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2009 KENTUCKY CROP PROSPECTS REMAIN GOOD

U.S. HIGHLIGHTS

Corn production was forecast at 13.0 billion bushels, up 2 percent from last month and 7 percent higher than 2008. If realized, production would be the second largest, behind 2007.

Corn yields were expected to average 161.9 bushels per acre, up 2.4 bushels from August and 8.0 bushels above last year. If realized, this would be the highest yield on record.

Soybean production was forecast at a record high 3.25 billion bushels, up 1 percent from the August forecast and up 10 percent from last year.

Soybean yields were 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 would be the third highest yield on record.

Burley producing states production was forecast at 213.4 million pounds, up 2 percent from the August forecast and 6 percent above last year.

KENTUCKY

Most Kentucky crops were in good to excellent condition as of September 1. Yield prospects remain favorable for row crops and tobacco. More normal weather patterns toward the end of August helped crop growth although most crops are behind last year and average because of a wet spring and delayed planting.

Corn production was forecast at 175.2 million bushels, up 3 percent from the August forecast and 15 percent above the 2008 crop. The increase from the 2008 crop

was due to an increase in acreage and yield. Yield was forecast at 155 bushels per acre, up 5 bushels from the August forecast. Acreage harvested for grain at 1.13 million acres was up 10,000 acres from the 2008 crop. The crop is maturing later than usual but adequate moisture is keeping yield prospects promising. If realized, this would be the highest yield and production on record for Kentucky.

Soybean production was forecast at 60.1 million bushels, up 5 percent from the August estimate and up 28 percent from the 2008 crop. The increase was due to both a larger harvested acreage and increased yield per acre. Yield was estimated at 42 bushels per acre, up 2 bushels from August. Harvested acreage was forecast at 1.43 million acres, an increase of 50,000 acres from the previous year. Full season beans are maturing well. Some double crop beans have shown stress from recent dry weather. If realized, this would be the second largest crop on record behind only 2006 for Kentucky.

Burley tobacco production for September 1 was forecast at 160.6 million pounds, up 2 percent from August and up 9 percent from the 2008 crop. The larger production was due to an increase in harvested acreage and yield. Burley yield at 2,200 pounds per acre was up 50 pounds from the previous month. Growing conditions have been excellent in most areas, and tobacco plants have shown good growth and leaf weight. Disease and pest problems have been minor in most areas.

Dark fire-cured tobacco was forecast at 31.6 million pounds, unchanged from the August forecast but down 17 percent from the 2008 crop. **Dark air-cured tobacco** was estimated at 15.5 million pounds, up 7 percent from August but down 25 percent from last year's crop.

CROP PRODUCTION
CROP SUMMARY, SEPTEMBER 1 KENTUCKY AND UNITED STATES

CROPS	UNIT	ACREAGE HARVESTED		YIELD PER ACRE		PRODUCTION		
		2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	
			Indicated		Indicated		Indicated	% of '08
		(Thousand)				(Thousand)		
KENTUCKY								
Com for Grain	Bu.	1,120	1,130	136.0	155.0	152,320	175,150	115
Soybeans for beans	Bu.	1,380	1,430	34.0	42.0	46,920	60,060	128
Tobacco:								
All	Lbs.	87.80	87.30	2,345	2,379	205,850	207,720	101
Burley	Lbs.	70.00	73.00	2,100	2,200	147,000	160,600	109
Dark Fire-Cured	Lbs.	10.90	9.30	3,500	3,400	38,150	31,620	83
Dark Air-Cured	Lbs.	6.90	5.00	3,000	3,100	20,700	15,500	75
All Wheat	Bu.	460	400	71.0	57.0	32,660	22,800	70
UNITED STATES								
Com for Grain	Bu.	78,640	80,007	153.9	161.9	12,101,238	12,954,500	107
Soybeans for Beans	Bu.	74,641	76,767	39.6	42.3	2,959,174	3,245,292	110
Sorghum for Grain	Bu.	7,271	5,948	65.0	65.5	472,342	389,589	82
Tobacco:								
All	Lbs.	354.49	347.19	2,258	2,319	800,504	804,988	101
Burley	Lbs.	97.50	98.80	2,067	2,160	201,530	213,400	106
Dark Fire-Cured	Lbs.	18.60	16.55	3,344	3,293	62,190	54,495	88
Dark Air-Cured	Lbs.	8.50	6.10	2,981	3,064	25,340	18,690	74
All Wheat	Bu.	55,685	50,445	44.9	43.3	2,499,524	2,183,594	87

KENTUCKY CASH RECEIPTS FROM FARM MARKETINGS, 2006 - 2008

COMMODITY	2006 1/	2007 1/	2008	2008 % of Total	2008 % of 2007
(1,000 Dollars)					
<u>LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS 2/</u>	2,667,529	2,954,443	2,907,594	60.1	98
Horses & Mules 3/	1,110,000	1,125,000	1,080,000	22.3	96
All Poultry	678,981	871,707	917,531	19.0	105
Broilers	572,220	717,326	743,805	15.4	104
Chicken Eggs	73,156	120,075	130,387	2.7	109
Farm Chickens	1,605	1,291	2,049	--	159
Other Poultry	32,000	33,015	41,290	0.9	125
Cattle & Calves	595,619	605,035	574,379	11.9	95
Dairy Products	179,340	248,056	237,600	4.9	96
Hogs	89,632	89,743	83,315	1.7	93
Sheep & Lambs	1,791	2,363	2,206	--	93
Honey	613	517	368	--	71
Wool	32	33	38	--	115
Other Livestock 4/	11,521	11,989	12,157	0.3	101
<u>CROPS 2/5/</u>	1,360,335	1,561,944	1,930,162	39.9	124
Corn	356,420	502,886	653,037	13.5	130
Soybeans	324,734	387,778	383,971	7.9	99
Tobacco	319,785	337,785	370,238	7.7	110
Wheat	86,048	69,346	210,817	4.4	304
Hay	149,128	140,148	179,717	3.7	128
Greenhouse/ Nursery	81,870	87,840	85,865	1.8	98
Vegetables	21,020	21,200	22,460	0.5	106
Other Fruits, Nuts & Berries	4,455	2,080	4,880	0.1	235
Sorghum Grain	4,259	4,080	4,056	0.1	99
Peaches	1,676	41	2,608	0.1	6,361
Apples	1,959	1,483	1,741	--	117
Barley	891	99	772	--	780
Other Crops 6/	8,090	7,178	10,000	0.2	139
<u>ALL COMMODITIES 2/</u>	4,027,864	4,516,387	4,837,756	100.0	107

Source: USDA - Economic Research Service

-- Indicates less than .05%. Percent may not be accurate to .1 because of method of machine computation. 1/Revised. 2/May not add due to rounding. 3/Includes stud fees. 4/Includes goats, rabbits, bison and all other livestock. 5/Forest products not included in farm cash receipts, but are included in net farm income. 6/Includes popcorn, sunflowers, other seeds, other field crops and mushrooms.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS - (Dollars)

COMMODITY	UNIT	KENTUCKY			US
		AUG	JULY	AUG	AUG
		2008	2009	2009	2009
		Entire Month		Mid-Month a/	
All Corn b/ c/	Bu.	5.58	3.79	3.50	3.31
Soybeans b/	Bu.	C	10.90	10.80	10.70
Winter Wheat b/	Bu.	6.13	4.50	3.90	4.44
Alfalfa Hay, baled	Ton	175.00	155.00	145.00	111.00
All Other Hay, baled	Ton	95.00	85.00	80.00	101.00
All Hogs	Cwt.	59.90	40.70	34.20	39.70
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	61.00	41.00	34.00	40.00
Sows	Cwt.	38.00	33.00	38.00	33.20
All Beef Cattle d/	Cwt.	88.40	81.20	81.00	80.30
Steers & Heifers e/	Cwt.	99.00	92.00	92.00	84.60
Cows	Cwt.	55.00	47.00	46.00	46.70
Calves f/	Cwt.	103.00	99.00	100.00	110.00
Sheep	Cwt.	34.00	40.00	-	-
Lambs	Cwt.	100.00	103.00	-	-
Hog-Corn Ratios g/	Bu.	10.7	10.7	9.8	12.0

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/ Number of bushels of corn equal in value to 100 lbs. of hog live weight. C-Confidential.

COLD STORAGE HIGHLIGHTS

ALL U.S. WAREHOUSE STOCKS				July 09 % of	
Commodity	July 31, 2008	June 30, 2009	July 31, 2009	July 08	June 09
Frozen Poultry		1,000 lbs		Percent	
Chicken	738,872	653,885	677,747	92	104
Turkey	620,692	594,742	640,092	103	108
Ducks	2,485	5,129	6,296	253	123
Total Frozen Poultry	1,362,049	1,253,756	1,324,135	97	106
Meat					
Total Frozen Beef	430,818	434,804	448,152	104	103
Frozen Pork					
Bellies	57,964	76,333	60,229	104	79
Total Frozen Pork 1/	505,269	577,914	547,331	108	95
Total Meat 2/	960,531	1,043,079	1,025,469	107	98

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.

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION 1/

Type	July 2008	June 2009	July 2009	July 09 % of	
				July 08	June 09
	Million Pounds			Percent	
Beef	2,371.6	2,288.7	2,270.5	96	99
Veal	12.3	11.5	10.8	88	94
Pork	1,852.5	1,847.5	1,828.3	99	99
Lamb & Mutton	13.7	13.9	13.9	102	101
Total U.S.	4,250.1	4,161.5	4,123.6	97	99
Total KY	45.6	45.5	43.4	95	95

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

UNITED STATES EGG PRODUCTION & HATCH

Type	July 2008	July 2009	09 % of 08
Egg Production			
Eggs Produced (Million)	7,599	7,586	100
Average Layers (000)	336,276	332,602	99
Eggs Per 100 Layers	2,260	2,281	101
Egg Type Hatchery			
Eggs Set Aug. 1 (000)	32,663	32,782	100
Chicks Hatched (000)	37,250	36,282	97
Broiler Type Hatchery			
Eggs Set Aug. 1 (000)	649,735	627,645	97
Chicks Hatched (000)	805,182	781,215	97

U.S. DAIRY PRODUCTS, JULY 2009

PRODUCT	July 2008	June 2009 1/	July 2009	July 09 as % of	
				July 08	June 09
	(000) Pounds		Percent		
BUTTER	114,185	125,497	111,630	98	89
CHEESE					
American Types 2/	341,914	353,396	352,234	103	100
Mozzarella	261,510	269,830	273,564	105	101
All Other Types 3/	218,758	210,951	213,192	97	101
Total	822,182	834,177	838,990	102	101
FROZEN PRODUCTS					
	(000) Gallons		Percent		
Ice Cream (Hard)	84,717	89,918	85,903	101	96
Frozen Yogurt (Total)	6,977	6,744	7,156	103	106
MIX FOR FROZEN PRODUCTS					
Ice Cream Mix	47,652	49,830	47,188	99	95
Yogurt Mix	4,361	4,087	4,337	99	106

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

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, JULY 2008 & 2009 1/

Type	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Avg Live Weight	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	1,000 head		1,000 lbs.		Pounds	
Kentucky						
Cattle	1.3	1.4	1,200	1,321	960	967
Hogs	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/
Sheep & Lambs	1.2	1.1	143	117	117	110
United States						
Cattle	3,062.5	2,920.6	3,886,174	3,731,439	1,273	1,282
Hogs	9,462.8	9,146.7	2,479,550	2,444,531	262	267
Sheep & Lambs	207.1	207.4	27,305	27,937	132	135

1/ Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter. 2/ Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

U.S. HIRED WORKERS UP 6 PERCENT, WAGE RATES UP 3 PERCENT

There were 1,238,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches the week of July 12-18, 2009, up 6 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 875,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 363,000 workers. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.64 per hour during the July 2009 reference week, up 30 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$10.04 per hour, up 38 cents from last July, while livestock workers earned \$10.03 per hour compared with \$9.98 a year earlier. The field and

livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$10.04 per hour, was up 30 cents from last year.

The number of hired workers in the 3-State Region including Kentucky, West Virginia, and Tennessee totaled 29,000 during the week of July 12-18, 2009. Field workers in the region were paid \$9.36 per hour compared to \$9.80 during the same period last year. Livestock workers were paid \$9.76 per hour compared to \$9.38 last year. The wage rate for all hired workers in the 3-State Region was \$10.34.

MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in the **23 major States** during July totaled 14.9 billion pounds, up 0.1 percent from July 2008. June revised production, at 14.8 billion pounds, was up 0.1 percent from June 2008. The June revision represented an increase of 34 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per

cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,769 pounds for July, 25 pounds above July 2008. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.40 million head, 115,000 head less than July 2008, and 34,000 head less than June 2009.

FARM PRODUCTION EXPENDITURES 2007 ^{1/} - 2008

EXPENDITURE - FARM SHARE	ATLANTIC REGION ^{2/}					UNITED STATES ^{3/}				
	Average		Total Expenditures			Average		Total Expenditures		
	per Farm ^{4/}	2008	2007	2008	'08 % of '07	per Farm ^{4/}	2008	2007	2008	'08 % of '07
	Dollars		Million Dollars		(%)	Dollars		Million Dollars		(%)
Total Farm Production Expenditures ^{5/}	80,292	87,446	35,880	38,950	109	129,062	140,075	283,520	307,020	108
Livestock, Poultry & Related Expenses ^{6/}	6,512	6,803	2,910	3,030	104	15,022	12,912	33,000	28,300	86
Feed	15,060	18,567	6,730	8,270	123	19,073	21,398	41,900	46,900	112
Farm Services ^{7/}	10,025	10,754	4,480	4,790	107	16,752	17,337	36,800	38,000	103
Rent ^{8/}	2,372	2,514	1,060	1,120	106	8,968	10,220	19,700	22,400	114
Agricultural Chemicals ^{9/}	2,193	2,178	980	970	99	4,780	5,338	10,500	11,700	111
Fertilizer, Lime & Soil Conditioners ^{9/}	3,625	4,692	1,620	2,090	129	8,057	10,265	17,700	22,500	127
Interest	3,357	3,345	1,500	1,490	99	5,508	5,475	12,100	12,000	99
Taxes (Real Estate & Property)	3,580	4,131	1,600	1,840	115	4,689	4,882	10,300	10,700	104
Labor	9,846	9,227	4,400	4,110	93	13,019	13,550	28,600	29,700	104
Fuels	3,939	4,445	1,760	1,980	113	6,145	7,300	13,500	16,000	119
Farm Supplies & Repairs ^{10/}	5,236	4,894	2,340	2,180	93	6,874	7,254	15,100	15,900	105
Farm Improvements & Construction ^{11/}	6,154	5,882	2,750	2,620	95	6,419	7,209	14,100	15,800	112
Tractors & Self-Propelled Farm Machinery	2,283	3,031	1,020	1,350	132	3,915	5,201	8,600	11,400	133
Other Farm Machinery	1,343	1,751	600	780	130	2,003	2,692	4,400	5,900	134
Seeds & Plants ^{12/}	3,446	3,839	1,540	1,710	111	5,736	6,889	12,600	15,100	120
Trucks & Autos	1,208	1,302	540	580	107	2,003	2,053	4,400	4,500	102
Miscellaneous Capital Expenses ^{13/}	112	90	50	40	80	100	100	220	220	100

^{1/}Revised. ^{2/}Atlantic: CT, DE, KY, ME, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, NC, PA, RI, TN, VA, VT, WV. ^{3/}Excludes AK and HI. ^{4/}Total expenditures divided by total number of farms. Items may not sum to total due to rounding. ^{5/}Includes landlord and contractor share of farm production expenses. ^{6/}Includes purchases and leasing of livestock and poultry. ^{7/}Includes all crop custom work, veterinary custom services, transportation costs, marketing charges, insurance, leasing of machinery and equipment, general and miscellaneous business expenses, and utilities. ^{8/}Includes public and private grazing fees. ^{9/}Includes material and application costs. ^{10/}Includes bedding and litter, marketing containers, power farm shop equipment, oils and lubricants, miscellaneous non-capital equipment and supplies, repairs and maintenance of livestock and poultry equipment, and capital equipment for livestock and poultry. ^{11/}Includes all expenditures related to new construction or repairs of buildings, fences, operator dwelling (if dwelling is owned by operation), and any improvements to physical structures of land. ^{12/}Excludes bedding plants, nursery stock, and seed purchased for resale. Includes seed treatment. ^{13/}A zero in this line-item denotes less than 5 million dollars. Average value derived from expenditure rounding to zero will also be zero.

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