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

Monthly Prices Received
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CROP VALUES

SEASON AVERAGE PRICE & VALUE OF PRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL CROPS, ILLINOIS & UNITED STATES, 2006-2008

Crop	Illinois			United States		
	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008
Corn for Grain	- Price in dollars per unit, value in thousand dollars -					
Season avg. price per bushel	3.07	4.09	3.80	3.04	4.20	3.90
Value of production	5,579,572	9,340,538	8,094,380	32,083,011	54,666,959	47,377,576
Soybeans for Beans						
Season avg. price per bushel	6.68	10.40	9.35	6.43	10.10	9.25
Value of production	3,222,432	3,745,872	3,998,995	20,468,267	26,974,406	27,398,638
Winter Wheat for Grain						
Season avg. price per bushel	3.40	5.37	5.45	4.17	6.13	6.60
Value of production	207,298	262,862	401,120	5,367,806	9,077,574	11,950,726
Sorghum for Grain						
Season avg. price per bushel	5.35	7.21	4.60	5.88	7.28	5.70
Value of production	19,198	25,183	20,165	883,204	1,925,312	1,681,558
Oats for Grain						
Season avg. price per bushel	1.85	3.69	2.95	1.87	2.63	3.10
Value of production	5,698	5,491	6,195	180,899	247,644	262,240
Alfalfa Hay						
Season avg. price per ton	101.00	137.00	150.00	113.00	138.00	172.00
Value of production	169,781	192,622	204,750	7,519,232	8,855,044	10,805,989
Other Hay						
Season avg. price per ton	78.00	103.00	110.00	102.00	110.00	121.00
Value of production	54,912	52,530	56,430	6,114,605	7,987,189	7,971,149
Potatoes - All						
Season avg. price per cwt.	6.50	5.65	7.60	7.31	7.51	9.46
Value of production	16,175	13,786	15,914	3,208,632	3,339,710	3,899,136
Sweet Corn - Processing						
Season avg. price per ton	1/	1/	1/	66.80	81.80	117.00
Value of production	1/	1/	1/	205,965	236,908	330,329
Sweet Corn - Fresh Market						
Season avg. price per cwt.	27.70	19.10	22.20	23.00	22.70	25.90
Value of production	12,797	13,867	15,407	590,859	646,374	752,621
Snap Beans - Processing						
Season avg. price per ton	120.00	120.00	180.00	157.00	168.00	219.00
Value of production	6,798	6,836	8,054	123,218	126,620	177,278
Pumpkins - Fresh Market and Processing						
Season avg. price per cwt.	3.70	4.32	4.49	9.98	10.80	13.20
Value of production	18,185	23,430	22,284	104,623	123,519	140,765
Apples - Commercial Crop 2/						
Season avg. price per pound	0.348	0.688	0.394	0.227	0.288	0.262
Value of production	15,582	3,373	15,602	2,213,155	2,608,220	2,599,499
Peaches - Total Crop 2/						
Season avg. price per ton	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,160.00	520.00	450.00	490.00
Value of production	12,896	108	9,259	513,093	502,087	539,491

1/ Not published to avoid disclosure.

2/ Utilized production.

FARM LABOR

HIRED WORKERS: NUMBER & HOURS WORKED, BY REGIONS, JANUARY 11-17, 2009 1/

REGION 2/	Hired			
	Number of workers	Expected to be employed		Number of hours worked
		150 days or more	149 days or less	
		Thousands		Hours per week
LAKE	43	36	7	34.0
CORNBELT I	26	24	2	35.5
CORNBELT II	20	16	4	34.0
U.S.	595	497	98	38.3

HIRED WORKERS: WAGE RATES FOR TYPE OF WORKERS & ALL HIRED WORKERS, BY REGIONS, JANUARY 11-17, 2009 1/

REGION 2/	Type of worker			Wage rates for all hired workers
	Field	Livestock	Field & livestock combined	
			Dollars per hour	
LAKE	10.83	9.96	10.20	11.02
CORNBELT I	11.85	10.85	11.30	11.90
CORNBELT II	11.06	11.27	11.20	11.40
U.S.	9.96	10.27	10.08	10.93

1/ Excludes agricultural service workers.

2/ Regions consist of the following: LAKE: MI, MN, WI; CORNBELT I: IL, IN, OH; CORNBELT II: IA, MO; UNITED STATES: Excludes Alaska.

NUMBER OF FARMS

The number of farms in Illinois in 2008 was 75,900, down 1,000 from the 2007 estimate. The number of farms in the lower three sales

categories (sales less than \$250,000) decreased while the number of farms in the upper two categories (\$250,000 to \$500,000 and over) increased.

NUMBER OF FARMS BY ECONOMIC SALES CLASS, ILLINOIS, 2006-2008

Year	\$1,000 to \$9,999	\$10,000 to \$99,999	\$100,000 to \$249,999	\$250,000 to \$499,999	\$500,000 and over	Total
	Number					
2008	33,500	17,400	8,100	7,900	9,000	75,900
2007	33,700	19,400	9,100	7,200	7,500	76,900
2006	26,300	24,200	10,900	7,300	3,700	72,400

LAYERS & EGG PRODUCTION

LAYERS & EGG PRODUCTION, ILLINOIS & UNITED STATES, DECEMBER 2008-FEBRUARY 2009

	Illinois					
	December		January		February 1/	
	2007	2008	2008	2009	2008	2009
Average Number of Layers on hand (thousand)	5,162	5,464	5,317	5,361	5,420	5,235
Eggs produced (million)	121	127	120	118	115	105
	United States					
Average Number of Layers on hand (thousand)	346,225	340,302	344,737	340,936	343,299	340,752
Eggs produced (million)	7,808	7,768	7,646	7,666	7,114	6,893

1/ Preliminary.

AGRICULTURAL PRICES

The February index of prices received by Illinois farmers for all commodities was 149 percent of the base, down ten points from the revised January figure and 37 points below February 2008. 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 February All Crops index, at 161 percent of the base, was down 12 point from the revised January number and 46 points below February 2008. Crop prices decreased for all commodities except all hay. The All Livestock index, at 100 percent of the base, was down five points from the revised January number and 12 points below February 2008. Prices increased for all hogs and cows while other commodities decreased. The hog-corn ratio was at 11.1.

The U.S. preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in February, at 127 percent, based on 1990-92=100, decreased 12 points from January. The Crop Index was down 12 points and the Livestock Index decreased five points. Producers received lower prices for lettuce, milk, corn, and eggs and higher prices for snap beans, strawberries, hogs, and turkeys. In addition to prices, the overall index was also affected by the seasonal change based on a three-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of cattle, milk, broilers, and strawberries offset decreased marketings of corn, soybeans, wheat, and cotton.

INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

Commodity	Jan. 2008	Feb. 2008	Jan. 2009	Feb. 15, 2009
ILLINOIS		2002-2006=100		2003-2007=100
All Farm Products	162	186	159 *	149
All Crops	176	207	173 *	161
Food grains	214	259	151 *	133
Feed grains/hay	175	205	180 *	167
Soybeans	175	206	166 *	154
All Livestock	109	112	105 *	100
Meat animals	100	105	105 *	102
Dairy products	157	150	103 *	91
UNITED STATES		1990-92=100		
All Farm Products	144	146	139 *	127
All Crops	158	164	160 *	148
Food grains	248	293	217 *	207
Feed grains/hay	173	193	188 *	179
Oilseeds	178	210	179 *	173
All Livestock	129	131	114 *	109
Meat animals	111	115	106 *	106
Dairy products	157	146	102 *	88
Prices Paid	169	171	175 *	173
Parity Ratio 1/	85	85	79 *	73

1/ Prices received index divided by prices paid index.

* Revised.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS 1/

Commodity	Unit	Illinois				United States			
		Jan. 2008	Feb. 2008	Jan. 2009	Feb. 15, 2009	Jan. 2008	Feb. 2008	Jan. 2009	Feb. 15, 2009
Dollars									
Corn	Bushels	3.88	4.58	4.34 *	4.20	3.98	4.54	4.36 *	4.13
Soybeans	Bushels	10.10	12.20	10.30 *	10.00	9.95	11.70	9.97 *	9.58
Sorghum	Cwt.	8.33	8.83	4.53 *	4.40	7.40	8.35	5.84 *	5.09
Wheat, all	Bushels	7.12	8.75	5.38 *	4.90	7.96	10.10	6.21 *	5.73
Oats	Bushels	3/	3/	3/	3/	2.88	3.19	2.74 *	2.27
Hay, all baled	Tons	142.00	141.00	132.00	136.00	126.00	129.00	136.00 *	132.00
Alfalfa hay, bld	Tons	149.00	152.00	141.00	140.00	136.00	138.00	149.00 *	143.00
Other hay, bld	Tons	112.00	115.00	103.00	103.00	111.00	113.00	110.00 *	107.00
Hogs, all	Cwt.	38.60	43.10	46.30 *	46.50	37.20	42.20	42.80 *	43.50
Barrows, Gilts	Cwt.	40.50	45.00	46.80 *	47.00	38.10	43.20	42.80 *	43.50
Sows	Cwt.	16.30	21.50	40.00 *	40.20	18.50	23.00	43.80 *	43.40
Beef cattle	Cwt.	91.10	92.20	85.20 *	83.20	87.30	89.00	80.10 *	80.20
Cows	Cwt.	47.00	53.50	44.00 *	45.50	46.30	51.70	42.30 *	44.30
Steers, Heifers	Cwt.	92.00	93.00	86.00 *	84.00	93.40	94.30	85.80 *	85.40
Calves	Cwt.	98.00	112.00	97.00 *	96.00	117.00	120.00	106.00 *	105.00
Milk cows	Head	1,980.00	2/	1,700.00	2/	1,960.00	2/	1,630.00 *	2/
Milk, all	Cwt.	21.80	20.50	14.80 *	13.00	20.50	19.10	13.30 *	11.50
Milk, fluid	Cwt.	21.80	20.50	14.80	3/	20.50	19.10	13.30 *	11.50
Milk, mfg.	Cwt.	21.00	19.20	12.90	3/	19.60	18.30	12.40 *	11.80
Hog-corn ratio		9.9	9.4	10.7 *	11.1	9.3	9.3	9.8 *	10.5

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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MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production during 2008 in Illinois totaled 1.89 billion pounds, down one percent from 2007. The number of milk cows on farms averaged 102,000, down 1,000 head from the previous year. Annual production per cow decreased by 43 pounds to 18,569 pounds.

U.S. milk production during 2008 totaled 190 billion pounds, up two percent from 2007. Production per cow averaged 20,396 pounds for 2008, 192 pounds above 2007. The number of milk cows on farms in the U.S. averaged 9.32 million head in 2008, one percent above 2007.

Milk production in Illinois during January 2009 totaled 164 million pounds, two million pounds below January 2008. The number of milk cows on farms averaged 102,000 head for January 2009, down 1,000 head from last year. Milk per cow averaged 1,610 pounds, five pounds less than January 2008.

Estimated milk production in the U.S. during January 2009 totaled 16.1 billion pounds, up one percent from January 2008. Production per cow averaged 1,727 pounds for January 2009, five pounds above January 2008. The number of milk cows on farms in the U.S. was 9.32 million head in January 2009, an increase of 44,000 head from January 2008.

MILK PRODUCTION, ILLINOIS & UNITED STATES, JANUARY-DECEMBER 2007-2008

		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	9,189	9,315	101
Milk production per cow	Lbs.	18,612	18,569	100	20,204	20,396	101
Total milk production	Mil. lbs.	1,917	1,894	99	185,654	189,992	102

MILK PRODUCTION, ILLINOIS & UNITED STATES, JANUARY 2008-2009

		Illinois			United States		
		2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008
Milk Production:							
Number of milk cows	Head (000)	103	102	99	9,276	9,320	100
Milk production per cow	Lbs.	1,615	1,610	100	1,722	1,727	100
Total milk production	Mil. lbs.	166	164	99	15,976	16,100	101

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