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## JULY CROP REPORT

### U.S. HIGHLIGHTS

\* **Winter wheat production** was forecast at 1.56 billion bushels, down 3 percent from last month but 20 percent above 2006.

\* **Winter wheat harvested for grain** was forecast at 37.6 million acres, up 21 percent from last year.

\* **Winter wheat yield** was forecast at 41.6 bushels per acre, down 1.6 bushels from last month and down 0.1 bushel from last year.

\* **Kansas**, the number one winter wheat state, was expecting 300.8 million bushels, up 3 percent from 2006.

### KENTUCKY

The **winter wheat** crop was forecast at 12.2 million bushels. This was down 46 percent from the 2006 crop. The forecast was based on crop conditions as of July 1 or the date of harvest if harvest occurred before July 1. Yield was forecast at 51 bushels per acre, an increase of 13 bushels from the June estimate while down 20 bushels from last year's record high 71 bushels. Many farmers reported harvest yields and test weights higher than previous expected following the freezing temperatures of mid-April. Farmers intend to harvest 240,000 acres of winter wheat, up 50,000 acres from the June estimate while down 80,000 from the 2006 crop. The 200,000 acres not harvested for grain were abandoned, cut as grain silage or hay or used as a cover crop prior to setting tobacco. The forecast winter wheat crop for 2007 would be the smallest since 1991 with harvested for grain acreage the smallest since 1978.

**WINTER WHEAT, SELECTED STATES & U.S., JULY 1, 2007**

STATE	AREA HARVESTED		YIELD		PRODUCTION		
	2006	Ind. 2007	2006	Ind. 2007	2005	2006	Ind. 2007
	(1,000 Acres)		(Bushels)		(1,000 Bushels)		
Colorado	1,900	2,250	21.0	39.0	52,800	39,900	87,750
Illinois	910	810	67.0	57.0	36,600	60,970	46,170
Indiana	460	400	69.0	58.0	24,480	31,740	23,200
Kansas	9,100	9,400	32.0	32.0	380,000	291,200	300,800
<b>KENTUCKY</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>71.0</b>	<b>51.0</b>	<b>20,400</b>	<b>22,720</b>	<b>12,240</b>
Missouri	910	850	54.0	42.0	29,160	49,140	35,700
Montana	1,920	2,150	43.0	42.0	94,500	82,560	90,300
Nebraska	1,700	2,000	36.0	42.0	68,640	61,200	84,000
Ohio	960	780	68.0	64.0	58,930	65,280	49,920
Oklahoma	3,400	4,300	24.0	27.0	128,000	81,600	49,920
South Dakota	1,150	1,800	36.0	45.0	65,560	41,400	81,000
Tennessee	190	300	64.0	39.0	8,400	12,160	11,700
Texas	1,400	4,000	24.0	36.0	96,000	33,600	144,000
Washington	1,800	1,790	66.0	65.0	120,600	118,800	116,350
<b>U.S.</b>	<b>31,117</b>	<b>37,588</b>	<b>41.7</b>	<b>41.6</b>	<b>1,499,129</b>	<b>1,298,081</b>	<b>1,561,907</b>

## COLD STORAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on May 31, 2007, were greater than year earlier levels for butter, cheese and pork.

All U.S. Warehouse Stocks				May 2007 as % of	
Commodity	May 31 2006	April 30 2007	May 31 2007	May 2006	April 2007
Frozen Poultry		1,000 lbs		Percent	
Chicken	773,639	604,330	594,467	77	98
Turkey	466,482	360,217	399,708	86	111
Ducks	7,928	6,630	7,537	95	114
Total Frozen Poultry	1,248,049	971,177	1,001,712	80	103
Meat					
Total Frozen Beef	446,279	416,006	410,659	92	99
Frozen Pork					
Bellies	58,803	61,796	57,235	97	93
Total Frozen Pork <u>1/</u>	477,005	528,527	490,609	103	93
Total Meat <u>2/</u>	940,772	969,004	923,528	98	95

1/Includes picnics, hams, bellies, loins, ribs, trimmings, and other frozen pork. 2/Includes frozen beef, pork, veal, lamb and mutton, other frozen meat, canned hams, and other canned meat.

## RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.08 billion pounds in May, up slightly from the 4.06 billion pounds produced in May 2006. May 2006 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays. May 2007 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays. Beef production, at 2.28 billion pounds, was 1 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.05 million head, up slightly from May 2006. The average live weight was down 12 pounds from the previous year, at 1,232 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.76 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.76 million head, up 3 percent from May 2006. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 269 pounds.

### COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: UNITED STATES & KENTUCKY 1/

Type	May 2006	April 2007	May 2007	May 07 % of	
				May 2006	April 2007
		Million Pounds		Percent	
Beef	2,309.0	2,015.3*	2,284.9	99	113
Veal	12.7	11.8	12.4	97	104
Pork	1,726.0	1,711.2*	1,762.4	102	103
Lamb & Mutton	16.1	15.1	15.5	96	103
Total U.S.	4,063.8	3,753.4*	4,075.1	100	109
Total Kentucky	39.5	46.6	47.4	120	102

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

### COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER: KENTUCKY & U.S. MAY 2006 & 2007 1/

Type	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight		
	2005	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	
		1,000 head		1,000 lbs.		Pounds	
<b>Kentucky</b>							
Cattle	1.5	1.3	1,426	1,238	963	945	
Hogs	195.4	232.2	51,570	61,823	264	267	
Sheep & Lambs	1.1	1.0	151	133	132	132	
<b>United States</b>							
Cattle	3,039.1	3,051.0	3,768,689	3,747,840	1,244	1,232	
Hogs	8,536.5	8,760.0	2,306,430	2,352,965	270	269	
Sheep & Lambs	225.6	218.2	32,055	30,949	142	142	

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

## U. S. DAIRY PRODUCTS, MAY 2007

PRODUCT	May 2006	Apr. 2007 <sup>1/</sup>	May 2007	Percent of May 06 Apr. 07	
	(000) Pounds			Percent	
<b>BUTTER</b>	128,556	134,355	125,008	97	93
<b>CHEESE</b>					
American Types <sup>2/</sup>	346,162	325,744	331,551	96	102
Mozzarella	265,835	276,496	278,485	105	101
All Other Types <sup>3/</sup>	208,037	200,240	209,793	101	105
Total	820,034	802,480	819,829	100	102
	(000) Gallons			Percent	
<b>FROZEN PRODUCTS</b>					
Ice Cream (Hard)	84,890	80,631	85,245	100	106
Frozen Yogurt (Total)	6,636	6,494	6,331	95	97
<b>MIX FOR FROZEN PRODUCTS</b>					
Ice Cream Mix	48,268	45,339	47,810	99	105
Yogurt Mix	4,038	3,936	3,837	95	97

<sup>1/</sup>Revised. <sup>2/</sup>Includes Cheddar, Colby, Monterey, and Jack. <sup>3/</sup>Includes Swiss, Cream and all other types. Excludes cottage cheese.

## UNITED STATES EGG PRODUCTION & HATCH

	May 2006	May 2007	May 07 % of May 06
<b>Egg Production</b>			
Eggs Produced (Million)	7,637	7,584	99
Average Layers (000)	345,223	340,705	99
Eggs Per 100 Layers	2,212	2,226	101
<b>Egg Type Hatchery</b>			
Eggs Set June 1 (000)	36,520	39,990	110
Chicks Hatched (000)	39,744	38,498	97
<b>Broiler Type Hatchery</b>			
Eggs Set June 1 (000)	661,322	680,815	103
Chicks Hatched (000)	812,137	837,386	103

## PEACH PRODUCTION

**Commercial peach** production for **Kentucky** was forecast as of July 1 at 30 tons, down 1,070 tons from the good 2006 crop. The state's fruit crop was devastated this spring by the April freezing temperatures. Peach acreage had already set fruit for the 2007 crop when freezing temperatures destroyed almost all of the anticipated peach crop across most of the Commonwealth.

**U.S.** peach production was forecast at 1.03 million tons, up 2 percent from 2006 but 13 percent below the 2005 crop. Nineteen of the 28 Freestone peach estimating States expect decreases in production from last year, while six States increased their production from the previous season, and three States showed no change.

## COMMERCIAL PEACH PRODUCTION 2006 & 2007 FORECAST

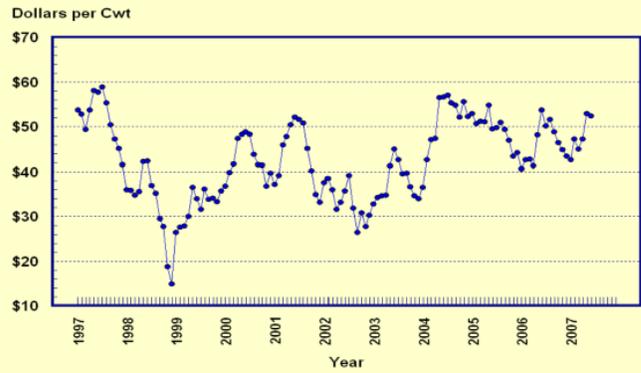
2007 Rank	STATE	2006	2007 <sup>1/</sup>
(Tons)			
<b>TOP FIVE STATES</b>			
1.	California	712,000	840,000
2.	New Jersey	34,000	32,000
3.	Washington	23,000	23,000
4.	Michigan	18,900	20,000
5.	Pennsylvania	21,600	19,000
<b>KENTUCKY &amp; SURROUNDING STATES</b>			
21.	Illinois	11,370	1,000
27.	Missouri	6,390	15
16.	Ohio	3,240	3,000
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<b>26.</b>	<b>KENTUCKY</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>UNITED STATES</b>		1,010,120	1,026,845

<sup>1/</sup> July 1, 2007. <sup>2/</sup>No production expected due to freeze damage.

Prices Received, Wheat, US



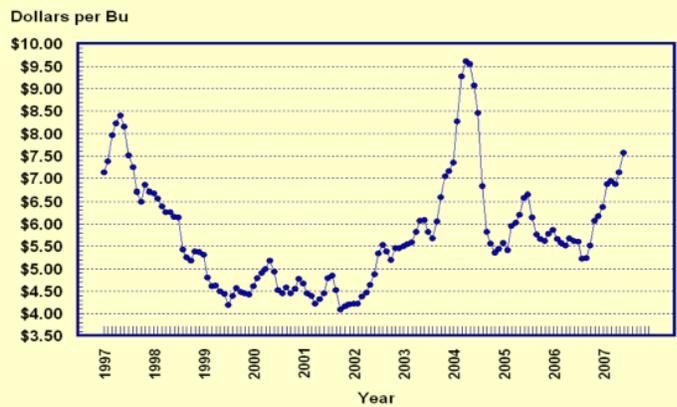
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Prices Received, Corn, US



Prices Received, Soybeans, US



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