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

*March Agricultural Report  
March Hogs Report  
February Milk Production  
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## PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS FOR 2009

Farmers in **Illinois** intend to plant 12.2 million acres of corn for all purposes in 2009, up one percent from 2008. Acreage planted to corn over the last 10 years has ranged from a low of 10.8 million in 1999 to a record high of 13.2 million for 2007. Fieldwork remains at a virtual standstill as fields are wet and cool temperatures continue with little sunshine.

This crop year begins with **soybean producers intending to plant** 9.1 million acres, down one percent from last year. Acreage planted to soybeans over the last ten years has ranged from a low of 8.2 million in 2007 to a high of 10.7 million in 2001.

Farmers seeded an estimated 850 thousand acres to **winter wheat** last fall, down 29 percent from the 1.20 million acres seeded in 2008 and down 15 percent from 2007.

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### PLANTED ACREAGE - PRINCIPAL CROPS

Crop	Illinois		United States	
	2008	Indicated 2009	2008	Indicated 2009
	Thousand acres			
Corn - All purposes	12,100	12,200	85,982	84,986
Soybeans	9,200	9,100	75,718	76,024
Winter Wheat <sup>1/</sup>	1,200	850	46,281	42,889
Sorghum - All purposes	80	50	8,284	6,960
Oats	45	45	3,217	3,400
All Hay <sup>2/</sup>	620	600	60,062	60,297

<sup>1/</sup> Includes acreage sown preceding fall.

<sup>2/</sup> Hay acres for harvest.

### ACREAGE BY DISTRICTS - ILLINOIS 2008 PLANTED & 2009 INTENTIONS

District and State	Corn		Soybeans		Wheat	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	Thousand acres					
Northwest	2,060	2,046	860	872	44	31
Northeast	1,174	1,147	661	682	52	46
West	1,193	1,211	800	791	69	29
Central	1,787	1,791	1,075	1,077	45	15
East	1,715	1,732	1,284	1,276	68	57
W. Southwest	1,694	1,753	1,173	1,143	170	137
E. Southeast	1,506	1,514	1,662	1,644	233	153
Southwest	481	491	859	819	320	237
Southeast	490	515	826	796	199	145
<b>ILLINOIS</b>	<b>12,100</b>	<b>12,200</b>	<b>9,200</b>	<b>9,100</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>850</b>

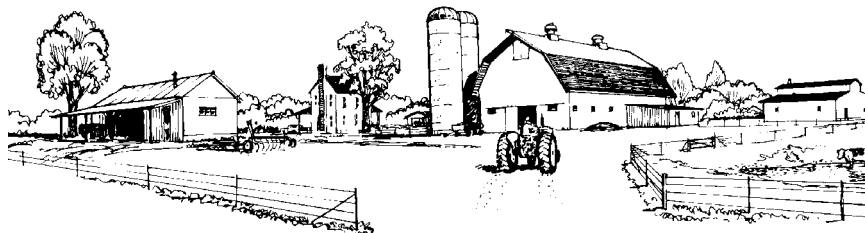
# UNITED STATES PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS FOR 2009

**Corn** growers intend to plant 85.0 million acres of corn for all purposes in 2009, down one percent from last year as lower corn prices and unstable input costs are discouraging some growers from planting corn. If realized, this will be the second consecutive year-over-year decrease since 2007 but will still be the third largest acreage since 1949, behind 2007 and 2008. Expected acreage is down from last year in many states, however, producers in the ten major corn-producing states (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin) collectively intend to plant 66.3 million acres, up slightly from the 66.1 million acres planted last year.

**Soybean** producers intend to plant 76.0 million acres in 2009, up slightly from last year. If realized, the U.S. planted area would be the

largest on record. Acreage increases of 100,000 acres or more are expected in Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Mississippi, Nebraska, North Carolina, North Dakota, and Ohio. The largest decreases are expected in Missouri and South Dakota, both 150,000 acres less than 2008.

**All wheat** planted area is estimated at 58.6 million acres, down seven percent from 2008. The 2009 winter wheat planted area, at 42.9 million acres, is seven percent below last year but up two percent from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 30.9 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 8.38 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.65 million acres are White Winter. Area planted to other spring wheat for 2009 is expected to total 13.3 million acres, down six percent from 2008.



## MARCH 1 GRAIN STOCKS

**Corn stocks in Illinois in all positions on March 1, 2009** are estimated at 1.38 billion bushels, six percent above March 1, 2008. The December-February disappearance totaled 612 million bushels, down ten percent from the same period a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 720 million bushels, were virtually unchanged from March 1, 2008 and accounted for 52 percent of the state total. On-farm stocks were up 12 percent from a year earlier to 660 million bushels. **Soybeans stocks** are estimated at 225 million bushels, two percent above last year's March 1 total of 220 million bushels. The December-February disappearance totaled 167 million bushels, more than eight percent above a year earlier. On farm stocks, at 115 million bushels, were up 53 percent from the same time period in 2008 and accounted for 51 percent of the total stocks. Off-farm stocks decreased 24 percent from last year and totaled 110 million bushels. **Wheat stocks** are estimated at 42.9 million bushels for March 1. This is up 157 percent from last year's total of 16.7 million bushels. With wheat prices down significantly from this time a year ago, on-farm stocks, at 5.7 million bushels, are at the highest level for this quarter in the past ten years. Off-farm stocks, at 37.2 million bushels, accounted for 87 percent of the state total.

**U.S. corn stocks in all positions on March 1, 2009** totaled 6.96 billion bushels, up one percent from March 1, 2008. Of the total stocks, 4.09 billion bushels are stored on farms, up eight percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 2.87 billion bushels, are down seven percent from a year ago. The December 2008-February 2009 indicated disappearance is 3.12 billion bushels, compared with 3.42 billion bushels during the same period last year. **Soybeans stored in all positions on March 1, 2009** totaled 1.30 billion bushels, down nine percent from March 1, 2008. Soybean stocks stored on farms are estimated at 657 million bushels, up 11 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 645 million bushels, are down 23 percent from last March. Indicated disappearance for the December 2008-February 2009 quarter totaled 974 million bushels, up five percent from the same period a year earlier. **All wheat stored in all positions on March 1, 2009** totaled 1.04 billion bushels, up 46 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 280 million bushels, up 205 percent from last March. Off-farm stocks, at 756 million bushels, are up 23 percent from a year ago. The December 2008-February 2009 indicated disappearance is 386 million bushels, down nine percent from the same period a year earlier.

### GRAIN AND HAY STOCKS - MARCH 1

Crop and position <sup>1/</sup>	Illinois		United States	
	2008	2009	2008	2009
	Thousand bushels			
<b>Corn</b>				
On farms	590,000	660,000	3,780,000	4,085,000
Off farms	717,843	720,480	3,078,722	2,873,397
Total	1,307,843	1,380,480	6,858,722	6,958,397
<b>Soybeans</b>				
On farms	75,000	115,000	593,000	656,500
Off farms	145,237	110,166	840,982	645,106
Total	220,237	225,166	1,433,982	1,301,606
<b>All Wheat</b>				
On farms	200	5,700	91,990	280,200
Off farms	16,539	37,249	617,280	756,372
Total	16,739	42,949	709,270	1,036,572
<b>Oats</b>				
On farms	2/	2/	31,000	30,000
Off farms	190	560	47,988	65,364
Total	2/	2/	78,988	95,364
<b>Sorghum</b>				
On farms	2/	2/	26,100	32,200
Off farms	728	2,393	159,808	176,593
Total	2/	2/	185,908	208,793

<sup>1/</sup> Off farm stocks include stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors.

<sup>2/</sup> Not published.

# HOGS AND PIGS

The number of hogs and pigs in Illinois on March 1, 2009 was 4.25 million, four percent less than were on hand on March 1, 2008 and two percent less than were on hand December 1, 2008. Breeding hogs on hand March 1, 2009 were estimated at 480 thousand head, two percent less than a year earlier, and market hogs, at 3.77 million head, were down five percent.

The pig crop from December of 2008 - February of 2009 was 2.38 million, seven percent above the same period a year earlier. There were 250 thousand sows that farrowed, up four percent from a year earlier. The litter rate for the quarter was 9.50 pigs saved per litter, up from 9.40 the previous quarter.

**Farrowing intentions for the March through May quarter of 2009** is 240 thousand, up four percent from those farrowed during this period a year earlier. The first estimate of intentions for the June through August quarter of 2009 is for 245 thousand sows to farrow, up two percent from the previous year.

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2009 was 65.4 million head. This was down three percent from March 1, 2008 and down two percent from December 1, 2008. Breeding inventory, at 6.01 million head, was down three percent from last year and down one percent from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 59.4 million head, was down three percent from last year and down two percent from last quarter.

**The December of 2008 - February of 2009 pig crop**, at 28.2 million head, was down one percent from 2008 but up seven percent from 2007. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.98 million head, down three percent from 2008 but up three percent from 2007. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.48 for the December of 2008- February of 2009 period, compared to 9.24 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.30 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.50 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

**HOGS & PIGS: INVENTORY NUMBERS, MARCH 1, 2008-2009**

	Illinois			Iowa			United States		
	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
Breeding	490	480	98	1,080	1,040	96	6,200	6,011	97
Market	3,960	3,770	95	18,020	18,260	101	61,018	59,378	97
Under 60 lbs.	1,440	1,440	100	5,450	5,150	94	22,137	21,458	97
60-119 lbs.	900	930	103	4,680	5,030	107	14,490	14,126	97
120-179 lbs.	900	790	88	4,440	4,690	106	13,193	12,862	97
180 lbs. & over	720	610	85	3,450	3,390	98	11,199	10,932	98
Total	4,450	4,250	96	19,100	19,300	101	67,218	65,389	97

**HOGS & PIGS: FARROWINGS & PIG CROP, 2008-2009**

	Illinois			Iowa			United States		
	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
Sows Farrowing									
Dec.-Feb. <u>1/</u>	240	250	104	510	490	96	3,071	2,978	97
Mar.-May	230	240 <u>2/</u>	104	520	490 <u>2/</u>	94	3,052	2,962 <u>2/</u>	97
Jun.-Aug.	240	245 <u>2/</u>	102	510	480 <u>2/</u>	94	3,075	2,952 <u>2/</u>	96
Sep.-Nov. <u>1/</u>	245	250	102	540	500	93	3,180	2,990	94
Pig Crop									
Dec.-Feb. <u>1/</u>	2,220	2,375	107	4,692	4,704	100	28,387	28,230	99
Sep.-Nov. <u>1/</u>	2,266	2,350	104	5,022	4,750	95	29,513	28,410	96
Pigs Per Litter	Number			Number			Number		
Dec.-Feb. <u>1/</u>	9.25	9.50	--	9.20	9.60	--	9.24	9.48	--
Sep.-Nov. <u>1/</u>	9.25	9.40	--	9.30	9.50	--	9.28	9.50	--

1/ December and September through November of prior year.

2/ Intentions.

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## WOOL PRODUCTION

**Illinois wool production in 2008** totaled 360,000 pounds, 50,000 pounds below production in 2007. The number of sheep and lambs shorn in 2008 was 48,000, down five thousand from the previous year. The average price per pound for wool, at \$0.36, was up \$0.10 from 2007. Value of wool production increased to \$130,000 from \$107,000 in 2007.

**Shorn wool production in the United States during 2008** was 33.0 million pounds, down five percent from 2007. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 4.43 million head, down five percent from 2007. The average price paid for wool sold in 2008 was \$0.99 per pound for a total value of 32.5 million dollars, up seven percent from 30.2 million dollars in 2007.

### WOOL PRODUCTION AND VALUE, 2007-2008

State	Illinois		United States	
	2007	2008	2007	2008
Sheep shorn (000) head	53.0	48.0	4,657.0	4,434.0
Weight/fleece (pounds)	7.7	7.5	7.5	7.4
Production (000 lbs.)	410	360	34,723	32,963
Price/pound (dollars)	0.26	0.36	0.87	0.99
Value (000 dollars)	107	130	30,242	32,486

## MILK PRODUCTION

**Milk production in Illinois during February 2009** totaled 154 million pounds, one million pounds below February 2008. The number of milk cows on farms averaged 102,000 head for February 2009, equal to last year. Milk per cow averaged 1,510 pounds, five pounds less than February 2008.

**Estimated milk production in the U.S. during February 2009** totaled 14.7 billion pounds, down three percent from February 2008. Production per cow averaged 1,586 pounds for February 2009, three percent below February 2008. The number of milk cows on farms in the U.S. was 9.3 million head in February 2009, an increase of 11,000 head from February 2008.

### MILK PRODUCTION: ILLINOIS & UNITED STATES, FEBRUARY 2008-2009

		February					
		Illinois			United States		
		2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008
Milk Production:							
Number of milk cows	Head (000)	102	102	100	9,287	9,298	100
Milk production per cow	Lbs.	1,515	1,510	100	1,634	1,586	97
Total milk production	Mil. lbs.	155	154	99	15,176	14,745	97

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