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AUGUST CROP REPORT

The 2009 Illinois corn crop is expected to yield 175 bushels per acre, down four bushels from last year's yield. Production of corn for grain would be 2.12 billion bushels, down slightly from 2008. In spite of late planting, growing conditions for corn are improving as temperatures begin to heat up. Due to extreme wet conditions, farmers ended corn planting one week later than 2008 and four weeks later than 2007. Recent warmer weather across the state is aiding in crop progress. As of August 2, 16 percent of the crop was in the dough stage, compared to 25 percent last year and 50 percent for the five-year average. Corn condition was rated 12 percent excellent, 48 percent good, 29 percent fair, 8 percent poor, and 3 percent very poor.

Soybean production in 2009 is expected to reach 398.2 million bushels, seven percent below last year's production. Yield is forecast at 44 bushels per acre, three bushels below last year. As of August 2, the condition of the soybean crop was rated 3 percent very poor, 7 percent poor, 32 percent fair, 48 percent good, and 10 percent excellent. As of August 2, 18 percent of the crop was setting pods, compared to 29 percent last year and 58 percent for the five-year average.

The 2009 winter wheat yield is estimated at 59 bushels per acre, unchanged from the July 1 forecast, but five bushels below the 2008 yield. With 820 thousand acres harvested for grain, production would equal 48.4 million bushels, 34 percent below last year.

CORN, 2008-AUGUST 1, 2009

| District | Acres planted | | Acres for grain | | Yield | | Production | |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|------------|------------|--------------------|------------------|
| | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 |
| | 1,000 acres | | 1,000 acres | | Bushels | | 1,000 bushels | |
| Northwest | 2,060 | 1,952 | 2,036 | 1,921 | 184 | 175 | 374,612.3 | 337,075 |
| Northeast | 1,174 | 1,171 | 1,167 | 1,133 | 183 | 177 | 213,570.4 | 200,541 |
| West | 1,193 | 1,196 | 1,164 | 1,186 | 193 | 181 | 224,651.5 | 214,666 |
| Central | 1,787 | 1,734 | 1,772 | 1,720 | 193 | 193 | 341,993.2 | 331,960 |
| East | 1,715 | 1,742 | 1,700 | 1,723 | 177 | 180 | 300,897.2 | 310,140 |
| West Southwest | 1,694 | 1,803 | 1,679 | 1,789 | 174 | 178 | 292,147.2 | 318,442 |
| East Southeast | 1,506 | 1,604 | 1,448 | 1,558 | 165 | 159 | 238,920.4 | 247,722 |
| Southwest | 481 | 514 | 463 | 493 | 156 | 151 | 72,230.8 | 74,443 |
| Southeast | 490 | 584 | 471 | 577 | 151 | 143 | 71,077.0 | 82,511 |
| ILLINOIS | 12,100 | 12,300 | 11,900 | 12,100 | 179 | 175 | 2,130,100.0 | 2,117,500 |

SOYBEANS, 2008-AUGUST 1, 2009

| District | Acres planted | | Acres for harvest | | Yield | | Production | |
|-----------------|---------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|------------------|----------------|
| | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 |
| | 1,000 acres | | 1,000 acres | | Bushels | | 1,000 bushels | |
| Northwest | 860 | 962 | 853 | 958 | 47 | 48 | 40,111.9 | 45,984 |
| Northeast | 661 | 664 | 656 | 661 | 46 | 46 | 30,166.2 | 30,406 |
| West | 800 | 823 | 777 | 816 | 50 | 45 | 38,849.9 | 36,720 |
| Central | 1,075 | 1,141 | 1,063 | 1,135 | 51 | 51 | 54,213.5 | 57,885 |
| East | 1,284 | 1,260 | 1,276 | 1,255 | 48 | 48 | 61,181.5 | 60,240 |
| West Southwest | 1,173 | 1,075 | 1,154 | 1,067 | 48 | 44 | 55,392.6 | 46,948 |
| East Southeast | 1,662 | 1,597 | 1,650 | 1,589 | 46 | 39 | 75,888.0 | 61,971 |
| Southwest | 859 | 832 | 849 | 827 | 45 | 37 | 38,276.5 | 30,599 |
| Southeast | 826 | 746 | 822 | 742 | 41 | 37 | 33,619.9 | 27,447 |
| ILLINOIS | 9,200 | 9,100 | 9,100 | 9,050 | 47 | 44 | 427,700.0 | 398,200 |

U.S. CROP PRODUCTION

Corn production is forecast at 12.8 billion bushels, up five percent from last year but two percent lower than 2007. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average 159.5 bushels per acre, up 5.6 bushels from last year. If realized, this will be the second highest yield on record, behind 2004, and production will be the second largest, behind 2007. Forecasted yields are higher than last year across the central Great Plains and western Corn Belt where mild temperatures and adequate soil moisture supplies provided favorable growing conditions. Expected yields were also higher across much of the Ohio and Tennessee Valleys and Atlantic Coast where beneficial moisture this year contrasted with exceptionally dry conditions last year. Yield prospects are lower in the central Corn Belt where excessive spring moisture delayed planting and below normal temperatures slowed corn emergence and development. Growers expect to harvest 80.0 million acres for grain, down 100,000 acres from June but up two percent from last year.

Soybean production is forecast at a record high 3.20 billion bushels, up eight percent from last year. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 41.7 bushels per acre, up 2.1 bushels from 2008. If realized, this will tie for the fourth highest yield on record. With the exception of Illinois, yields are forecast higher or unchanged from last year across the Corn Belt and Great Plains. The largest increase in yield is expected in Ohio, up 11 bushels from 2008. Area for harvest in the U.S. is forecast at 76.8 million acres, up slightly from June and up three percent from 2008.

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.54 billion bushels, up one percent from last month but down 18 percent from 2008. The U.S. yield is forecast at 44.2 bushels per acre, up 0.4 bushel from last month but down 3.0 bushels from last year. The area expected to be harvested for grain totals 34.8 million acres, unchanged from last month but down 12 percent from last year. Hard Red Winter, at 915 million bushels, is up one percent from a month ago. Soft Red Winter, at 412 million bushels, is down slightly from the last forecast.

White Winter is up one percent from last month and now totals 211 million bushels. Of this total, 23.1 million bushels are Hard White and 188 million bushels are Soft White.

CROPS ACREAGE & PRODUCTION, 2008-2009

| Crop (Acres for harvest) | Illinois | | United States | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|------------|
| | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Acreage and production in thousands | | | | |
| Corn, Grain | | | | |
| Acres | 11,900 | 12,100 | 78,640 | 80,007 |
| Yield, bu. | 179.0 | 175.0 | 153.9 | 159.5 |
| Production | 2,130,100 | 2,117,500 | 12,101,238 | 12,760,986 |
| Soybeans | | | | |
| Acres | 9,100 | 9,050 | 74,641 | 76,767 |
| Yield, bu. | 47.0 | 44.0 | 39.6 | 41.7 |
| Production | 427,700 | 398,200 | 2,959,174 | 3,199,172 |
| Winter Wheat, Grain | | | | |
| Acres | 1,150 | 820 | 39,614 | 34,787 |
| Yield, bu. | 64.0 | 59.0 | 47.2 | 44.2 |
| Production | 73,600 | 48,380 | 1,867,903 | 1,537,348 |
| Oats, Grain | | | | |
| Acres | 30 | 30 | 1,395 | 1,426 |
| Yield, bu. | 70.0 | 66.0 | 63.5 | 64.5 |
| Production | 2,100 | 1,980 | 88,635 | 91,960 |
| Sorghum, Grain | | | | |
| Acres | 76 | 58 | 7,271 | 5,948 |
| Yield, cwt. | 103.0 | 87.0 | 65.0 | 64.0 |
| Production | 7,828 | 5,046 | 472,342 | 380,537 |
| Alfalfa Hay | | | | |
| Acres | 350 | 340 | 20,980 | 20,982 |
| Yield, tons | 3.90 | 3.80 | 3.32 | 3.48 |
| Production | 1,365 | 1,292 | 69,620 | 72,986 |
| All Other Hay | | | | |
| Acres | 270 | 260 | 39,082 | 39,195 |
| Yield, tons | 1.90 | 2.20 | 1.95 | 2.01 |
| Production | 513 | 572 | 76,052 | 78,955 |
| Apples | | | | |
| Mil. lbs. | 46.2 | 45.0 | 9,769.3 | 10,113.0 |
| Peaches | | | | |
| Tons | 8,730 | 10,000 | 1,133,310 | 1,078,340 |

WINTER WHEAT, 2008-AUGUST 1, 2009

| District | Acres planted | | Acres for harvest | | Yield | | Production | |
|-----------------|---------------|------------|-------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|---------------|
| | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 |
| | 1,000 acres | | 1,000 acres | | Bushels | | 1,000 bushels | |
| Northwest | 44 | 29 | 40.5 | 27 | 70 | 70 | 2,834.5 | 1,890 |
| Northeast | 52 | 47 | 45.0 | 46 | 71 | 75 | 3,195.0 | 3,450 |
| West | 69 | 38 | 66.0 | 36 | 65 | 57 | 4,290.0 | 2,052 |
| Central | 45 | 27 | 44.0 | 26 | 67 | 67 | 2,948.0 | 1,742 |
| East | 68 | 59 | 60.0 | 53 | 72 | 82 | 4,320.0 | 4,346 |
| West Southwest | 170 | 120 | 167.5 | 118 | 63 | 58 | 10,552.5 | 6,844 |
| East Southeast | 233 | 147 | 224.0 | 142 | 62 | 53 | 13,888.0 | 7,526 |
| Southwest | 320 | 256 | 310.0 | 247 | 62 | 55 | 19,220.0 | 17,530 |
| Southeast | 199 | 127 | 193.0 | 125 | 64 | 56 | 12,352.0 | 7,000 |
| ILLINOIS | 1,200 | 850 | 1,150.0 | 820 | 64 | 59 | 73,600.0 | 48,380 |

LAND VALUES & CASH RENTS

FARM REAL ESTATE VALUES & CASH RENTS, ILLINOIS, JANUARY 1, 2005-2009

| Year | Average value per acre | | | Average cash rent per acre | |
|------|------------------------|----------|---------|----------------------------|---------|
| | Farmland and buildings | Cropland | Pasture | Cropland | Pasture |
| | Dollars | | | | |
| 2005 | 3,210 | 3,250 | 1,660 | 129.00 | 34.50 |
| 2006 | 3,590 | 3,640 | 1,940 | 132.00 | 34.00 |
| 2007 | 4,020 | 4,150 | 2,350 | 141.00 | 35.00 |
| 2008 | 4,550 | 4,850 | 2,550 | 163.00 | 37.00 |
| 2009 | 4,530 | 4,670 | 2,400 | 170.00 | 36.00 |

AGRICULTURAL PRICES

The July index of prices received by Illinois farmers for all commodities was 134 percent of the base, down eight points from the revised June figure and 71 points below July 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 July All Crops index, at 145 percent of the base, was down 11 points from the revised June number and 83 points below July 2008. Crop prices decreased for all commodities except for all hay. The All Livestock index was at 91 percent of the base, up three points from the revised June number but 30 points below July 2008. Prices either increased or held steady for all livestock commodities except for sows, calves and all milk. The hog-corn ratio was at 13.0.

The U.S. preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in July, at 130 percent, based on 1990-92=100, decreased four points from June. The Crop Index was down 12 points but the Livestock Index was unchanged. Producers received higher prices for eggs, cattle, sweet corn, and snap beans and lower prices for corn, wheat, soybeans, and tomatoes. 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 grapes, wheat, hay, and tomatoes offset decreased marketings of milk, cantaloupes, potatoes, and strawberries.

INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

| Commodity | June | July | June | July 15, |
|-------------------|---------------|------|---------------|----------|
| | 2008 | 2008 | 2009 | 2009 |
| ILLINOIS | 2002-2006=100 | | 2003-2007=100 | |
| All Farm Products | 206 | 205 | 142 * | 134 |
| All Crops | 231 | 228 | 156 * | 145 |
| Food grains | 210 | 203 | 122 * | 106 |
| Feed grains/hay | 242 | 239 | 150 * | 139 |
| Soybeans | 216 | 215 | 167 * | 156 |
| All Livestock | 116 | 121 | 88 * | 91 |
| Meat animals | 111 | 117 | 91 * | 94 |
| Dairy products | 142 | 147 | 74 * | 73 |
| UNITED STATES | 1990-92=100 | | | |
| All Farm Products | 158 | 159 | 134 * | 130 |
| All Crops | 183 | 183 | 161 * | 149 |
| Food grains | 255 | 241 | 193 * | 169 |
| Feed grains/hay | 231 | 226 | 172 * | 149 |
| Oilseeds | 236 | 239 | 203 * | 184 |
| All Livestock | 137 | 138 | 112 * | 112 |
| Meat animals | 123 | 126 | 106 * | 107 |
| Dairy products | 148 | 148 | 87 * | 87 |
| Prices Paid | 187 | 191 | 177 * | 176 |
| Parity Ratio 1/ | 84 | 83 | 76 * | 74 |

1/ Prices received index divided by prices paid index.
* Revised.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS 1/

| Commodity | Unit | Illinois | | | | United States | | | |
|------------------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|
| | | June 2008 | July 2008 | June 2009 | July 15, 2009 | June 2008 | July 2008 | June 2009 | July 15, 2009 |
| Dollars | | | | | | | | | |
| Corn | Bushels | 5.71 | 5.43 | 4.01 * | 3.50 | 5.47 | 5.25 | 4.03 * | 3.33 |
| Soybeans | Bushels | 14.10 | 13.90 | 11.80 * | 10.80 | 13.10 | 13.30 | 11.40 * | 10.30 |
| Sorghum | Cwt. | 9.93 | 3/ | 3/ | 3/ | 10.10 | 9.06 | 6.30 * | 5.57 |
| Wheat, all | Bushels | 6.50 | 6.40 | 4.29 * | 3.80 | 7.62 | 7.15 | 5.67 * | 4.92 |
| Oats | Bushels | 3/ | 3/ | 3/ | 3/ | 3.56 | 3.44 | 2.44 * | 2.20 |
| Hay, all baled | Tons | 150.00 | 144.00 | 113.00 | 115.00 | 161.00 | 164.00 | 123.00 * | 116.00 |
| Alfalfa hay, bld | Tons | 164.00 | 154.00 | 120.00 | 120.00 | 172.00 | 177.00 | 128.00 * | 120.00 |
| Other hay, bld | Tons | 121.00 | 112.00 | 90.00 | 88.00 | 130.00 | 130.00 | 107.00 * | 104.00 |
| Hogs, all | Cwt. | 52.50 | 54.00 | 45.40 * | 45.40 | 53.40 | 54.30 | 43.30 * | 43.40 |
| Barrows, Gilts | Cwt. | 55.00 | 57.00 | 46.80 | 47.10 | 54.60 | 55.90 | 43.80 * | 44.20 |
| Sows | Cwt. | 23.90 | 19.80 | 29.80 * | 26.40 | 26.50 | 20.20 | 32.80 * | 28.20 |
| Beef cattle | Cwt. | 95.20 | 97.70 | 82.80 * | 84.00 | 91.90 | 95.00 | 80.40 * | 81.40 |
| Cows | Cwt. | 57.00 | 59.00 | 46.40 * | 48.50 | 54.40 | 56.50 | 45.70 * | 48.30 |
| Steers, Heifers | Cwt. | 96.00 | 98.50 | 83.50 * | 84.70 | 96.50 | 99.60 | 85.00 * | 85.70 |
| Calves | Cwt. | 104.00 | 103.00 | 100.00 * | 97.00 | 118.00 | 114.00 | 110.00 * | 109.00 |
| Milk cows | Head | 2/ | 2,000.00 | 2/ | 1,450.00 | 2/ | 1,980.00 | 2/ | 1,280.00 |
| Milk, all | Cwt. | 20.10 | 20.30 | 11.80 | 11.70 | 19.30 | 19.30 | 11.30 * | 11.30 |
| Milk, fluid | Cwt. | 20.10 | 20.30 | 11.80 | 3/ | 19.20 | 19.30 | 11.30 * | 11.30 |
| Milk, mfg. | Cwt. | 21.00 | 19.70 | 11.60 | 3/ | 19.50 | 18.20 | 10.70 * | 10.70 |
| Hog-corn ratio | | 9.2 | 9.9 | 11.3 * | 13.0 | 9.8 | 10.3 | 10.7 * | 13.0 |

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 in Illinois during June 2009 totaled 160 million pounds, equal to last June. The number of milk cows on farms averaged 102,000 head, unchanged from June of last year. Milk per cow averaged 1,570 pounds for June, five pounds above June 2008.

Estimated milk production in the U.S. during June 2009 totaled 15.9 billion pounds, slightly below June 2008. Production per cow averaged 1,723 pounds, 13 pounds above June 2008. The number of milk cows on farms in the U.S. was 9.24 million head in June, 86,000 head less than June 2008.

MILK PRODUCTION: ILLINOIS & UNITED STATES, JUNE 2008-2009

| | | June | | | | | |
|-------------------------|------------|----------|-------|----------------------|---------------|--------|----------------------|
| | | 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 | 9,321 | 9,235 | 99 |
| Milk production per cow | Lbs. | 1,565 | 1,570 | 100 | 1,710 | 1,723 | 101 |
| Total milk production | Mil. lbs. | 160 | 160 | 100 | 15,942 | 15,913 | 100 |

VEGETABLES

Fresh market sweet corn acreage to be harvested in Illinois is estimated at 6,800 acres in 2009, unchanged from 2008. For the U.S., fresh market sweet corn acres are two percent higher in 2009, at 101,000 acres.

Snap beans for processing acreage in the U.S. is estimated at 200,000 acres, down two percent from 2008.

Sweet corn for processing acreage in the U.S. is estimated at 393,850 acres, up eight percent from 2008.

VEGETABLES: SWEET CORN & SNAP BEANS, ILLINOIS & U.S., 2008-2009

| | | Illinois | | | United States 1/ | | |
|-----------------------------|--|----------|--------|----------------------|------------------|---------|----------------------|
| | | 2008 | 2009 | 2009 as % of 2008 | 2008 | 2009 | 2009 as % of 2008 |
| | | Acres | | | Acres | | |
| Sweet Corn for Fresh Market | | | | | | | |
| To be harvested | | 6,800 | 6,800 | 100 | 98,600 | 101,000 | 102 |
| Snap Beans for Processing | | | | | | | |
| Contract planted | | 12,700 | 13,600 | 107 | 203,200 | 200,000 | 98 |
| Sweet Corn for Processing | | | | | | | |
| Contract planted | | 2/ | 2/ | -- | 363,800 | 393,850 | 108 |

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

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

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