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NEW JERSEY SOYBEAN ACREAGE UNCHANGED, PLANTS LESS CORN

New Jersey: Farmers responding to New Jersey's Agricultural Statistics Service's June Agricultural Survey reported no change for planted soybean acres from the previous year. Producers planted or will plant 92,000 acres of soybeans. About 24 percent of the crop is planted following the wheat harvest. Total corn planted acreage in 2009, at 80,000 acres, is down 6 percent from last year's 85,000 acres. Winter wheat acreage for harvest, at 31,000 acres, is down 6 percent from last year's 33,000 acres as the harvest gets underway. Acreage for hay production increased by 5,000 from 2008 to 120,000 acres in 2009. Wet weather has been a challenge for harvesting hay. Summer and sweet potatoes planted acreage and set for harvest remains unchanged from last year. Row crop conditions on June 1, 2009, were in mostly good condition across the state. Topsoil moisture has been rated adequate or surplus throughout June.

United States: The U.S. soybean planted area is estimated at a record high 77.5 million acres and up 2 percent from 2008. Prospects for soybean acres harvested are up 3 percent, and will be the largest on record, if realized. Corn planted area for all purposes for the U.S. is estimated at 87.0 million acres, up 1 percent from the previous year. It is the second highest planted corn acreage since 1946, behind the 2007 crop with 93.5 million acres. All wheat planted area is estimated at 59.8 million acres, down 5 percent from 2008. The 2009 winter wheat planted area is 43.4 million acres, 6 percent below last year.

Planted and Harvested Acres of Principal Crops, June 1

Crop	Planted For All Purposes				Intended For Harvest ¹			
	2007	2008	2009	% Change from 2008	2007	2008	2009	% Change from 2008
New Jersey	- 1,000 acres -				- 1,000 acres -			
Corn	95	85	80	(6)	82	74	69	(7)
All Hay	--	--	--	--	115	115	120	4
Alfalfa Hay	--	--	--	--	20	20	25	25
Other Hay	--	--	--	--	95	95	95	NC
Summer Potatoes	2.4	2.0	2.0	NC	2.4	2.0	2.0	NC
Sweet Potatoes	1.2	1.2	1.2	NC	1.2	1.2	1.2	NC
Soybeans	82	92	92	NC	80	90	90	NC
Winter Wheat	31	35	34	(3)	28	33	31	(6)
United States	- 1,000 acres -				- 1,000 acres -			
Corn	93,527	85,982	87,035	1	86,520	78,640	80,107	2
All Hay	--	--	--	--	61,006	60,062	60,177	/2
Alfalfa Hay	--	--	--	--	21,126	20,980	20,982	/2
Other Hay	--	--	--	--	39,880	39,082	39,195	/2
Summer Potatoes	50.8	47	44	(6)	48.3	44.8	42.5	(5)
Sweet Potatoes	100.5	103.2	106.7	3	97.4	97.3	103.3	6
Soybeans	64,741	75,718	77,483	2	64,146	74,641	76,547	3
Winter Wheat	45,012	46,281	43,448	(6)	35,938	39,614	34,787	(12)

1/ Harvested for principal use, i.e., grain, beans, etc.

2/ Change is less than one percent.