

# ILLINOIS FARM REPORT



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

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## VEGETABLES FOR PROCESSING

Vegetable growers in Illinois intend to plant 12,600 acres of snap beans for processing under contract in 2009, down one percent from last year's contracted acreage. United States snap bean processors intend to contract 191,350 acres, down six percent from last year's contract acreage. Canning acreage is expected to increase one percent and freezing acreage is expected to decrease 18 percent.

United States sweet corn processors plan to contract 382,150 acres, up five percent from 2008. Canning acreage is expected to increase six percent from last year and freezing acreage is expected to increase four percent.

### VEGETABLES FOR PROCESSING, ILLINOIS & U.S., 2007-2009

Area	Planted area				Percent change 2009/2008
	2007 Total	2008		2009 Contract intentions	
		Total	Contract		
Acres					
<b>SWEET CORN</b>					
<b>Illinois</b>	1/	1/	1/	1/	--
United States	380,100	370,750	363,800	382,150	105
Canning	180,000	182,200	177,800	188,200	106
Freezing	200,100	188,550	186,000	193,950	104
<b>SNAP BEANS</b>					
<b>Illinois</b>	13,400	12,700	12,700	12,600	99
United States	209,470	206,770	203,200	191,350	94
Canning	132,300	132,630	129,810	131,300	101
Freezing	77,170	74,140	73,390	60,050	82

1/ Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

## MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in Illinois during March 2009 totaled 171 million pounds, four million pounds above March 2008. The number of milk cows on farms averaged 102,000 head for March 2009, equal to last year. Milk per cow averaged 1,675 pounds, two percent above March 2008.

Estimated milk production in the U.S. during March 2009 totaled 16.4 billion pounds, down slightly from March 2008. Production per cow averaged 1,768 pounds for March 2009, three pounds below March 2008. The number of milk cows on farms in the U.S. was 9.3 million head in March 2009, a decrease of 8,000 head from March 2008.

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

		March					
		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	9,295	9,287	100
Milk production per cow	Lbs.	1,640	1,675	102	1,771	1,768	100
Total milk production	Mil. lbs.	167	171	102	16,458	16,416	100

# FLORICULTURE

## GROWERS, GROWING AREA & WHOLESALE VALUE OF SALES, ILLINOIS & U.S., 2007-2008

	Illinois		United States	
	2007	2008	2007	2008
Number of growers <sup>1/</sup>	320	304	7,387	7,189
Expanded wholesale value (thousand dollars) <sup>1/</sup>	131,866	134,558	4,319,238	4,221,462
Total covered area (thousand square feet) <sup>1/</sup>	16,380	16,169	766,808	728,611
Open ground (acres) <sup>1/</sup>	720	836	34,965	33,150
	Thousand dollars			
<b>Cut flowers</b>	<b>1,924</b>	<b>1,946</b>	<b>425,194</b>	<b>402,720</b>
Gladioli	468	470	23,081	19,936
Lilies	224	213	74,954	72,652
Other cut flowers	1,021	1,052	133,017	127,592
<b>Potted flowering plants</b>	<b>19,221</b>	<b>16,237</b>	<b>701,299</b>	<b>697,699</b>
African Violets	159	90	6,809	4,497
Azaleas	838	584	28,435	35,879
Chrysanthemums	592	998	38,777	35,207
Easter Lilies	1,584	1,525	26,512	24,752
Orchids	2,108	2,000	139,960	137,398
Poinsettias	8,502	7,362	161,409	153,743
Spring flowering bulbs	641	895	50,861	54,563
All other potted flowering plants	4,461	2,510	223,111	225,809
<b>Foliage plants</b>	<b>2,577</b>	<b>3,644</b>	<b>655,402</b>	<b>630,359</b>
Potted foliage	2,095	2,311	589,545	566,830
Foliage hanging baskets	482	1,333	65,857	63,529
<b>Herbaceous perennial plants</b>	<b>49,678</b>	<b>53,872</b>	<b>530,961</b>	<b>525,917</b>
Potted hardy/garden Chrysanthemums	5,945	7,413	103,831	101,066
Potted Hosta	3,150	3,116	32,723	32,197
Other potted herbaceous perennials	40,583	43,343	394,407	392,654
<b>Annual bedding/garden plants</b>	<b>45,831</b>	<b>45,338</b>	<b>1,292,519</b>	<b>1,311,740</b>
New Guinea Impatiens (flats)	28	95	2,696	2,292
Impatiens (flats)	2,609	2,474	72,320	71,629
Marigolds (flats)	977	916	31,001	33,433
Pansy/Viola (flats)	748	723	67,050	71,155
Petunias (flats)	2,335	2,276	59,808	64,046
Other flowering and foliar type (flats)	5,123	4,760	185,788	178,066
Vegetable type (flats)	1,442	1,967	38,822	44,202
Potted Begonias	621	549	21,645	23,147
Potted Geraniums from vegetative cuttings	4,510	4,550	82,364	82,985
Potted Geraniums from seed	456	537	25,071	23,863
Potted New Guinea Impatiens	700	732	32,180	32,625
Potted Impatiens	363	400	25,267	25,485
Potted Marigolds	180	169	9,125	8,449
Potted Pansy/Viola	723	518	33,788	32,180
Potted Petunias	749	777	34,558	33,175
Other potted flowering and foliar type	6,658	5,949	288,890	294,647
Potted vegetable type	664	1,073	36,668	48,132
Begonias hanging baskets	232	242	9,796	10,099
Geranium (cuttings) hanging baskets	656	692	22,640	22,041
Geranium (seeds) hanging baskets	96	104	1,778	1,633
New Guinea Impatiens hanging baskets	419	321	20,797	19,028
Impatiens hanging baskets	300	323	13,548	12,451
Petunia hanging baskets	586	626	24,017	22,791
Other flowering and foliar plants hanging baskets	13,873	13,775	105,330	104,349
<b>Total wholesale value of reported crops</b>	<b>123,939</b>	<b>126,788</b>	<b>4,132,413</b>	<b>4,038,012</b>

<sup>1/</sup> Includes all growers with gross value of sales of \$10,000 or more. Expanded wholesale value includes sales reported by growers with \$100,000 or more in sales plus a calculated value for growers with sales below \$100,000. All other estimates represent growers with value of sales of \$100,000 or more.

# AGRICULTURAL PRICES

The March index of prices received by Illinois farmers for all commodities was 136 percent of the base, down two points from the revised February figure and 44 points below March 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 March All Crops index, at 146 percent of the base, was two points below the revised February number and 54 points below March 2008. Crop prices increased for corn, sorghum and wheat. The All Livestock index was at 98 percent of the base, down two points from the revised February number and ten points below March 2008. Prices for all livestock commodities increased, except for sows and milk. The hog-corn ratio was at 12.2.

The U.S. preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in March, at 126 percent, based on 1990-92=100, was unchanged from February. The Crop Index was up one point but the Livestock Index decreased one point. Producers received higher prices for corn, lettuce, snap beans, and tomatoes and lower prices for broilers, soybeans, strawberries, and celery. 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 strawberries, broilers, soybeans, and milk offset decreased marketings of cattle, corn, cotton, and oranges.

## INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

Commodity	Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008	Feb. 2009	Mar. 15, 2009
<b>ILLINOIS</b>		2002-2006=100		2003-2007=100
All Farm Products	186	180	138 *	136
All Crops	207	200	148 *	146
Food grains	259	305	131 *	136
Feed grains/hay	205	206	149 *	151
Soybeans	206	186	149 *	139
All Livestock	112	108	100 *	98
Meat animals	105	101	102 *	101
Dairy products	150	141	87 *	83
<b>UNITED STATES</b>		1990-92=100		
All Farm Products	146	146	126 *	126
All Crops	164	167	146 *	147
Food grains	293	306	203 *	204
Feed grains/hay	193	200	170 *	172
Oilseeds	210	205	173 *	164
All Livestock	131	129	109 *	108
Meat animals	115	112	105 *	104
Dairy products	146	139	89 *	88
Prices Paid	171	174	174 *	174
Parity Ratio 1/	85	84	72 *	72

1/ Prices received index divided by prices paid index.

\* Revised.

## PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS 1/

Commodity	Unit	Illinois				United States			
		Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008	Feb. 2009	Mar. 15, 2009	Feb. 2008	Mar. 2008	Feb. 2009	Mar. 15, 2009
Dollars									
Corn	Bushels	4.58	4.69	3.75 *	3.90	4.54	4.70	3.87 *	3.96
Soybeans	Bushels	12.20	11.60	9.62 *	9.40	11.70	11.40	9.55 *	9.13
Sorghum	Cwt.	8.83	9.36	5.71 *	6.00	8.35	9.04	5.05 *	5.54
Wheat, all	Bushels	8.75	10.40	4.82 *	5.00	10.10	10.50	5.79 *	5.85
Oats	Bushels	3/	3/	3/	3/	3.19	3.43	2.76 *	2.11
Hay, all baled	Tons	141.00	143.00	136.00	131.00	129.00	133.00	132.00 *	129.00
Alfalfa hay, bld	Tons	152.00	155.00	140.00	138.00	138.00	144.00	143.00 *	137.00
Other hay, bld	Tons	115.00	120.00	103.00	100.00	113.00	116.00	107.00 *	109.00
Hogs, all	Cwt.	43.10	41.70	47.20 *	47.70	42.20	40.30	43.90 *	44.20
Barrows, Gilts	Cwt.	45.00	43.50	47.80 *	48.50	43.20	41.10	43.90 *	44.30
Sows	Cwt.	21.50	20.50	39.90 *	38.80	23.00	22.50	43.40 *	42.00
Beef cattle	Cwt.	92.20	90.70	82.20 *	83.10	89.00	87.80	78.80 *	78.50
Cows	Cwt.	53.50	52.00	44.10 *	45.00	51.70	51.50	43.90 *	44.00
Steers, Heifers	Cwt.	93.00	91.50	83.00 *	83.90	94.30	92.90	83.80 *	83.50
Calves	Cwt.	112.00	108.00	94.00 *	97.00	120.00	118.00	105.00 *	104.00
Milk cows	Head	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/
Milk, all	Cwt.	20.50	19.50	12.50 *	12.00	19.10	18.10	11.60 *	11.50
Milk, fluid	Cwt.	20.50	19.50	12.50	3/	19.10	18.00	11.60 *	11.50
Milk, mfg.	Cwt.	19.20	19.70	11.40	2/	18.30	18.30	10.50 *	10.90
Hog-corn ratio		9.4	8.9	12.6 *	12.2	9.3	8.6	11.3 *	11.2

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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