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ANNUAL CROP PRODUCTION
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THIS FARM REPORT CONTAINS THE RESULTS FROM
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*December Agricultural Report
Vegetables End of Season Report
Apples and Peaches Marketing and Utilization Report
Crop and Livestock Report*

ILLINOIS ANNUAL CROP SUMMARY 2008

CORN PRODUCTION DOWN SEVEN PERCENT

Production of corn for grain totaled 2.13 billion bushels in 2008, seven percent less than last year. The final yield was 179 bushels per acre, the second highest yield on record behind 180 in 2004. There were 12.1 million acres planted to corn in Illinois in 2008 and 11.9 million acres harvested for grain. Regular rainfall kept fields wet and prevented most corn planting throughout the month of April. Conditions improved the beginning of May, and despite some persistent rain, planting was nearing completion by the end of the month. Heavy rains and flooding during the first half of June caused some damage but well above normal temperatures promoted crop development. Scattered rains and favorable temperatures through the end of August were of great benefit to the crop. Soils became saturated as the remnants of Hurricanes Gustav and Ike passed through the state during the first half of September. Only light rainfall with some above normal temperatures occurred through the end of the growing season. Harvest progress lagged well behind recent years as a result of the late planting season. Generally favorable conditions allowed harvest to be nearly complete by the end of November.

SOYBEAN PRODUCTION UP 19 PERCENT

The final yield for the 2008 soybean crop was 47.0 bushels per acre, 3.5 bushels above the 2007 yield. Production in 2008 reached 427.7 million bushels, 19 percent above the 2007 production. Acres planted in 2008 were up 900 thousand from 2007 to 9.2 million.

ACREAGE, YIELD & PRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL CROPS, ILLINOIS & UNITED STATES, 2006-2008

Crop	Illinois			United States		
	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008
- Acreage and production in thousands -						
<u>Corn - All</u>						
Acreage planted	11,300	13,200	12,100	78,327	93,527	85,982
Acreage harvested for grain	11,150	13,050	11,900	70,638	86,520	78,640
Yield per acre, bu.	163.0	175.0	179.0	149.1	150.7	153.9
Production, bu.	1,817,450	2,283,750	2,130,100	10,531,123	13,037,875	12,101,238
<u>Corn Silage</u>						
Acreage harvested	105	100	100	6,487	6,060	5,965
Yield per acre, tons	18.0	18.0	17.0	16.2	17.5	18.7
Production, tons	1,890	1,800	1,700	105,294	106,229	111,619
<u>Soybeans for Beans</u>						
Acreage planted	10,100	8,300	9,200	75,522	64,741	75,718
Acreage harvested	10,050	8,280	9,100	74,602	64,146	74,641
Yield per acre, bu.	48.0	43.5	47.0	42.9	41.7	39.6
Production, bu.	482,400	360,180	427,700	3,196,726	2,677,117	2,959,174

WHEAT PRODUCTION UP 20 PERCENT

The final yield for the 2008 winter wheat crop was 64 bushels per acre, up seven bushels from last year's yield. Acreage seeded in the fall of 2007 was 1.2 million acres, up 200 thousand acres from 2006. Farmers harvested 1.15 million acres for grain this year, up 29 percent from the previous year. This resulted in a total production of 73.6 million bushels, 45 percent more than the 2007 production.

SORGHUM PRODUCTION UP 26 PERCENT

The final 2008 yield for sorghum for grain was 103 bushels per acre, 22 bushels above the yield in 2007. Production, at 7.8 million bushels, was up 26 percent from the previous year. Favorable growing conditions after the floods in southern Illinois played a large part in the increase in yield. The total planted acres of sorghum were 80,000, with 76,000 acres harvested for grain.

OAT PRODUCTION UP 41 PERCENT

The final oat estimate for 2008 placed the production at 2.1 million bushels, 41 percent above the 2007 production. Acreage harvested for grain, at 30 thousand, was up six thousand acres from the previous year. The final yield, at 70 bushels per acre, was eight bushels above 2007.

HAY PRODUCTION DOWN

Production of all hay in 2008 was 1.88 million tons, two percent less than in 2007. Alfalfa hay production was down three percent to 1.37 million tons while all other hay production increased one percent to 513 thousand tons. Yields averaged 3.9 tons per acre for alfalfa hay and 1.9 tons per acre for all other hay. Alfalfa acreage cut for hay was 350 thousand in 2008, down eight percent from 2007. Acreage of all other hay cut was 270 thousand, down 30 thousand from 2007.

POTATO PRODUCTION DOWN 14 PERCENT

Illinois potato producers harvested 5,300 acres in 2008, down from 6,100 acres in 2007. Production decreased to 2.09 million cwt. The 2008 potato yield of 395 cwt. per acre was down from the previous year's 400 cwt. per acre.

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Crop	Illinois			United States		
	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008
	- Acreage and production in thousands -					
<u>Wheat - Winter</u>						
Acreage planted	930	1,000	1,200	40,565	45,012	46,281
Acreage harvested	910	890	1,150	31,107	35,938	39,614
Yield per acre, bu.	67.0	55.0	64.0	41.6	41.7	47.2
Production, bu.	60,970	48,950	73,600	1,294,461	1,499,241	1,867,903
<u>Sorghum</u>						
Acreage planted	75	80	80	6,522	7,712	8,284
Acreage harvested for grain	72	77	76	4,937	6,792	7,271
Yield per acre, bu.	89.0	81.0	103.0	56.1	73.2	65.0
Production, bu.	6,408	6,237	7,828	276,824	497,445	472,342
<u>Sorghum Silage</u>						
Acreage harvested	1	2	3	347	392	408
Yield per acre, tons	11.0	12.0	15.0	13.3	13.4	13.8
Production, tons	11	24	45	4,612	5,246	5,646
<u>Oats</u>						
Acreage planted	60	35	45	4,166	3,763	3,217
Acreage harvested	40	24	30	1,564	1,504	1,395
Yield per acre, bu.	77.0	62.0	70.0	59.8	60.1	63.5
Production, bu.	3,080	1,488	2,100	93,522	90,430	88,635
<u>Alfalfa Hay</u>						
Acreage harvested	410	380	350	21,138	21,126	20,980
Yield per acre, tons	4.10	3.70	3.90	3.34	3.31	3.32
Production, tons	1,681	1,406	1,365	70,548	69,880	69,620
<u>Other Hay</u>						
Acreage harvested	320	300	270	39,494	39,880	39,082
Yield per acre, tons	2.20	1.70	1.90	1.78	1.93	1.95
Production, tons	704	510	513	70,235	77,021	76,052
<u>All Hay</u>						
Acreage harvested	730	680	620	60,632	61,006	60,062
Yield per acre, tons	3.27	2.82	3.03	2.32	2.41	2.43
Production, tons	2,385	1,916	1,878	140,783	146,901	145,672
<u>Potatoes - Summer</u>						
Acreage planted	6.5	6.3	5.5	55.3	50.8	46.0
Acreage harvested	6.3	6.1	5.3	51.2	48.3	43.8
Yield per acre, cwt.	395	400	395	337	331	309
Production, cwt.	2,489	2,440	2,094	17,261	15,997	13,532

FRESH MARKET SWEET CORN

Fresh market sweet corn acreage harvested was up three percent from 2007 to 6,800 acres but the yield decreased to 102 cwt. per acre, down from the 2007 yield of 110. Production was down four percent from 2007.

SNAP BEANS FOR PROCESSING

Snap bean growers produced 44.8 thousand tons, down 22 percent from 2007. The yield, at 3.59 tons per acre, was down 23 percent from 2007. Acreage harvested, at 12,500, was up two percent from the previous year.

CABBAGE FOR FRESH MARKET

Harvested acres decreased to 370 and production declined to 118,000 cwt. This was a decrease of six percent from the previous year's production. The yield was up from 2007 to 318 cwt. per acre.

PUMPKIN PRODUCTION

Illinois pumpkin growers harvested 12,600 acres for fresh market and processing, down nine percent from the previous year. Production, at 4.96 million cwt., was eight percent below 2007.

APPLE PRODUCTION

Illinois apple growers utilized 39.6 million pounds produced in 2008. This was up from the 2007 level of 4.9 million pounds which was significantly reduced from the Easter freeze.

PEACH PRODUCTION

Illinois utilized peach production during 2008 totaled 7,960 tons. Production was up from the 2007 level of 90 tons due to the Easter freeze.

FARM REAL ESTATE VALUES AND CASH RENTS

The average value of farm real estate in 2008 rose 16 percent from 2007 to \$5,000 per acre. Cropland rented for cash averaged \$160.00 per acre in 2008, 19 dollars more than in 2007.

ACREAGE, YIELD & PRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL CROPS, ILLINOIS & UNITED STATES, 2006-2008

Crop	Illinois			United States		
	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008
<u>Sweet Corn - Processing</u>						
Acreage planted	1/	1/	1/	394,400	380,100	370,750
Acreage harvested	1/	1/	1/	384,700	367,600	360,600
Yield per acre, tons	1/	1/	1/	8.02	7.88	7.85
Production, tons	1/	1/	1/	3,085,550	2,897,430	2,832,490
<u>Sweet Corn - Fresh Market</u>						
Acreage planted	7,000	7,000	7,000	240,300	248,400	246,600
Acreage harvested	6,500	6,600	6,800	218,300	234,000	232,780
Yield per acre, cwt.	71	110	102	118	122	125
Production, thousand cwt.	462	726	694	25,745	28,504	29,068
<u>Snap Beans - Processing</u>						
Acreage planted	15,800	13,400	12,700	211,920	209,470	206,770
Acreage harvested	14,800	12,300	12,500	203,240	198,770	198,300
Yield per acre, tons	3.82	4.65	3.59	3.87	3.79	4.07
Production, tons	56,580	57,140	44,820	785,950	753,730	808,000
<u>Cabbage - Fresh Market</u>						
Acreage planted	800	500	400	74,050	74,250	70,200
Acreage harvested	750	450	370	69,250	69,050	67,470
Yield per acre, cwt.	233	280	318	338	346	369
Production, thousand cwt.	175	126	118	23,411	23,886	24,910
<u>Pumpkins - Fresh Market and Processing</u>						
Acreage planted	14,200	14,800	13,100	47,800	49,300	45,600
Acreage harvested	12,700	13,800	12,600	43,700	45,900	43,400
Yield per acre, cwt.	385	395	395	240	250	246
Production, thousand cwt.	4,918	5,420	4,960	10,484	11,458	10,663
<u>Apples - Commercial Crop 2/</u>						
Production, mil. lbs.	44.8	4.9	39.6	9,730.2	9,045.4	9,939.5
<u>Peaches - Total Crop 2/</u>						
Production, tons	10,740	90	7,960	987,210	1,115,895	1,100,130
<u>Farm Real Estate Values</u>						
Average value per acre, dollars	3,800	4,330	5,000	1,900	2,160	2,350
<u>Cropland Values</u>						
Average value per acre, dollars	3,850	4,460	5,320	2,390	2,690	2,970
Average cash rent per acre, dollars	132.00	141.00	160.00	79.50	85.00	96.00
<u>Pasture Values</u>						
Average value per acre, dollars	2,050	2,500	2,800	1,000	1,160	1,230
Average cash rent per acre, dollars	34.00	35.00	40.00	10.80	12.00	13.00

1/ Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

2/ Utilized production.

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