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SEPTEMBER CROP REPORT

The 2009 **Illinois corn crop** is expected to yield 179 bushels per acre, up four bushels from the August forecast, and unchanged from last year's yield. Production of corn for grain would be 2.17 billion bushels, up two percent from 2008. The Northwest District was the wettest in the state with 44 percent in the surplus topsoil moisture category. As of August 30, 26 percent of the crop was in the dent stage, compared to 45 percent last year and 73 percent for the five-year average. Corn condition was rated 15 percent excellent, 47 percent good, 27 percent fair, 9 percent poor, and 2 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. Temperatures across Illinois were below average throughout August, which slowed crop development. Condition of the soybean crop, as of August 30, was rated 3 percent very poor, 7 percent poor, 30 percent fair, 47 percent good, and 13 percent excellent. Soybeans turning yellow, as of August 30, were at 1 percent, compared to 4 percent in 2008 and 20 percent for the five-year average.

CROP 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	179.0	153.9	161.9
Production	2,130,100	2,165,900	12,101,238	12,954,500
Soybeans				
Acres	9,100	9,050	74,641	76,767
Yield, bu.	47.0	44.0	39.6	42.3
Production	427,700	398,200	2,959,174	3,245,292
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	65.5
Production	7,828	5,046	472,342	389,589
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
Potatoes, Summer				
Acres	5.3	5.2	45.1	42.5
Yield, cwt.	395	390	306	346
Production	2,094	2,028	13,805	14,705
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
Snap Beans 1/				
Acres	12,500	13,600	194,730	193,400
Yield, tons	3.59	3.50	4.07	4.17
Production	44,820	47,600	794,777	806,920
Sweet Corn 1/				
Acres	2/	2/	353,950	384,150
Yield, tons	2/	2/	7.85	8.22
Production	2/	2/	2,784,780	3,157,560

1/ Contract for processing only. Acreage and production are actual and not in thousands. 2/ Not published.

U.S. CROP REPORT

Corn production is forecast at 13.0 billion bushels, up two percent from last month and seven percent higher than 2008. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 161.9 bushels per acre, up 2.4 bushels from August and 8.0 bushels above last year. If realized, this will be the highest yield on record and production will be the second largest, behind 2007. Yield forecasts increased from last month across the western Corn Belt and the northern half of the Great Plains as mild temperatures and adequate soil moisture supplies provided favorable growing conditions. Yield prospects were unchanged in the eastern Corn Belt where dry conditions during August depleted soil moisture supplies.

Soybean production is forecast at a record high 3.25 billion bushels, up one percent from the August forecast and up ten percent from last year. Based on September 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 42.3 bushels per acre, up 0.6 bushel from last month and up 2.7 bushels from 2008. If realized, this will be the third highest yield on record. Compared with last month, yields are forecast higher or unchanged in all states except Indiana, where the yield is expected to be down two bushels. If realized, the forecasted yield in Alabama, Georgia, and Mississippi will be a record high and the forecasted yield in Nebraska, North Carolina, and Ohio will tie the previous record high. Area for harvest in the U.S. is forecast at 76.8 million acres, up slightly from June and up three percent from 2008.

ILLINOIS DISTRICT ESTIMATES

CORN, 2008-SEPTEMBER 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	187	374,612.3	360,054
Northeast	1,174	1,171	1,167	1,133	183	183	213,570.4	207,339
West	1,193	1,196	1,164	1,186	193	186	224,651.5	220,596
Central	1,787	1,734	1,772	1,720	193	198	341,993.2	340,560
East	1,715	1,742	1,700	1,723	177	171	300,897.2	294,633
West Southwest	1,694	1,803	1,679	1,789	174	184	292,147.2	329,176
East Southeast	1,506	1,604	1,448	1,558	165	165	238,920.4	257,070
Southwest	481	514	463	493	156	143	72,230.8	70,499
Southeast	490	584	471	577	151	149	71,077.0	85,973
ILLINOIS	12,100	12,300	11,900	12,100	179	179	2,130,100.0	2,165,900

SOYBEANS, 2008-SEPTEMBER 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	49	40,111.9	46,942
Northeast	661	664	656	661	46	47	30,166.2	31,067
West	800	823	777	816	50	44	38,849.9	35,904
Central	1,075	1,141	1,063	1,135	51	50	54,213.5	56,750
East	1,284	1,260	1,276	1,255	48	47	61,181.5	58,985
West Southwest	1,173	1,075	1,154	1,067	48	45	55,392.6	48,015
East Southeast	1,662	1,597	1,650	1,589	46	38	75,888.0	60,088
Southwest	859	832	849	827	45	39	38,276.5	32,253
Southeast	826	746	822	742	41	38	33,619.9	28,196
ILLINOIS	9,200	9,100	9,100	9,050	47	44	427,700.0	398,200

MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in Illinois during July 2009 totaled 161 million pounds, an increase of six million pounds from July 2008. The number of milk cows on farms averaged 102,000 head for July 2009, equal to last year. Milk per cow averaged 1,580 pounds, 60 pounds above July 2008.

Estimated milk production in the U.S. during July 2009 totaled 16 billion pounds, up five million pounds from July 2008. Production per cow averaged 1,741 pounds for July 2009, 28 pounds above July 2008. The number of milk cows on farms in the U.S. was 9.19 million head in July 2009, a decrease of 145,000 head from July 2008.

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

		July					
		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	9,335	9,190	98
Milk production per cow	Lbs.	1,520	1,580	104	1,713	1,741	102
Total milk production	Mil. lbs.	155	161	104	15,995	16,000	100

AGRICULTURAL PRICES

The August index of prices received by Illinois farmers for all commodities was 139 percent of the base, up three points from the revised July figure but 66 points below August 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 August All Crops index, at 153 percent of the base, was up six points from the revised July number but 72 points below August 2008. Crop prices declined for all commodities except for hay which remained unchanged. The All Livestock index was at 89 percent of the base, down one point from the revised July number and 41 points below August 2008. Prices increased for all livestock commodities except for hogs, barrows and gilts, and cows. The hog-corn ratio was at 12.8.

The U.S. preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in August, at 127 percent, based on 1990-92=100, decreased five points from July. The Crop Index was down six points and the Livestock Index decreased three points. Producers received lower prices for broilers, wheat, corn, and grapes and higher prices for milk, eggs, apples, and lemons. 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, grapes, sweet corn, and calves offset decreased marketings of wheat, hay, broilers, and strawberries.

INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

Commodity	July 2008	Aug. 2008	July 2009	Aug. 15, 2009
ILLINOIS	2002-2006=100		2003-2007=100	
All Farm Products	205	205	136 *	139
All Crops	228	225	147 *	153
Food grains	203	194	115 *	102
Feed grains/hay	239	230	142 *	143
Soybeans	215	221	158 *	170
All Livestock	121	130	90 *	89
Meat animals	117	129	93 *	92
Dairy products	147	140	74 *	74
UNITED STATES	1990-92=100			
All Farm Products	159	156	132 *	127
All Crops	183	177	153 *	147
Food grains	241	257	175 *	163
Feed grains/hay	226	227	156 *	147
Oilseeds	239	228	192 *	190
All Livestock	138	137	112 *	109
Meat animals	126	130	107 *	105
Dairy products	148	141	87 *	90
Prices Paid	191	191	177 *	177
Parity Ratio 1/	83	82	75 *	72

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



PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS 1/

Commodity	Unit	Illinois				United States			
		July 2008	Aug. 2008	July 2009	Aug. 15, 2009	July 2008	Aug. 2008	July 2009	Aug. 15, 2009
Dollars									
Corn	Bushels	5.43	5.17	3.56 *	3.40	5.25	5.26	3.60 *	3.31
Soybeans	Bushels	13.90	13.00	10.90 *	10.80	13.30	12.80	10.80 *	10.70
Sorghum	Cwt.	3/	8.82	3/	3/	9.06	8.40	5.19 *	5.37
Wheat, all	Bushels	6.40	6.24	4.10 *	3.70	7.15	7.61	5.13 *	4.72
Oats	Bushels	3/	3/	3/	3/	3.44	3.16	2.03 *	1.85
Hay, all baled	Tons	144.00	137.00	115.00	115.00	164.00	163.00	116.00 *	109.00
Alfalfa hay, bld	Tons	154.00	143.00	120.00	120.00	177.00	179.00	120.00 *	111.00
Other hay, bld	Tons	112.00	105.00	88.00	88.00	130.00	121.00	104.00 *	101.00
Hogs, all	Cwt.	54.00	61.00	45.30 *	43.40	54.30	60.70	43.20 *	39.70
Barrows, Gilts	Cwt.	57.00	63.00	47.00 *	44.60	55.90	61.70	43.90 *	40.00
Sows	Cwt.	19.80	38.00	25.80 *	29.80	20.20	40.50	28.30 *	33.20
Beef cattle	Cwt.	97.70	98.20	82.60 *	83.30	95.00	95.80	81.10 *	80.30
Cows	Cwt.	59.00	61.00	48.10 *	48.00	56.50	57.60	47.40 *	46.70
Steers, Heifers	Cwt.	98.50	99.00	83.30 *	84.00	99.60	100.00	85.30 *	84.60
Calves	Cwt.	103.00	107.00	97.00	101.00	114.00	117.00	110.00 *	110.00
Milk cows	Head	2,000.00	2/	1,450.00	2/	1,980.00	2/	1,280.00 *	2/
Milk, all	Cwt.	20.30	19.50	11.80 *	11.90	19.30	18.40	11.30 *	11.80
Milk, fluid	Cwt.	20.30	19.50	11.80	3/	19.30	18.40	11.30 *	11.80
Milk, mfg.	Cwt.	19.70	19.00	11.60	3/	18.20	17.20	10.20 *	10.60
Hog-corn ratio		9.9	11.8	12.7 *	12.8	10.3	11.5	12.0 *	12.0

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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FARM LABOR

HIRED WORKERS: NUMBER & HOURS WORKED, BY REGION, JULY 12-18, 2009 1/

REGION 2/	Hired workers			Number of hours worked
	Number of workers	Expected to be employed		
		150 days or more	149 days or less	
	Thousands			
LAKE	76	50	26	34.6
CORNBELT I	56	34	22	36.2
CORNBELT II	28	20	8	33.6
U.S.	875	611	264	39.8

HIRED WORKERS: WAGE RATES FOR TYPE OF WORKER & ALL HIRED WORKERS, BY REGION, JULY 12-18, 2009 1/

REGION 2/	Type of worker			Wage rates for all hired workers
	Field	Livestock	Field & livestock combined	
	Dollars per hour			
LAKE	10.55	10.27	10.45	11.04
CORNBELT I	9.78	9.45	9.70	10.30
CORNBELT II	10.88	10.05	10.55	11.01
U.S.	10.04	10.03	10.04	10.64

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.

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