

# OHIO FARM REPORT



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## OHIO WINTER WHEAT PRODUCTION FORECAST UP 12 PERCENT FROM 2005 U.S. WINTER WHEAT PRODUCTION DOWN 12 PERCENT

Based on a May 1 yield survey, Ohio winter wheat producers expect to harvest 66.2 million bushels in 2005, up 12 percent from the previous year. Producers are expecting to harvest 960,000 acres for grain or seed in 2006 from the 990,000 acres seeded last fall. This is 130,000 acres more than was harvested in 2005. The average State yield is forecast at 69 bushels per acre, down two bushels from the previous year average yield. As of April 30, 81 percent of the winter wheat acreage was rated in good-to-excellent condition with 75 percent having reached the jointed stage.

U.S. winter wheat production is forecast at 1.32 billion bushels, down 12 percent from 2005. Based on May 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 42.4 bushels per acre, 2.0 bushels less than last year. Grain area totals 31.2 million acres, down 8 percent from last season.

Hay stocks on Ohio farms amounted to 363,000 tons on May 1 compared to 420,000 tons on hand at the same time the previous year. Disappearance from December 1, 2005 was nearly 2.0 million tons compared to the previous year disappearance of 1.83 million tons.

Hay stocks on U.S. farms May 1, 2006 totaled 21.3 million tons, down 23 percent from the previous year. Disappearance of hay from December 1, 2005 - May 1, 2006, totaled 83.7 million tons,

3 percent less than the disappearance of 86.8 million tons for the same period a year earlier.

Thirty-six of the 48 reporting States had lower May 1 hay stocks than a year ago. Hay stocks in most of these States were also below year ago levels for December 1 which resulted in the lower May 1 stocks. Drought conditions during the summer months of 2005 in the central Corn Belt and southern Great Plains States resulted in increased supplemental feeding of hay, reducing the December 1 stocks. The largest decreases in May 1 stocks compared with last year occurred in Texas and Missouri, where drought conditions continued through the winter and this spring. As a result of the drought, pasture growth has been stunted and cattle producers have been forced to continue heavy feeding from already short hay supplies. Many producers in Texas began purchasing hay from other States in February.

Hay stocks increased from last year across the northern Great Plains and upper Mississippi Valley States. Montana, Minnesota, and North Dakota showed the largest increases, as all three States experienced mild winter conditions that reduced the amount of supplemental feeding required. Additionally, hay production during 2005 was a record high in Montana and the second highest on record in North Dakota, which significantly contributed to the high volume of hay stocks in those States.

WINTER WHEAT PRODUCTION SELECTED STATES AND U.S. 2005 & 2006

State	Area for harvest		Yield		Production	
	2005	2006 <sup>1/</sup>	2005	2006 <sup>1/</sup>	2005	2006 <sup>1/</sup>
	(000) acres		Bu./acre		(000) bushels	
<b>Ohio</b>	<b>830</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>71.0</b>	<b>69.0</b>	<b>58,930</b>	<b>66,240</b>
Indiana	340	450	72.0	69.0	24,480	31,050
Illinois	600	870	61.0	63.0	36,600	54,810
Missouri	540	870	54.0	53.0	29,160	46,110
Arkansas	160	300	52.0	54.0	8,320	16,200
Texas	3,000	1,300	32.0	27.0	96,000	35,100
Oklahoma	4,000	3,100	32.0	22.0	128,000	68,200
Kansas	9,500	9,400	40.0	34.0	380,000	319,600
Colorado	2,200	2,000	24.0	27.0	52,800	54,000
Montana	2,100	1,950	45.0	42.0	94,500	81,900
United States	33,794	31,177	44.4	42.4	1,499,129	1,322,831

<sup>1/</sup> Preliminary.

WHEAT PRODUCTION BY CLASSES IN THE UNITED STATES <sup>1/</sup>

Year	Winter			Spring			Total
	Hard red	Soft red	White	Hard red	White	Durum	
	Thousand Bushels						
2004	856,211	380,305	262,918	525,467	43,451	89,893	2,158,245
2005	929,820	309,021	260,288	466,587	37,869	10,105	2,104,690
2006	714,874	356,222	251,735				

<sup>1/</sup> Wheat class estimates are based on the latest varietal acreage survey data available. The previous end-of-season class percentages are used through the forecast season, unless otherwise noted.

HAY STOCKS DECEMBER 1, 2003-2005 AND MAY 1, 2004-2006

State	December 1			May 1		
	2003	2004	2005	2004	2005	2006
1,000 Tons						
Indiana	1,561	1,704	1,498	253	345	207
Kentucky	5,035	4,742	4,390	1,466	1,186	635
Missouri	7,148	8,101	6,315	1,462	2,166	873
<b>Ohio</b>	<b>2,504</b>	<b>2,250</b>	<b>2,360</b>	<b>556</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>363</b>
Pennsylvania	2,440	2,700	1,700	570	650	410
<b>U.S.</b>	<b>111,027</b>	<b>114,516</b>	<b>105,056</b>	<b>25,947</b>	<b>27,758</b>	<b>21,315</b>

EGGS: MARKETING YEAR AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED, OHIO SELECTED STATES AND UNITED STATES, 2004-05

State	Market Eggs <sup>1/</sup>		All Eggs <sup>2/</sup>	
	2004	2005	2004	2005
Dollars per Dozen				
AL	0.564	0.345	1.650	1.630
AR	0.534	0.364	1.220	1.240
CA	0.626	0.405	0.644	0.429
FL	0.593	0.370	0.625	0.460
GA	0.558	0.345	0.939	0.843
IN	0.537	0.342	0.560	0.369
IA	0.491	0.292	0.508	0.310
MN	0.551	0.328	0.583	0.365
NE	0.525	0.310	0.525	0.310
NC	0.551	0.332	1.140	1.160
<b>OH</b>	<b>0.539</b>	<b>0.357</b>	<b>0.545</b>	<b>0.365</b>
PA	0.585	0.345	0.619	0.389
TX	0.532	0.334	0.762	0.607
US	0.559	0.347	0.714	0.539

1/ Market (table) eggs. 2/ Average of all eggs including .hatching-type eggs.

MILK: ANNUAL AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED OHIO, SELECTED STATES, UNITED STATES, 2004-05

State	Sold to Plants					
	Eligible for Fluid Market <sup>1/</sup>		Manufacturing Grade		All Milk	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
Dollars per Cwt						
AZ	15.70	14.90	-	-	15.70	14.90
CA	14.72	13.90	15.20	14.79	14.73	13.92
FL	19.20	18.60	-	-	19.20	18.60
ID	15.00	14.00	16.00	14.20	15.00	14.00
IL	15.70	15.20	16.00	14.90	15.70	15.20
IN	16.80	16.00	14.60	13.40	16.70	16.00
IA	16.30	15.80	15.50	14.30	16.30	15.80
MI	16.30	15.40	14.70	13.70	16.30	15.40
MN	16.70	15.40	15.30	13.90	16.70	15.40
MO	16.40	15.60	15.60	14.30	16.40	15.50
NM	15.10	14.30	-	-	15.10	14.30
NY	16.80	15.90	-	-	16.80	15.90
<b>OH</b>	<b>16.70</b>	<b>15.90</b>	<b>15.10</b>	<b>14.60</b>	<b>16.60</b>	<b>15.80</b>
PA	17.60	16.90	16.20	14.40	17.60	16.90
TX	16.30	15.30	-	-	16.30	15.30
VT	16.90	16.00	-	-	16.90	16.00
WA	15.90	14.90	-	-	15.90	14.90
WI	16.90	15.60	15.80	14.50	16.90	15.60
U.S.	16.13	15.20	15.45	14.43	16.13	15.20

1/ Includes surplus fluid grade milk diverted to manufacturing.

## OHIO 2005 BURLEY PRODUCTION DECLINES SHARPLY

The elimination of the federal tobacco program had a negative impact on Ohio's burley tobacco production in 2005 as growers scaled back acreage. Total harvested acreage in 2005 is estimated at 3,400 compared to the 5,600 acres harvested in 2004. Total production of 6.73 million pounds represents a 39 percent decrease from the nearly 11.0 million pounds produced in 2004. The average State yield in 2005 of 1,980 pounds per acre is up 20 pounds from the 2004 average.

U.S. burley production, which accounted for 99 percent of all

light air-cured tobacco, is revised up 4 percent from the January preliminary estimate of 195 million pounds. At 203 million pounds, this is 30 percent below 2004 when 292 million pounds were produced. Producers of burley tobacco harvested 100,150 acres in 2005, down 35 percent from the previous year. Yields averaged 2,031 pounds per acre, 123 pounds greater than 2004. Kentucky, the leading producer of burley tobacco, produced 144 million pounds, 71 percent of all burley grown in the United States.

### APRIL CORN PRICES UP FROM MARCH, SOYBEAN PRICES DOWN

Ohio's April corn price of \$2.27 is up 18 cents from March, and 28 cents above the previous April price of \$1.99 per bushel. The State's April soybean price of \$5.52 is down 19 cents from March, and 53 cents below what was received at the same time last year. The April winter wheat price in Ohio of \$3.23 per bushel is down six cents from March but 17 cents above the April 2005 average price of \$3.06. The alfalfa hay price in April of \$136.00 per ton is up five dollars from March but two dollars per ton lower than the price received one year ago. Other hay at \$70.00 per ton is down one dollar per ton from March but five dollars above the price received last year at this time. Ohio's April apple price of 25.5 cents per pound is down 11 cents from the previous month. Ohio's April hog price of \$39.30 per cwt. is down three dollars from March and \$9.90 less than was received the previous April. The April sow price of \$30.00 per cwt. is down \$4.90 per cwt. from March, and \$11.60 per cwt. less than was received at the same time last year. The April barrow and gilt price of \$40.00 per cwt. is down \$2.90 per cwt. from the previous month, and \$9.60 lower than was received in April 2005. Beef cattle prices in Ohio averaged \$81.10 per cwt. in April, down \$2.80 per cwt. from March and five dollars per cwt. less than was received the previous April. The steer and heifer price of \$85.00 per cwt. is down three dollars from March and \$4.80 lower than was received in April of 2005. The January cow price of \$46.00 per cwt. is down \$1.20 from March

and \$6.50 lower than at the same time last year. Calves, at \$126.00 per cwt. are up one dollar from both the previous month and year.

The April milk price of \$13.00 per cwt. is down 70 cents per cwt. from March and \$2.90 lower than the April 2005 price of \$15.90 per cwt. The April egg price of 37.0 cents per dozen is down 21.3 cents from March but 11.5 cents higher than the April 2005 price of 25.5 cents per dozen.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in April, at 115, based on 1990-92=100, increased 1 point (0.9 percent) from March. The Crop Index is up 11 points (9.3 percent) but the Livestock Index decreased 6 points (5.5 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for lettuce, tomatoes, onions and strawberries. Lower prices were received for broilers, cattle, eggs, and hogs. The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities a producer sells. Increased average marketings of strawberries, cattle, sweet corn, and oranges offset decreased marketings of soybeans, corn, wheat, and hogs. Preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 6 points (5.0 percent) from April 2005. The Food Commodities Index, at 117, increased 1 point (0.9 percent) from last month but decreased 8 points (6.4 percent) from April 2005.

#### AGRICULTURAL PRICES, OHIO AND U.S., APRIL 2006

Commodity <sup>1/</sup>	Unit	OHIO			U.S.
		Apr. 2005	Mar. 2006	Apr. 2006	Apr. 2006
Winter Wheat	Bu \$	3.06	3.29	3.23	3.91
Corn	Bu \$	1.99	2.09	2.27	2.11
Soybeans	Bu \$	6.05	5.71	5.52	5.39
Oats	Bu \$	<sup>7/</sup>	1.62	<sup>5/</sup>	1.72
All Hay <sup>2/</sup>	Ton \$	118.00	111.00	118.00	106.00
Alfalfa hay	Ton \$	138.00	131.00	136.00	110.00
Other Hay	Ton \$	65.00	71.00	70.00	93.20
Potatoes	Cwt \$	8.05	<sup>6/</sup>	<sup>6/</sup>	8.66
Apples	Lb \$	0.255	0.365	0.255	0.247
Hogs	Cwt \$	49.20	42.30	39.30	39.10
Sows	Cwt \$	41.60	34.90	30.00	28.80
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt \$	49.60	42.90	40.00	39.60
All Beef	Cwt \$	86.10	83.90	81.10	85.20
Cows	Cwt \$	52.50	47.20	46.00	48.70
Steers & heifers	Cwt \$	89.80	88.00	85.00	89.70
Calves	Cwt \$	125.00	125.00	126.00	136.00
Sheep	Cwt \$	41.30	36.90	-	-
Lambs	Cwt \$	122.00	98.70	-	-
Milk sold to plants	Cwt \$	15.90	13.70	13.00	12.10
Milk for fluid use	Cwt \$	15.90	13.80	-	12.20
Milk of mfg. grade	Cwt \$	15.00	12.30	-	11.40
Eggs <sup>3/</sup>	Doz \$	0.255	0.583	0.370	0.318
<b>FEED PRICE RATIOS</b>					
Hog-corn ratio <sup>4/</sup>		24.7	20.2	17.3	18.5

<sup>1/</sup> Monthly average except for current month. <sup>2/</sup> Mid-month price for all months. <sup>3/</sup> Fresh market (table ) eggs. <sup>4/</sup> Bushels of corn equal in value to 100 pounds of hogs live weight. <sup>5/</sup> Insufficient sales to establish a price. <sup>6/</sup> Estimates discontinued in 2005. <sup>7/</sup> Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

MAY SUPPLY AND DEMAND <sup>1/</sup>

	Corn		Wheat		Soybeans	
	2004/05	2005/06	2004/05	2005/06	2004/05	2005/06
	Million Bushels					
Beginning Stocks	958	2,114	546	540	112	256
Production	11,807	11,112	2,158	2,105	3,124	3,086
Imports	11	10	71	80	6	4
Total Supply	12,776	13,236	2,775	2,725	3,242	3,346
Domestic Use	8,848	8,985	1,172	1,178	1,883	1,882
Exports	1,814	2,025	1,063	1,000	1,103	900
Total Use	10,662	11,010	2,235	2,178	2,986	2,782
Ending Stocks, Total	2,114	2,226	540	547	256	565
CCC Inventory	1	1	54	43	-	-
Free Stocks	2,113	2,225	486	504	-	-
Average Price (\$bu.)	2.06	1.95-2.05	3.40	3.42	5.74	5.65

1/ From World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates, ERS, FAS, USDA.

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