bushels per acre, down 0.7 bushel from 2007. Compared with last year, yields are forecast lower in Illinois, Iowa, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Ohio, Texas, and across the northern and central Great Plains. In contrast, yield prospects are forecast higher than last year or unchanged across the remainder of the country, with the largest increases in Kentucky and Tennessee, up 13 and 12 bushels from last year, respectively. Area for harvest in the U.S. is forecast at 73.3 million acres, up two percent from June and up 17 percent from 2007.

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.87 billion bushels. This is up one percent from last month and 24 percent above 2007. The U.S. yield is forecast at 46.6 bushels per acre, up 0.3 bushel from last month and up 4.4 bushels from last year. The area expected to be harvested for grain totals 40.3 million acres, unchanged from last month but up 12 percent from last year. Hard Red Winter, at 1.06 billion bushels, is up one percent from a month ago. Soft Red Winter, at 609 million bushels, is up slightly from the last forecast. White Winter is down three percent from last month and now totals 211 million bushels. Of this total, 23.6 million bushels are Hard White and 187 million bushels are Soft White.

CROPS ACREAGE & PRODUCTION, 2007-2008

Crop (Acres for harvest)	Illinois		United States	
	2007	2008	2007	2008
Acreage and production in thousands				
Corn, Grain				
Acres	13,050	11,800	86,542	79,290
Yield, bu.	175.0	172.0	151.1	155.0
Production	2,283,750	2,029,600	13,073,893	12,287,875
Soybeans				
Acres	8,150	8,950	62,820	73,341
Yield, bu.	43.0	42.0	41.2	40.5
Production	350,450	375,900	2,585,207	2,972,577
Winter Wheat, Grain				
Acres	890	1,160	35,952	40,252
Yield, bu.	57.0	65.0	42.2	46.6
Production	50,730	75,400	1,515,989	1,874,857
Oats, Grain				
Acres 1/	24	30	1,505	1,443
Yield, bu.	68.0	70.0	60.9	62.3
Production	1,632	2,100	91,599	89,897
Sorghum, Grain				
Acres	77	77	6,805	6,442
Yield, cwt.	81.0	75.0	74.2	63.7
Production	6,237	5,775	504,993	410,134
Alfalfa Hay				
Acres	380	350	21,670	20,778
Yield, tons	3.70	4.20	3.35	3.41
Production	1,406	1,470	72,575	70,944
All Other Hay				
Acres	300	270	39,955	39,661
Yield, tons	1.70	2.30	1.95	1.94
Production	510	621	77,729	77,011
Apples				
Mil. lbs.	5.0	52.0	9,113.9	9,165.2
Peaches				
Tons	100	10,800	1,128,740	1,093,850

WINTER WHEAT, 2007-AUGUST 1, 2008

District	Acres planted		Acres for harvest		Yield		Production	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	1,000 acres		1,000 acres		Bushels		1,000 bushels	
Northwest	42	49	39	44	72	70	2,808.0	3,080
Northeast	47	71	40	64	67	73	2,680.0	4,672
West	65	76	63	71	65	63	4,095.0	4,473
Central	42	46	39	44	60	66	2,340.0	2,904
East	73	84	50	78	60	71	3,000.2	5,538
West Southwest	146	155	142	153	59	63	8,378.0	9,639
East Southeast	178	218	163	215	60	64	9,779.8	13,760
Southwest	275	325	253	317	49	64	12,397.0	20,372
Southeast	132	176	101	174	52	63	5,252.0	10,962
ILLINOIS	1,000	1,200	890	1,160	57	65	50,730.0	75,400

LAND VALUES & CASH RENTS

FARM REAL ESTATE VALUES & CASH RENTS, ILLINOIS, JANUARY 1, 2004-2008

Year	Average value per acre			Average cash rent per acre	
	Farmland and buildings	Cropland	Pasture	Cropland	Pasture
	Dollars				
2004	2,610	2,700	1,110	126.00	34.00
2005	3,330	3,370	1,720	129.00	34.50
2006	3,800	3,850	2,050	132.00	34.00
2007	4,330	4,460	2,500	141.00	35.00
2008	5,000	5,320	2,800	160.00	40.00

AGRICULTURAL PRICES

The July index of prices received by Illinois farmers for all commodities was 211 percent of the base, up five points from the revised June figure and 77 points above July 2007. 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 235 percent of the base, was up four points from the revised June number and 96 points above July 2007. Crop prices decreased for all commodities except for soybeans. The All Livestock index was at 119 percent of the base, up three points from both the revised June number and July 2007. Prices for beef cattle, cows, and steers and heifers increased while all other commodities decreased. The hog-corn ratio was at 9.4.

The U.S. preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in July, at 161 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased three points from June. The Crop Index was up three points and the Livestock Index increased one point. Producers received higher prices for cattle, soybeans, broilers, and sweet corn, and lower prices for eggs, wheat, tomatoes, and cucumbers. In addition to prices, the overall index was affected by the seasonal change based on a three-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of wheat, grapes, hay, and tomatoes, offset decreased marketings of milk, cantaloupes, potatoes, and apples.

INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

Commodity	June 2007	July 2007	June 2008	July 15, 2008
ILLINOIS		2001-2005=100		2002-2006=100
All Farm Products	138	134	206 *	211
All Crops	145	139	231 *	235
Food grains	168	170	210 *	203
Feed grains/hay	161	149	242 *	239
Soybeans	122	123	216 *	232
All Livestock	114	116	116 *	119
Meat animals	109	109	111 *	114
Dairy products	143	156	142 *	145
UNITED STATES		1990-92=100		
All Farm Products	137	139	158 *	161
All Crops	141	141	183 *	186
Food grains	168	173	256 *	246
Feed grains/hay	159	154	231 *	236
Oilseeds	135	136	238 *	254
All Livestock	134	137	137 *	138
Meat animals	121	120	123 *	126
Dairy products	155	165	148 *	149
Prices Paid	161	162	189 *	191
Parity Ratio 1/	85	86	84 *	84

1/ Prices received index divided by prices paid index.

* Revised.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS 1/

Commodity	Unit	Illinois				United States			
		June 2007	July 2007	June 2008	July 15, 2008	June 2007	July 2007	June 2008	July 15, 2008
Dollars									
Corn	Bushels	3.64	3.32	5.71 *	5.50	3.53	3.32	5.48 *	5.61
Soybeans	Bushels	7.64	7.76	14.10 *	15.00	7.51	7.56	13.20 *	14.20
Sorghum	Cwt.	6.82	2/	9.93 *	9.00	6.11	5.52	10.10 *	9.78
Wheat, all	Bushels	4.92	5.03	6.50 *	6.40	5.03	5.17	7.62 *	7.29
Oats	Bushels	2/	2/	2/	2/	2.54	2.32	3.49 *	3.57
Hay, all baled	Tons	103.00	119.00	150.00	144.00	131.00	131.00	161.00 *	164.00
Alfalfa hay, bld	Tons	113.00	123.00	164.00	154.00	137.00	137.00	172.00 *	177.00
Other hay, bld	Tons	87.00	94.00	121.00	112.00	111.00	113.00	130.00 *	130.00
Hogs, all	Cwt.	52.40	50.60	52.50 *	51.70	54.30	52.20	53.30 *	52.50
Barrows, Gilts	Cwt.	53.80	52.00	55.00	54.50	55.10	53.00	54.50 *	54.10
Sows	Cwt.	36.00	35.00	23.90 *	19.20	37.40	36.70	26.60 *	20.10
Beef cattle	Cwt.	90.20	89.30	95.20 *	98.70	88.80	89.00	92.00 *	95.70
Cows	Cwt.	52.00	53.00	57.00	59.00	50.10	51.50	54.30 *	56.40
Steers, Heifers	Cwt.	91.00	90.00	96.00 *	99.50	93.20	93.00	96.40 *	100.00
Calves	Cwt.	111.00	114.00	104.00 *	96.50	124.00	126.00	118.00 *	115.00
Milk cows	Head	2/	1,870.00	2/	2,000.00	2/	1,950.00	2/	1,990.00
Milk, all	Cwt.	20.90	22.40	20.10 *	20.00	20.20	21.60	19.30 *	19.40
Milk, fluid	Cwt.	20.90	22.40	20.10	2/	20.20	21.60	19.30 *	19.40
Milk, mfg.	Cwt.	20.50	21.50	21.00	2/	19.80	20.50	19.80 *	19.00
Hog-corn ratio		14.4	15.2	9.2 *	9.4	15.4	15.7	9.7 *	9.4

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.

2/ State prices not published.

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MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in Illinois during June 2008 totaled 160 million pounds, equal to last June. The number of milk cows on farms averaged 102,000 head, down 1,000 head from June of last year. Milk per cow averaged 1,565 pounds for June, 15 pounds above June 2007.

Estimated milk production in the U.S. during June 2008 totaled 15.9 billion pounds, up three percent from June 2007. Production per cow averaged 1,718 pounds, 26 pounds above June 2007. The number of milk cows on farms in the U.S. was 9.28 million head in June, 133,000 head more than June 2007.

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

		June					
		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	9,144	9,277	101
Milk production per cow	Lbs.	1,550	1,565	101	1,692	1,718	102
Total milk production	Mil. lbs.	160	160	100	15,476	15,934	103

VEGETABLES

Fresh market sweet corn acreage to be harvested in Illinois is estimated at 7,100 acres in 2008, up eight percent from 2007. For the U.S., fresh market sweet corn acres are slightly lower in 2008, down three percent from 2007.

Snap beans for processing acreage in the U.S. is estimated at 195,050 acres, down six percent from 2007.

Sweet corn for processing acreage in the U.S. is estimated at 394,400 acres, up four percent from 2007.

VEGETABLES: SWEET CORN & SNAP BEANS, ILLINOIS & U.S., 2007-2008

		Illinois			United States 1/		
		2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007
		Acres			Acres		
Sweet Corn for Fresh Market							
To be harvested		6,600	7,100	108	104,200	101,100	97
Snap Beans for Processing							
Contract planted		12,700	14,100	111	208,600	195,050	94
Sweet Corn for Processing							
Contract planted		2/	2/	--	380,100	394,400	104

1/ Fresh market sweet corn nine major producing states only.

2/ Acreage not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

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