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New Jersey's Corn Production Down 3 Percent from October Soybean Production Unchanged

Note: Yield forecasts in this report are based on conditions around November 1 and do not reflect changes in conditions since that time.

Corn production is forecast at 8.25 million bushels, down 3 percent from the October 1, 2006, forecast. Expected yield per harvested acre is 133 bushels per acre, down 4 bushels from the previous month's forecast. The state record yield is 143 bushels per acre, set in 2004. The 10-year (1996-2005) state average yield is 104.8 bushels per acre. Area intended for harvest as grain is 62,000 acres, unchanged from last year.

Soybean production is set at 2.87 million bushels, unchanged from the October 1, 2006, forecast. The November 1, 2006, soybean yield is forecast at 33 bushels per acre, unchanged from the previous month's forecast. The 10-year average (1996-2005) is 31.9 bushels per acre. Harvested acreage is estimated at 87,000, down 4,000 acres from last year.

Corn and Soybeans: Acreage, Yield, and Production, New Jersey and United States 2005 and Forecasted November 1, 2006

Crop	Acres for Harvest			Yield per Acre			Production		
	2005	Oct 1 2006 Forecast	Nov 1 2006 Forecast	2005	Oct 1 2006 Forecast	Nov 1 2006 Forecast	2005	Oct 1 2006 Forecast	Nov 1 2006 Forecast
NEW JERSEY	- Thousand Acres -			- Bushels -			- Thousand Bushels -		
Corn for grain	62	62	62	122.0	137.0	133.0	7,564.0	8,494.0	8,246.0
Soybeans	91	87	87	28.0	33.0	33.0	2,548.0	2,871.0	2,871.0
UNITED STATES	- Thousand Acres -			- Bushels -			- Million Bushels -		
Corn for grain	75,107	71,047	71,047	147.9	153.5	151.2	11,112.1	10,905.2	10,744.8
Soybeans	71,251	74,505	74,505	43.0	42.8	43.0	3,063.2	3,188.6	3,203.9

Note: The annual production estimates will be released January 12, 2007



Happy Thanksgiving



New Jersey Apple County Estimates, 2005

County	Production (lbs)
North District	
Hunterdon	3,500,000
Sussex	3,700,000
Warren	4,500,000
Central District	
Burlington	4,800,000
Middlesex	1,000,000
Monmouth	2,000,000
South District	
Atlantic	3,500,000
Camden	2,500,000
Gloucester	14,500,000
Other counties 1/	5,000,000
Total	45,000,000

1/ The other counties could be from any of the districts.

New Jersey Peach County Estimates, 2005 1/

County	Production (tons)
North District	
Hunterdon	400
Warren	300
Central District	
Burlington	2,000
Monmouth	350
South District	
Atlantic	1,550
Camden	3,100
Cumberland	6,500
Gloucester	17,500
Other counties 2/	3,300
Total	35,000

1/ Includes quantities not sold or utilized.
2/ The other counties could be from any of the districts

New Jersey Potato County Estimates, 2005

County	Planted (acres)	Harvested (acres)	Yield (cwt)	Production (cwt)
South District				
Cumberland	600	600	268	161,000
Salem	1,300	1,300	265	345,000
Other counties 1/	200	200	150	30,000
Total	2,100	2,100	255	536,000

1/ The other counties could be from any of the districts.

New Jersey Sweet Potato County Estimates, 2005

County	Planted (acres)	Harvested (acres)	Yield (cwt)	Production (cwt)
South District				
Atlantic	500	500	120	60,000
Camden	300	300	120	36,000
Gloucester	200	200	200	40,000
Other counties 1/	200	200	100	20,000
Total	1,200	1,200	130	156,000

1/ The other counties could be from any of the districts.

New Jersey Quarterly Milk Production: The July-September 2006 Quarterly Milk Production for New Jersey was 41 million pounds, down 12.8 percent from the July-September period last year.

United States Quarterly Milk Production: Milk production in the U.S. during the July-September 2006 quarter totaled 44.7 billion pounds, up 1.4 percent from the July-September quarter last year.

Milk cow numbers in New Jersey declined from the previous quarter. The average number of milk cows during the July-September 2006 quarter was 11,000 head, down 8 percent from the July-September 2005 quarter.

The average number of milk cows in the United States during the July-September 2006 quarter was 9.12 million head, 57,000 head more than the same period last year.



**Milk Cows and Production:
By Selected States and the United States, Preliminary July-September, 2005-2006**

State	July-Sept Milk Cows 1/		July-Sept Milk Production 2/		Change From 2006 Percent
	2005 1,000 Head	2006 1,000 Head	2005 Million Pounds	2006 Million Pounds	
Delaware	7.5	7.0	32.3	29.0	-10.2
Maryland	72	70	281	266	-5.3
New Jersey	12	11	47	41	-12.8
New York	648	643	3,053	3,049	-0.1
Pennsylvania	561	554	2,619	2,626	0.3
United States	9,060	9,117	44,134	44,737	1.4

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.
2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.



October Farm Prices Received Index Down 1.7 Percent From Last Month

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in October 2006, at 117, based on 1990-92=100, is 1.7 percent below the September 2006 Index. The Crop Index declined 4.9 percent from September 2006 while the Livestock Index remained unchanged. Producers received higher commodity prices for lettuce, tomatoes, broilers and cattle. Higher prices were received for corn, wheat, turkeys, and milk. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell, based on the past 3-year average, also affects the overall index. Decreased average marketings of milk, wheat, grapes, and sweet corn offset increased marketings of soybeans, corn, upland cotton, and sorghum grain.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 5.4 percent from October 2005. The Food Commodities Index declined 4.9 percent from last month to 117. The index is increased 0.9 percent from October 2005.

Prices Paid Index Unchanged

The October Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 146 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is unchanged from September but 1.4 percent above October 2005. Higher prices in October for feed grains, feed concentrates, nitrogen fertilizers, and herbicides offset lower prices for feeder cattle, diesel fuel, gasoline, and LP GAS.

Average Prices Received by Farmers: United States

Item	Entire Month		Preliminary
	Oct 2005	Sept 2006	Oct 2006
-- Dollars --			
Field Crops			
Barley, per bushel	2.41	2.56	2.94
Corn, per bushel	1.82	2.20	2.72
Hay, all, baled, per ton 1/	97.70	107.00	107.70
Soybeans, per bushel	5.67	5.24	5.46
Fruit, fresh			
Apples, per lb 2/	.288	.399	.373
Strawberries, per cwt	85.00	77.60	69.70
Vegetables, fresh			
Corn, Sweet, per cwt	25.50	22.70	21.70
Lettuce, per cwt	12.40	16.30	10.80
Tomatoes, per cwt	37.30	88.20	75.70
Livestock and Livestock Products			
Beef Cattle, per cwt	90.40	90.80	89.10
Steers and Heifers, per cwt	96.10	95.80	94.40
Cows, per cwt 3/	46.60	47.10	46.00
Calves, per cwt	135.00	135.00	131.00
Broilers, live, per lb 4/	.430	.420	.400
Eggs, all, per dozen 1/	.511	.560	.567
Milk, all, per cwt 5/ 6/	15.60	12.90	13.30

1/ Mid-month price.

2/ Equivalent packinghouse-door returns for CA, MI, and NY (apples only) and WA (apples, peaches, and pears). Prices as sold for other states.

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

4/ Equivalent liveweight returns to producers for most states. Includes growers and contractors.

5/ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

6/October 2006 Fat test percent: all milk 3.74, fluid milk 3.74, and mfg grade 3.96.