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March Acreage Intentions for 2009

Missouri farmers reported their planting intentions for the upcoming growing season in a survey conducted by the Missouri Agricultural Statistics Service. “Missouri’s first look at producers’ intentions to plant crops for the 2009 season reveals more corn and fewer soybean acres than last year,” said Gene Danekas, Director, Missouri Agricultural Statistics. “Although no acreage was planted by March 1st, this report gives producers time to adjust their initial plans.”

Missouri farmers intend to plant 3.05 million acres of **corn** in 2009, up 9 percent from the 2.80 million acres planted for all purposes last year but 12 percent less than the 2007 level of 3.45 million acres.

Soybean planted acres in **Missouri** in 2009 are expected to total 5.05 million acres, 3 percent below last year’s 5.20 million acres but up 7 percent from 2007 when 4.70 million acres were planted.

Sorghum is expected to be planted on 85,000 acres in **Missouri**, down 6 percent from 2008 when 90,000 acres were planted and 23 percent less than the 110,000 acres planted in 2007. If realized, this would be record low acreage since records began in 1929. The lowest level in the State prior to the current estimate was last year.

Winter Wheat plantings in **Missouri** are estimated at 800,000 acres, down 36 percent from 2008 and unchanged from the December forecast. This would be the second lowest wheat acreage on record, above only 2005 when 590,000 acres were planted.

Cotton producers in **Missouri** intend to plant 300,000 acres of cotton this year, 2 percent below last year’s 306,000-planted acres and 21 percent less than 2007 when 380,000 acres were planted. This is the lowest level since 1990 when 248,000 acres were planted.

Rice is expected to be planted on 225,000 acres in **Missouri** this year, up 13 percent from last year’s 200,000 acres and 25 percent above 2007 when 180,000 acres were planted. If realized, this would be the largest planted acreage on record.

Hay is expected to be harvested from 4.10 million acres in **Missouri**, a decrease of 2 percent from last year when 4.20 million acres were cut but 1 percent above 2007 when 4.05 million acres were harvested.

Corn growers intend to plant 85.0 million acres of corn for all purposes in 2009, down 1 percent from last year as lower corn

prices and unstable input costs are discouraging some growers from planting corn. If realized, this will be the second consecutive year-over-year decrease since 2007 but will still be the third largest acreage since 1949, behind 2007 and 2008

Soybean producers intend to plant 76.0 million acres in 2009, up slightly from last year. If realized, the U.S. planted area would be the largest on record. Acreage increases of 100,000 acres or more are expected in Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Mississippi, Nebraska, North Carolina, North Dakota, and Ohio.

All wheat planted area is estimated at 58.6 million acres, down 7 percent from 2008. The 2009 winter wheat planted area, at 42.9 million acres, is 7 percent below last year but up 2 percent from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 30.9 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 8.38 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.65 million acres are White Winter. Area planted to other spring wheat for 2009 is expected to total 13.3 million acres, down 6 percent from 2008. Of this total, about 12.7 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. The expected Durum planted area for 2009 is 2.45 million acres, down 10 percent from the previous year.

All cotton plantings for 2009 are expected to total 8.81 million acres, 7 percent below last year and the lowest since 1983. Upland area is expected to total 8.67 million acres, down 7 percent from last year. Growers intend to decrease planted area in all States except Georgia, Kansas, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia

Planting Intentions March 1, 2009

Crop	Missouri		United States	
	2008	2009 ^{1/}	2008	2009 ^{1/}
Corn	2,800	3,050	85,982	84,986
Soybeans	5,200	5,050	75,718	76,024
All Sorghum	90	85	8,284	6,960
All Hay	4,200	4,100	60,062	60,297
Oats	15	15	3,217	3,400
Cotton	306	300	9,470	8,812
All Rice	200	225	2,995	3,183
Tobacco	1,500 ^{3/}	4 ^{4/}	354,190 ^{3/}	353,200
Winter Wheat	1,250	800 ^{2/}	46,281	42,889 ^{2/}

1/ Intended plantings in 2009 indicated by reports from farmers.

2/ Includes area planted in previous fall.

3/ Area harvested.

4/ Estimation discontinued in 2009

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March 1, 2009 Grain Stocks

Missouri corn stocks on March 1 totaled 156 million bushels, 5 percent below last year at this time. On-farm stocks stood at 97.0 million bushels, up 2 percent from March 1, 2008, while off-farm stocks decreased 15 percent to 58.6 million bushels.

Soybean stocks in all positions in **Missouri** on March 1, 2009 totaled 52.7 million bushels, down 7 percent from a year earlier. Stocks on farms accounted for 31.0 million bushels, 15 percent above last year, while beans in commercial facilities in the State totaled 21.7 million bushels, 27 percent below March 1, 2008.

Missouri had 23.9 million bushels of **wheat** stocks on hand on March 1, 2009, an increase of 42 percent from a year earlier. Wheat on farms totaled 3.30 million bushels, 3.10 million bushels more than last year at this time and the highest March on-farm level since 1999 when there were 3.80 million bushels on farms. Commercial facilities held 20.6 million bushels, 24 percent above a year earlier.

Sorghum stocks in **Missouri** on March 1 totaled 2.33 million bushels, down 23 percent from last year. Sorghum on farms accounted for 1.50 million bushels, 7 percent above a year ago, while off-farm facilities held 825,000 bushels, down 49 percent from March 1, 2008.

Missouri rough rice stocks in all positions on March 1 totaled 4.26 million cwt, 7 percent below a year earlier.

Corn stocks in all positions on March 1, 2009 totaled 6.96 billion bushels, up 1 percent from March 1, 2008. Of the total stocks, 4.09 billion bushels are stored on farms, up 8 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 2.87 billion bushels, are down 7 percent from a year ago. The December 2008 - February 2009 indicated disappearance is 3.12 billion bushels, compared with 3.42 billion bushels during the same period last year.

Soybeans stored in all positions on March 1, 2009 totaled 1.30 billion bushels, down 9 percent from March 1, 2008. Soybean stocks stored on farms are estimated at 657 million bushels, up 11 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 645 million bushels, are down 23 percent from last March. Indicated disappearance for the December 2008 - February 2009 quarter totaled 974 million bushels, up 5 percent from the same period a year earlier.

All wheat stored in all positions on March 1, 2009 totaled 1.04 billion bushels, up 46 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 280 million bushels, up 205 percent from last March. Off-farm stocks, at 756 million bushels, are up 23 percent from a year ago. The December 2008 - February 2009 indicated disappearance is 386 million bushels, down 9 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Grain sorghum stored in all positions on March 1, 2009 totaled 209 million bushels, up 12 percent from a year ago.

On-farm stocks, at 32.2 million bushels, are up 23 percent from last March. Off-farm stocks, at 177 million bushels, are up 11 percent from a year earlier. The December 2008 - February 2009 indicated disappearance from all positions is 103 million bushels, down 2 percent from the same period last year.

Rough rice stocks in all positions on March 1, 2009, totaled 91.3 million hundredweight (cwt), down 13 percent from the total on March 1, 2008. Stocks held on farms totaled 21.3 million cwt, and off-farm stocks totaled 70.0 million cwt. Long grain varieties accounted for 70 percent of the total rough rice, medium grain accounted for 27 percent, and short grain varieties accounted for 3 percent.

Milled rice stocks in all positions totaled 4.73 million cwt, down 16 percent from a year ago. Milled rice stocks were comprised of 3.35 million cwt of whole kernel rice and 1.39 million cwt of second heads, screenings, and brewers rice.

Grain Stocks March 1, 2008-2009

Crop & Position	Missouri		United States	
	2008	2009	2008	2009
<i>Thousand Bushels</i>				
Corn				
On Farm	95,000	97,000	3,780,000	4,085,000
Off Farm ^{1/}	68,654	58,579	3,078,722	2,873,397
Total	163,654	155,579	6,858,722	6,958,397
Soybeans				
On Farm	27,000	31,000	593,000	656,500
Off Farm ^{1/}	29,926	21,747	840,982	645,106
Total	56,926	52,747	1,433,982	1,301,606
Sorghum				
On Farm	1,400	1,500	26,100	32,200
Off Farm ^{1/}	1,619	825	159,808	176,593
Total	3,019	2,325	185,908	208,793
All Wheat				
On Farm	200	3,300	91,990	280,200
Off Farm ^{1/}	16,617	20,622	617,280	756,372
Total	16,817	23,922	709,270	1,036,572
Oats				
On Farm	*	*	31,000	30,000
Off Farm ^{1/}	156	*	47,988	65,364
Total	*	*	78,988	95,364
Rough Rice^{2/}				
On Farm	*	*	22,923	21,286
Off Farm ^{1/}	*	*	81,623	70,042
Total	4,591	4,257	104,546	91,328

^{1/} Includes stocks at mills elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors.

^{2/} Data in thousand hundred weight.

* "Unallocated" includes State data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

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February Milk Production

State	Milk Cows ^{1/}		Milk Per Cows ^{2/}		Milk Production ^{2/}	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds	
IL	102	102	1,515	1,510	155	154
IA	216	215	1,600	1,550	346	333
MO	//110	107	1,170	1,150	129	123
23-States	8,457	8,488	1,656	1,608	14,007	13,650

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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U.S. Dairy Production by Product, Feb 2009

Product	Feb 2009	Change From	
		Feb 2008	Jan 2009
	1,000 Pounds	Percent	
Butter	145,436	-0.9	-16.7
Cheese			
American Types ^{1/}	319,391		-9.6
Total	768,517	-2.1	-6.7
Frozen Products	1,000 Gallons	Percent	
Ice Cream, Hard	63,055	-3.3	9.6
Ice Cream, Lowfat, Total	25,814	-8.0	8.5
Ice Cream, Nonfat, Hard	1,239	1.5	53.7
Sherbet, Hard	3,940	-6.9	10.9
Frozen Yogurt, Total	3,846	-6.9	12.1
Dry Whey Products	1,000 Pounds	Percent	
Dry Whey, Human	77,940	-7.1	-6.1
Dry Whey, Animal	4,760	14.5	-12.8
Dry Whey, Total	82,700	-6.0	-6.5

1/ Includes Cheddar, Colby, Monterey and Jack.

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Chicks Hatched by Commercial Hatcheries

Item	February		Jan - Feb	
	2008	2009	2008	2009
	1,000			
Broiler-Type				
19 States ^{1/}	744,686	676,834	1,542,799	1,431,799
U.S.	771,197	700,913	1,593,063	1,479,314
Egg-Type				
U.S.	37,549	36,861	77,716	74,944

1/ States in the weekly hatchery production estimating program.

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Average Prices Received by Farmers ^{1/}

Commodity	Unit	Missouri			U.S.
		Mar 2008*	Feb 2009	Mar 2009 ^{2/}	Mar 2009 ^{2/}
		Dollars			
Winter Wheat	Bu	9.32	4.15	4.30	5.27
Corn	Bu	4.73	3.99	4.10	3.96
Soybeans	Bu	11.80	9.50	9.40	9.13
Sorghum	Cwt	8.35	5.45	5.90	5.54
BALED HAY^{2/}					
All Hay	Ton	109.00	103.00	89.00	129.00
Alfalfa	Ton	165.00	165.00	155.00	137.00
Other	Ton	90.00	85.00	75.00	109.00
ALL BEEF					
Cows ^{3/}	Cwt	50.00	42.00	41.50	44.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	98.40	91.90	90.70	83.50
Cattle ^{4/}	Cwt	87.80	74.90	79.90	78.50
Calves	Cwt	113.00	105.00	104.00	104.00
ALL HOGS					
Sows	Cwt	19.00	42.70	41.00	42.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt	34.30	38.20	39.20	44.30
All Hogs	Cwt	33.10	38.60	39.30	44.20
Market Eggs ^{2/}	Doz	1.250	0.610	0.610	0.643
MILK					
Fluid Grade ^{5/}	Cwt	18.00	12.50		11.50
Mfg Grade ^{5/}	Cwt	16.40	9.50		10.90
All Milk ^{5/}	Cwt	17.90	12.40	11.40	11.50
HOG/CORN Ratio ^{6/}		7.00	9.67	9.59	11.16

1/ Prices received represent the average of all grades or classes at point of first sale and should not be confused with market quotations of specific grades or classes.

2/ Mid-month prices.

3/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

4/ "Cows" and "Steers & Heifers" combined.

5/ Missouri February fat test %: all milk 3.69, fluid grade 3.68, mfg grade 3.85.

U.S. March fat test %: all milk 3.73, fluid grade 3.73, mfg grade 4.07.

6/ All Hogs" divided by "Corn" prices.

* Revised.

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February 2009 Egg Production

State	Number of Layers on Hand ^{1/}	Eggs per 100 for All Layers	Total Production
AR	12,863	1,765	227
IA	53,839	2,051	1,104
MO	7,176	2,132	153
U.S.	340,752	2,023	6,893

1/ Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.

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Missouri Hog and Pig Numbers Show 5 Percent Decrease

The March 1, 2009 inventory of **Missouri hogs and pigs** is estimated at 2.95 million head according to the USDA's Missouri Agricultural Statistics Service. "This is down 5 percent from both a year earlier and the December 1, 2008 estimate," says Gene Danekas, Director. **Breeding hogs** are estimated at 365,000 head, down 4 percent from a year ago and 1 percent below last quarter. **Market hogs** are estimated at 2.59 million head, 5 percent below a year earlier, and December 1, 2008.

The **December 2008-February 2009 pig crop** was estimated at 1.78 million head, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier but 8 percent below the September-November 2008

quarter. **Farrowings**, at 190,000 sows, were unchanged from a year ago but declined 10,000 head from last quarter. **Pigs saved per litter**, at 9.35 pigs, rose 2 percent from the 9.20 pigs saved a year earlier but was down 3 percent from 9.65 pigs saved the previous quarter.

Missouri hog producers intend to farrow 185,000 sows during March-May 2009, unchanged from the number that were actually farrowed during the same period a year earlier. During June-August 2009, hog producers also expect to farrow 185,000 sows, 5,000 head more than the actual farrowings in June-August of 2008.

Hogs and Pigs: Breeding, Market, and Total Inventory By State and United States, March 1, 2008-2009 ^{1/}

State	Breeding			Market			Total		
	2008	2009		2008	2009		2008	2009	
		Number	As % of 2008		Number	As % of 2008		Number	As % of 2008
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>
AR	90	85	94	210	190	90	300	275	92
IL	490	480	98	3,960	3,770	95	4,450	4,250	96
IA	1,080	1,040	96	18,020	18,260	101	19,100	19,300	101
KS	170	165	97	1,710	1,645	96	1,880	1,810	96
MO	380	365	96	2,720	2,585	95	3,100	2,950	95
NE	370	375	101	2,930	2,775	95	3,300	3,150	95
OK	400	400	100	1,950	1,940	99	2,350	2,340	100
US	6,200	6,011	97	61,018	59,378	97	67,218	65,389	97

^{1/} May not add due to rounding.

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