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## 2001 JUNE ACREAGE REPORT

### U.S. HIGHLIGHTS

★ **Corn** planted for all purposes was estimated at 76.1 million acres, down 4 percent from last year. This was the lowest planted acreage since 1995.

★ **Soybean** planted acres was estimated at 75.4 million acres, 1 percent above 2000. Planted acreage was a record high.

★ **Burley** acreage for harvest in the **8-State Burley Belt** was estimated at 174,900 acres, down 10,500 acres from 185,400 acres in 2000.

### KENTUCKY

Farmers decreased their corn and tobacco acres planted for 2001, while increasing their soybean acreage. The spring planting time started out dry, which allowed the farmers to plant their crops early. By mid-May, planting and setting had slowed due to dry soil conditions. Late May and early June rains have been beneficial to crop development.

Farmers expect to set an estimated 115,000 acres of **burley tobacco**, down 4 percent from last year's 120,000 acres. The acres of **dark fired tobacco** set was down 19 percent from last year, with an estimated 6,400 acres. **Dark aired tobacco** acres set was down 10 percent from last year, with an estimated 4,300 acres. Tobacco setting was nearing completion as of the week of June 18. Setting started at a good pace this Spring with good field conditions but slowed by mid-May due to dry soil conditions. Mid-May and later rains improved setting conditions while wet soils in some areas of the State slowed setting progress. Disease and insect problems have been minimal.

**Corn** planted was estimated at 1.28 million acres. The corn planted estimate was down 4 percent from last year's 1.33 million acres and smallest crop in 4 years. Acres harvested for grain was estimated at 1.18 million acres, down 4 percent from last year. As of June 24, 32

percent of the corn was tasseling compared to 20 percent a year ago, and 11 percent of the corn was silking compared to 9 percent a year earlier. The corn crop as of June 22 was in mostly good to excellent condition.

**Soybeans** planted was forecast at 1.26 million acres, the largest planted acreage since 1985. The soybean acreage estimate was up 5 percent from last year's 1.20 million acres. Soybean acres for harvest as beans was estimated at 1.24 million acres, up 60,000 acres from last year. As of June 24, 91 percent of the intended soybean acreage had been planted, ahead of last year's 82 percent, and the five year average of 66 percent. The emerged crop was in mostly good to excellent condition.

**Winter wheat** acreage planted was unchanged from the March estimate of 550,000 acres. Harvested for grain was unchanged as well from March's estimate of 340,000 acres. As of June 24, 78 percent of the crop had been harvested, well ahead of the 67 percent a year ago. Most farmers are reporting good yields and good quality.

**Alfalfa hay** acreage remained unchanged from last year's estimate of 250,000 acres. **All other hay** acreage was also unchanged from last year's estimate at 2.20 million acres. A dry spring reduced first cutting of hay. Farmers are anticipating an improved second cutting of hay due to improved soil moisture condition.

### PLANTED & HARVESTED ACRES, JUNE 2001

CROPS	KENTUCKY ACREAGE			UNITED STATES ACREAGE		
	2000	2001		2000	2001	
		Indi- cated	% of 2000		Indi- cated	% of 2000
	(1,000 Acres)			(1,000 Acres)		
All Corn (Pl)	1,330	1,280	96	79,545	76,109	96
Corn for Grain (H)	1,230	1,180	96	72,732	69,291	95
Soybeans (Pl)	1,200	1,260	105	74,496	75,416	101
Soybeans for Beans (H)	1,180	1,240	105	72,718	74,337	102
All Sorghum (Pl)	11	11	100	9,195	9,747	106
Sorghum for Grain (H)	9	9	100	7,723	8,857	115
Hay:						
All	2,450	2,450	100	59,854	63,833	107
Alfalfa	250	250	100	23,077	23,750	103
All Other	2,200	2,200	100	36,777	40,083	109
Tobacco:						
All	132.70	125.70	95	472.43	451.22	96
Burley	120.00	115.00	96	185.40	174.90	94
Type 22 E. Fired	4.10	3.30	80	11.80	9.40	80
Type 23 W. Fired	3.80	3.10	82	4.44	3.60	81
Type 35 One Sucker	3.10	2.80	90	3.78	3.42	90
Type 36 Grn River	1.70	1.50	88	1.70	1.50	88
All Wheat (Pl) 1/	670	550	82	62,529	59,604	95
All Wheat (H)	420	340	81	53,028	49,331	93
Barley (Pl) 1/	9	8	89	5,844	5,088	87
Barley (H)	8	7	88	5,201	4,514	87

1/ Includes acreage planted preceding fall. (Pl) = Planted, (H) = Harvested. Crops not so indicated are harvested.

## JUNE 1 HOG & PIG INVENTORY

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2001, was 59.1 million head. This was slightly below June 2000, but 1 percent above March 1, 2001. Breeding inventory, at 6.20 million head, was down 1 percent from June 1, 2000, and down 1 percent from March 1, 2001. Market hog inventory, at 52.9 million head, was slightly below last year, but 1 percent above last quarter.

The March-May 2001 U.S. pig crop, at 25.5 million head, was slightly less than 2000, and 3 percent less than 1999. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.88 million head, slightly below last year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 46 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs per litter was 8.88 pigs saved per litter for the March-May 2001 period,

compared to 8.86 pigs last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.60 for operations with 1-99 hogs to 9.00 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.92 million sows farrow during the June-August 2001 quarter, 1 percent above the actual farrowings during the same period in 2000, and slightly above 1999. Intended farrowings for September-November, at 2.91 million sows, are 2 percent above the same period in both 2000 and 1999. The total number of hogs under contract, owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 35 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, up from 32 percent last year.

**HOGS AND PIGS: INVENTORY NUMBERS BY CLASS & WEIGHT GROUPS  
JUNE 1, 2000 - 2001, SELECTED STATES AND U.S.**

State	TOTAL		BREEDING		MARKET		MARKET HOGS							
	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	Under 60 lbs.		60-119 lbs		120-179 lbs		180 lbs +	
	1,000	% of	1,000	% of	1,000	% of	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
	Head	2000	Head	2000	Head	2000	(1,000 Head)							
AR	660	96	105	95	555	96	210	190	135	145	130	120	105	100
CO	760	85	170	81	590	87	390	330	90	65	90	75	110	120
IL	4,100	99	420	98	3,680	99	1,360	1,320	920	940	820	770	620	650
IN	3,100	95	350	100	2,750	95	1,140	990	670	680	570	540	520	540
IA	15,100	98	1,120	97	13,980	98	4,480	4,300	4,060	3,950	3,080	3,130	2,620	2,600
KS	1,530	110	165	110	1,365	110	500	470	245	300	235	245	260	350
MI	920	93	110	100	810	92	390	310	200	215	160	160	130	125
MN	5,900	104	600	103	5,300	104	2,060	2,150	1,250	1,300	1,020	1,090	790	760
MO	3,050	102	390	103	2,660	102	1,150	1,300	660	560	510	490	300	310
NE	2,900	100	360	97	2,540	100	1,010	1,010	640	650	500	510	380	370
NC	9,700	101	1,000	100	8,700	101	3,500	3,500	2,000	2,110	1,700	1,720	1,400	1,370
OH	1,460	104	160	100	1,300	105	520	520	290	325	270	285	160	170
OK	2,190	96	330	97	1,860	96	840	840	400	310	230	280	460	430
PA	1,040	99	120	96	920	99	340	360	250	235	195	185	140	140
SD	1,270	103	140	112	1,130	102	390	420	310	280	240	250	165	180
TX	860	99	95	112	765	97	230	270	200	145	160	150	195	200
WI	590	102	75	115	515	100	195	200	120	120	110	105	90	90
Other 1/	3,951	105	488	101	3,463	106	1,202	1,219	807	860	690	743	574	642
U.S.	59,081	100	6,198	99	52,883	100	19,907	19,699	13,247	13,190	10,710	10,848	9,019	9,147

1/Individual state estimates not available for the 33 other States. Kentucky included in other States.

## MILK PRODUCTION

Kentucky milk production for May 2001 totaled 147 million pounds, down 1 percent from May 2000. Average number of milk cows on farms, at 128,000 head, down 5,000 head from May 2000 but unchanged from last month. Milk per cow averaged 1,150 pounds for May 2001, up 30 pounds from May 2000 but down 30 pounds from April 2001.

Milk Production in the **20 major States** during May totaled 12.6 billion pounds, down 1.1 percent from May 2000. April revised production, at 12.2 billion pounds, was down 2.0 percent from April 2000. The April revision represented a decrease of 0.1 percent or 14 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,629 pounds for May, 7 pounds below May 2000. The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.74 million head, 55,000 head less than May 2000, but unchanged from April 2001.

## CATTLE ON FEED

**Cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.24 million head on June 1, 2001. The inventory was 2 percent above June 1, 2000 and 13 percent above June 1, 1999. **Placements** in feedlots during May totaled 2.37 million, 3 percent above 2000 and 16 percent above 1999. Net placements were 2.27 million. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 494,000, 600-699 pounds were 509,000, 700-799 pounds were 799,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 565,000. **Marketings** of fed cattle during May totaled 2.20 million, 1 percent above 2000 and 10 percent above 1999. **Other disappearance** totaled 101,000 during May, 12 percent below 2000 but 2 percent above 1999.

**Cattle on feed** June 1, 2001, in the **7 States 1/** for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.66 million, up 2 percent from the previous year and 13 percent above June 1, 1999. **Placements** in feedlots during May totaled 2.06 million, 3 percent above 2000 and 19 percent above 1999. **Marketings** during May totaled 1.88 million, 1 percent above 2000 and up 11 percent from 1999. **Other disappearance** during May was 88,000 head, 4 percent above 2000 and 21 percent above 1999. 1/AZ, CA, CO, IA, KS, NE, and TX.

## MOST GRAIN AND LIVESTOCK PRICES UP

Prices received by **Kentucky** farmers at mid-June were up with the exception of corn and hogs.

**Steers and heifers** 500 lbs. and over were at an all time record high at mid-June averaging \$87.00 per cwt. This was \$2.00 above last month and last year. **Beef cows** were \$46.00 per cwt., \$1.00 above last month and \$5.00 above June a year ago. Prices were the highest since May 1994. **Calves** under 500 lbs. averaged \$103.00 per cwt. at mid-June. This was \$4.00 above last month and \$6.00 above last year.

**Barrow and gilt** prices received were \$2.00 below last month averaging \$46.00 per cwt. This was unchanged from June 2000. **Sows** at mid-June averaged \$40.00 per cwt., up \$1.00 from May and \$4.00 above June a year ago.

Prices received for **all milk** averaged \$17.30 per cwt., 70 cents above last month and \$3.50 above last year. This was the highest price received since November 1999.

**Corn** prices at mid-month were \$1.95 per bushel, the lowest in 8 months. This price was 13 cents below May and 24 cents below last June. **Soybean** prices at mid-June were \$4.60 per bushel, up 13 cents from last month, while down 52 cents from a year earlier. **Winter wheat** prices were \$2.40 per bushel, unchanged from last month while six cents above last year.

The Preliminary **U.S.** All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in June was 107 based on 1990-92=100, down 1 point (0.9 percent) from the May Index. Lower prices for cantaloupes, lettuce, sweet corn, and tomatoes were partially offset by higher prices for milk, strawberries, celery, and broilers. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell often affects the overall index. Higher seasonal marketings of wheat, grapes, hay, and peaches were offset by lower marketings of strawberries, tomatoes, oranges, and cattle.

Compared with June 2000, the All Farm Products Index was 9 points (9.2 percent) higher. Price increases from June 2000 for milk, broilers, cattle, and wheat were partially offset by lower prices for cantaloupes, corn, soybeans, and eggs.

### AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS -(Dollars)

COMMODITY	UNIT	KENTUCKY			US	
		JUNE 2000	MAY 2001	JUNE 2001	JUNE 2001	
		Entire Month		Mid-Month a/		
All Corn b/ c/	Bu.	2.19	2.08	1.95	1.76	
Soybeans b/	Bu.	5.12	4.47	4.60	4.47	
Winter Wheat b/	Bu.	2.34	2.40	2.40	2.68	
Alfalfa Hay, baled	Ton	105.00	100.00	100.00	103.00	
All Other Hay, baled	Ton	68.00	58.00	58.00	70.70	
All Hogs	Cwt.	45.60	47.60	45.80	52.10	
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	46.00	48.00	46.00	52.90	
Sows	Cwt.	36.00	39.00	40.00	38.30	
All Beef Cattle d/	Cwt.	74.40	75.40	77.20	73.90	
Steers & Heifers e/	Cwt.	85.00	85.00	87.00	77.50	
Cows	Cwt.	41.00	45.00	46.00	43.60	
Calves f/	Cwt.	97.00	99.00	103.00	109.00	
Milk Wholesale						
All	Cwt.	13.80	16.60	17.30	16.20	
Fluid g/	Cwt.	13.90	16.70	- -	16.20	
Manufactured	Cwt.	8.90	11.00	- -	15.00	
Hog-Corn Ratios h/	Bu.	20.8	22.9	23.5	29.6	

a/ Preliminary. b/ Includes contract sales paid during month. c/ Includes yellow and white corn. d/ "Steers and heifers" and "cows" combined. e/ 500 lbs. and over. f/ Under 500 lbs. g/ Includes surplus diverted to manufacturing. h/ Number of bushels of corn equal in value to 100 lbs. of hog live weight.

### SLAUGHTER HIGHLIGHTS

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.88 billion pounds in May, virtually unchanged from the 3.88 billion pounds produced in May 2000. May 2000 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays. May 2001 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

#### COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION 1/

Type	May 2000	Apr 2001	May 2001	May '01 % of	
				May 2000	Apr 2001
	Million Pounds			Percent	
Beef	2,303	1,939	2,293	100	118
Veal	19	15	16	85	105
Pork	1,542	1,532	1,555	101	101
Lamb & Mutton	17	20	17	96	83
Total U.S.	3,881	3,507	3,881	100	111
Total Kentucky	34.7	32.0	31.5	91	98

1/ Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

#### COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER 1/

Type	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
<b>KENTUCKY</b>						
Cattle	1.1	1.3	945	1,162	874	900
Hogs	172.6	157.4	45,529	41,215	264	262
Sheep & Lambs	1.1	0.9	138	111	128	131
<b>UNITED STATES</b>						
Cattle	3,177.9	3,199.3	3,801,410	3,786,666	1,196	1,184
Hogs	7,944.7	7,958.4	2,089,974	2,100,329	263	264
Sheep & Lambs	259.6	239.0	35,012	33,798	135	141

1/ Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

## JUNE 1 GRAIN STOCKS

**Kentucky corn** stocks totaled 28.8 million bushels on June 1, 2001. This was 5 percent above June 1, 2000 and the largest June 1 corn stocks since 1993 when 37.0 million bushels were on hand. Corn stored on farms totaled 18.0 million bushels, up 13 percent from the previous year and the highest June 1 stocks since 1993. Corn stored in off-farm facilities, at 10.8 million bushels, was 5 percent below June 2000, and accounted for 38 percent of total corn stocks. Off-farm stocks include grain stored at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors. Soybean, wheat and oat stocks estimates in Kentucky were made only for off-farm stocks. Off-farm stocks of **oats** was 109,000 bushels, compared with 126,000 bushels a year earlier. Stocks of **soybeans** totaled 2.54 million bushels, compared with 4.15 million bushels on June 1, 2000. Off-farm stocks of **all wheat** totaled 3.43 million bushels. This was up 55 percent from June 2000 and the largest June 1 wheat stocks since records were started in 1945. **Grain sorghum**

and **barley** stored in off-farm facilities were not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

**U.S. corn** stocks in all positions on June 1, 2001, totaled 3.92 billion bushels, up 9 percent from June 1, 2000 and the highest level since 1988. Of the total stocks, 2.23 billion bushels were stored on farms, up 10 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 1.69 billion bushels, were up 9 percent from a year ago. **Soybeans** stored in all positions in the U.S. on June 1, 2001 totaled 708 million bushels, down 9 percent from June 1, 2000. On-farm stocks, at 365 million bushels, were down 1 percent from the same period a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 343 million bushels, were 15 percent lower than June 1, 2000. U.S. old crop **all wheat** stored in all positions on June 1, 2001 totaled 873 million bushels, down 8 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks were estimated at 197 million bushels, down 13 percent from last year. Off-farm stocks, at 676 million bushels, were down 7 percent from a year ago.

### KENTUCKY AND UNITED STATES STOCKS OF GRAIN, JUNE 1, 2001 WITH COMPARISONS

CROP	POSITION	KENTUCKY			UNITED STATES		
		June 1, 2000	March 1, 2001	June 1, 2001	June 1, 2000	March 1, 2001	June 1, 2001
(Thousand Bushels)							
Corn	On-Farm	16,000	42,000	18,000	2,029,800	3,600,000	2,230,800
	Off-Farm <sup>1/</sup>	11,442	21,004	10,830	1,556,138	2,442,999 <sup>5/</sup>	1,693,408
	Total	27,442	63,004	28,830	3,585,938	6,042,999 <sup>5/</sup>	3,924,208
Sorghum	On-Farm	<sup>2/</sup>	<sup>2/</sup>	<sup>2/</sup>	27,300	40,100	17,500
	Off-Farm <sup>1/</sup>	<sup>4/</sup>	<sup>4/</sup>	<sup>4/</sup>	99,606	127,027 <sup>5/</sup>	57,112
	Total	<sup>2/</sup>	<sup>2/</sup>	<sup>2/</sup>	126,906	167,127 <sup>5/</sup>	74,612
Oats	On-Farm	<sup>3/</sup>	<sup>3/</sup>	<sup>3/</sup>	36,000	55,800	32,050
	Off-Farm <sup>1/</sup>	126	<sup>4/</sup>	109	40,031	54,127 <sup>5/</sup>	40,577
	Total	126	<sup>4/</sup>	109	76,031	109,927 <sup>5/</sup>	72,627
Barley	On-Farm	<sup>2/</sup>	<sup>2/</sup>	<sup>2/</sup>	25,400	58,600	28,850
	Off-Farm <sup>1/</sup>	<sup>4/</sup>	<sup>4/</sup>	<sup>4/</sup>	85,924	103,544 <sup>5/</sup>	77,409
	Total	<sup>2/</sup>	<sup>2/</sup>	<sup>2/</sup>	111,324	162,144 <sup>5/</sup>	106,259
All Wheat	On-Farm	<sup>2/</sup>	<sup>2/</sup>	<sup>2/</sup>	226,780	384,750 <sup>5/</sup>	197,270
	Off-Farm <sup>1/</sup>	2,211	5,276	3,428	722,968	953,648 <sup>5/</sup>	675,855
	Total	<sup>2/</sup>	<sup>2/</sup>	<sup>2/</sup>	949,748	1,338,938 <sup>5/</sup>	873,125
Soybeans	On-Farm	<sup>2/</sup>	<sup>2/</sup>	<sup>2/</sup>	370,000	780,000	365,000
	Off-Farm <sup>1/</sup>	4,154	7,067	2,538	404,425	623,908 <sup>5/</sup>	343,320
	Total	<sup>2/</sup>	<sup>2/</sup>	<sup>2/</sup>	774,425	1,403,908 <sup>5/</sup>	708,320

<sup>1/</sup>Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors. <sup>2/</sup>Kentucky is a minor State, not published separately. <sup>3/</sup>On-Farm oat stocks estimates not made. <sup>4/</sup>Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. <sup>5/</sup>Revised.

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