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2006 FRUIT PRODUCTION - PRELIMINARY

Pennsylvania apple production was 460 million pounds, down 40 million pounds from 2005. Of this 460 million pounds, 457 million pounds were utilized. The average utilized yield per bearing acre was 21,800 pounds. The preliminary farm level value of the crop was \$53.4 million, up 8 percent from 2005. Pennsylvania ranked fourth in U.S. apple production behind Washington, New York, and Michigan. Washington produced 5.7 billion pounds, New York produced 1.28 billion pounds, and Michigan produced 900 million pounds.

Tart cherry production was 5.2 million pounds from 700 acres. The yield per bearing acre was 7,430 pounds, up from 3,250 pounds in 2005. The preliminary farm level value was \$1.8 million. Michigan, the top tart cherry producing state, harvested 180 million pounds.

Pennsylvania peach production was 21,600 tons from 4,300 acres in 2006. The average utilized yield per bearing acre was 4.95 tons per acre. The preliminary farm level value of the crop was \$19.5 million. Pennsylvania ranked sixth in peach production behind California, South Carolina, Georgia, New Jersey, and Washington.

Pear production was 3,900 tons from 800 acres in 2006. The preliminary farm level value was \$2.7 million.

Pennsylvania grape growers produced 82,000 tons from 12,100 acres in 2006. The preliminary farm level value was \$20.6 million. There were 71,400 tons of Concord, 5,000 tons of Niagara, and 5,600 tons of other grapes crushed in 2006. Grapes processed for wine totaled 16,200 tons, down 1 percent from 2005. Pennsylvania ranked fourth in grape production behind California, Washington, and New York.

2006 VEGETABLE PRODUCTION

Pennsylvania's vegetable farmers harvested 17,400 acres of sweet corn for fresh market in 2006 with production totaling 992,000 cwt. This is 8 percent less than the 2005 production for fresh market. Average value of fresh market sweet corn was \$44.60 per cwt. Production of sweet corn for processing amounted to 7,990 tons, an increase of 21 percent from 2005's production. The average value for processed sweet corn decreased from \$94.70 per ton in 2005 to \$77.00 per ton in 2006.

Nationally, 231,500 acres of sweet corn was harvested for fresh market in 2006 and 384,700 acres were harvested for processing. Fresh market production totaled 26.7 million cwt. and was valued at \$23.20 per cwt. Processing production totaled 3.09 million tons in 2006 with an average value of \$66.80 per ton. Forty-seven percent of

the processing production was utilized for canning and 53 percent was for freezing.

Pennsylvania's 2006 fresh market tomato production was estimated at 630,000 cwt., up 23 percent from 2005. Area harvested was 3,600 acres, 200 acres less than a year ago. The average value was \$59.50 per cwt.

United States' production of fresh market tomatoes was 36.8 million cwt. in 2006, a 4 percent decrease from 2005. Area harvested was 122,800 acres. Average value of tomatoes for fresh market was \$43.30 per cwt.

In Pennsylvania, 10,800 acres of snap beans were harvested for processing in 2006, an increase of 1,300 acres from a year ago. Total production was 32,480 tons with an average value of \$207.00 per ton, compared with an average value of \$222.00 per ton last year.

At the U.S. level, 203,240 acres of snap beans were harvested for processing in 2006. Total production decreased from 819,250 tons in 2005, to 785,820 tons in 2006. Canning utilized 540,000 tons of the production. Average value increased from \$140.00 per ton in 2005 to \$157.00 in 2006.

Pennsylvania's strawberry production, harvested from 1,300 acres for fresh market and processing was 74,000 cwt., up 6 percent from 2005. Average value per cwt. was \$167.00, compared with \$183.00 per cwt. in 2005. The U.S. strawberry production in 2006 was 24.0 million cwt., up 3.5 percent from 2005. Acreage harvested was 53,280; the average value per cwt. was \$63.00, up from \$60.10 a year ago.

Pennsylvania's 2006 fresh market cabbage production was estimated at 345,000 cwt. Area harvested was 1,500 acres, 200 acres more than in 2005. The average value was \$20.00 per cwt. Nationally, 73,650 acres of cabbage were harvested for fresh market in 2006. Fresh market production totaled 25.7 million cwt. and was valued at \$14.10 per cwt. Pennsylvania's cantaloupe production for fresh market was 145,000 cwt. Total acreage harvested was 1,000. The average value per cwt. was \$30.10 in 2006, compared with \$29.40 in 2005. U.S. fresh market cantaloupe production totaled 19.8 million cwt. in 2006 with an average value of \$17.20 per cwt. There were 89,700 acres harvested. Pennsylvania's 2006 fresh market and processed pumpkin production was estimated at 1,168,000 cwt. Area harvested was 7,300 acres, down from 7,500 acres a year ago. The average value was \$16.60 per cwt., compared to \$12.30 per cwt. in 2005. Nationally, 42,900 acres of pumpkins were harvested for fresh market and processing in 2006. Total production was 10.23 million cwt. and was valued at \$9.90 per cwt.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, SELECTED COMMODITIES, JANUARY 2007

Commodity	Unit	Pennsylvania			United States		
		Jan 2006	Dec 2006	Jan 2007 ¹	Jan 2006	Dec 2006	Jan 2007 ¹
					<i>Dollars</i>		
Corn.....	Bu.	2.24	3.58	4.00	2.00	3.01	3.23
Wheat, Winter ²	Bu.	-	-	-	3.45	4.51	4.47
Oats.....	Bu.	2.29	2.00	2.13	1.73	1.97	2.12
Barley ²	Bu.	-	-	-	2.42	2.95	3.13
Soybeans ²	Bu.	-	-	-	5.87	6.18	6.42
Hay, Dry All.....	Ton	139.00	138.00	138.00	93.10	108.00	112.00
Dry Alfalfa.....	Ton	164.00	162.00	156.00	96.40	112.00	115.00
Dry Other.....	Ton	127.00	132.00	130.00	84.30	99.30	102.30
Apples, Fresh Use.....	Lb.	0.240	0.156	0.152	0.217	0.261	0.287
Cows, Slaughter.....	Cwt.	47.00	42.80	44.10	47.30	42.20	43.80
Steers & Heifers.....	Cwt.	90.40	82.30	84.90	102.00	89.30	90.30
Calves.....	Cwt.	138.00	108.00	107.00	141.00	115.00	115.00
Barrows & Gilts.....	Cwt.	38.90	40.60	38.00	41.10	44.00	42.00
Sows.....	Cwt.	32.50	31.50	30.10	33.20	32.20	30.70
Sheep.....	Cwt.	52.00	46.40	-	47.70	35.30	-
Lambs.....	Cwt.	120.00	111.00	-	96.10	93.20	-
Eggs ³	Doz.	0.450	0.600	0.690	0.438	0.665	0.788
Milk, Fluid Grade.....	Cwt.	16.30	15.50	-	14.50	14.10	14.40
Manufactured Grade...	Cwt.	13.60	13.40	-	14.00	13.80	13.90
All.....	Cwt.	16.30	15.50	15.70	14.50	14.10	14.40
Milk Cows ⁴	Head	1,900.00	-	1,700.00	1,840.00	-	1,660.00

¹ Preliminary. ² Pennsylvania price not published on monthly basis, average price is published annually. ³ Market (table) eggs, including eggs sold retail by the producer. ⁴ Quarterly (Jan., Apr., Jul, Oct.).

**JANUARY FARM PRICES RECEIVED INDEX
INCREASED 3 POINTS FROM LAST MONTH**

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in January, at 124 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 3 points (2.5 percent) from December. The Crop Index is up 4 points (3.1 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 3 points (2.7 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for corn, oranges, broilers, and eggs. Lower prices were received for cattle, tomatoes, calves, and grapefruit. The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased average marketings of broilers, cotton, soybeans, and rice offset decreased marketings of oranges, tobacco, eggs, and cattle.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 11 points (9.7 percent) from January 2006. The Food Commodities Index, at 123, increased 1 point (0.8 percent) from last month and 5 points (4.2 percent) from January 2006.

Feed Grains & Hay: The January index is 142, up 6.0 percent from last month and 54 percent above a year ago. The corn price, at \$3.23 per bushel, is up 22 cents from last month and \$1.23 above January 2006. The all hay price, at \$112 per ton, is \$4.00 above December and \$18.90 above last January.

Fruits & Nuts: The January index, at 157, is down 2.5 percent from December but 18 percent higher than a year ago. A price decrease for strawberries more than offset a price increase for oranges.

Commercial Vegetables: The January index, at 159, is up 6.0 percent from last month and 20 percent above January 2006. Price increases during January for onions, celery, and broccoli more than offset price declines for lettuce and cauliflower.



COLD STORAGE HIGHLIGHTS
DECEMBER 2006

Apples in cold storage reported by cold storage warehouses for Pennsylvania totaled 5,446,000 bushels on December 31, 2006, compared to 5,990,000 bushels on December 31, 2005. The three varieties with the largest fresh market and processing reported stocks in bushels were: Golden Delicious 1,411,000; York with 1,396,000; and Rome with 998,000.

Total apple stocks in Pennsylvania totaled 228,732,000 pounds on December 31, 2006, compared to 251,580,000 pounds on December 31, 2005. Pennsylvania no longer estimates the number of pears in cold storage.



STOCKS IN COLD STORAGE, UNITED STATES

Commodity	Dec 31, 2005	Nov 30, 2006	Dec 31, 2006
	(000) Lbs.		
Butter	58,649	94,342	92,725
Cheese, Total Natural.....	758,160	764,514	789,687
Eggs, Frozen	21,018	17,057	16,807
Poultry, Total Frozen	1,134,544	911,936	985,955
Chicken.....	925,763	692,276	760,005
Turkeys.....	206,166	214,526	221,124
Fruits, Frozen	1,067,127	1,192,442	1,110,908
Fruit Juices, Frozen	1,358,656	947,395	993,386
Vegetables, Total Frozen	2,250,852	2,483,682	2,222,656
Potatoes, Total Frozen	1,051,099	1,052,146	953,955
Meats, Total Frozen.....	884,373	989,693	930,355
Beef, Total Frozen	434,442	507,892	469,517
Pork, Total Frozen	428,529	462,077	440,006

PENNSYLVANIA APPLES IN COLD STORAGE, DECEMBER 2006

Variety	December 31, 2005					December 31, 2006				
	Fresh Market ¹		Processing		Total	Fresh Market ¹		Processing		Total
	Reg.	C.A.	Reg.	C.A.		Reg.	C.A.	Reg.	C.A.	
<i>Bushels</i>										
Braeburn						4,500	0	12,000	0	16,500
Cortland						5,000	1,000	21,000	0	27,000
Empire						21,000	59,000	25,000	0	105,000
Fuji	110,000	42,000	40,000	1,000	193,000	117,000	19,000	50,000	10,000	196,000
Gala	6,000	71,000	6,000	1,000	84,000	2,500	40,000	4,000	0	46,500
Golden Delicious	152,000	220,000	667,000	490,000	1,529,000	110,000	256,000	543,000	502,000	1,411,000
Granny Smith						3,000	0	44,000	92,000	139,000
Idared						3,000	3,000	83,000	43,000	132,000
Jonagold						10,000	13,000	17,000	0	40,000
Jonathan						500	500	10,000	0	11,000
McIntosh	10,000	3,000	3,000	10,000	26,000	10,000	3,000	9,000	0	22,000
Mutsu/Crispin						7,000	500	60,000	0	67,500
Northern Spy						0	0	0	0	0
Pink Lady						8,000	1,500	0	0	9,500
Red Delicious	120,000	325,000	60,000	30,000	535,000	90,000	373,000	12,000	41,000	516,000
Rome	16,000	50,000	550,000	390,000	1,006,000	40,000	35,000	458,000	465,000	998,000
Rome Sport						7,500	5,000	90,000	1,500	104,000
Spartan						500	500	0	0	1,000
Stayman	14,000	5,000	43,000	0	62,000	13,000	0	73,000	500	86,500
Winesap						500	0	0	0	500
York	15,000	5,000	1,375,000	625,000	2,020,000	5,000	1,000	860,000	530,000	1,396,000
All Other Varieties	57,000	99,000	291,000	88,000	535,000	24,000	6,000	47,000	0	77,000
Not Segregated						1,000	0	40,000	3,000	44,000
All Varieties	500,000	820,000	3,035,000	1,635,000	5,990,000	483,000	817,000	2,458,000	1,688,000	5,446,000

¹ Includes total quantities on hand; graded and ungraded, packed or loose on the last day of the month specified.

Apple Stocks In Cold Storage, Pennsylvania & United States, December 31, 2006

Commodity	All Warehouse Stocks		
	December 31, 2005	November 30, 2006	December 31, 2006
Pennsylvania			
Apples:			
Regular Storage	148,470,000	148,764,000	123,522,000
Controlled Atmosphere	103,110,000	110,796,000	105,210,000
TOTAL APPLES	251,580,000	259,560,000	228,732,000
United States			
Apples:			
Regular Storage	676,437,000	1,103,085,000	779,211,000
Controlled Atmosphere	4,077,970,000	4,396,020,000	3,976,876,000
TOTAL APPLES	4,754,407,000	5,499,105,000	4,756,087,000

MONTHLY POULTRY SUMMARY

Item	Unit	Pennsylvania			United States		
		Dec 2005	Nov 2006	Dec 2006	Dec 2005	Nov 2006	Dec 2006
Layers.....	Thous.	24,444	23,677	23,598	348,545	346,315	348,108
Eggs Per 100 Layers.....	Number	2,320	2,302	2,377	2,235	2,175	2,234
Eggs Produced.....	Million	567	545	561	7,791	7,534	7,777
Chick Hatch-Egg Type.....	Thous.	4,889	3,318	4,447	35,917	31,748	33,430
Chick Hatch-Broiler Type.....	Thous.	14,716	12,986	14,713	808,525	729,460	795,445
Poults Placed.....	Thous.	-	-	-	23,673	23,443	23,615

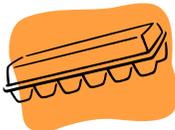
EGG PRODUCTION

Egg production in Pennsylvania during December 2006 totaled 561 million eggs, down 1 percent from the 567 million eggs produced in December 2005. The total number of layers averaged 23.6 million during December, a 3 percent drop from last year. Production per 100 layers was 2,377 eggs during the month, an increase of 57 eggs from December 2005.

Egg-type chicks hatched during December 2006 totaled 4.45 million, down 9 percent from the 4.89 million hatched the previous December. Broiler-type chicks hatched totaled 14.7 million during December 2006, practically unchanged from the same month last year.

United States' egg production totaled 7.78 billion during December 2006, down slightly from last year's total during December. The total number of layers during December averaged 348 million, a small decrease from the number of layers during the same month last year. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,234 eggs, down 1 egg from the same month last year.

Egg-type chicks hatched in the United States during December totaled 33.4 million, down 7 percent from December 2005. Broiler-type hatch totaled 795 million, a 2 percent decrease from last year at this time. There were 23.6 million turkey poults placed in the United States during December 2006, practically unchanged from the placements during the same month a year ago.



COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, DEC 2006

Specie	Unit	Pennsylvania	United States
Red Meat Prod ..	Million pounds	109.0	3,863.0
Cattle	1,000 Head	72.0	2,609.1
	1,000 pounds live	90,805	3,382,844
Calves	1,000 Head	16.3	68.1
	1,000 pounds live	7,009	23,557
Hogs	1,000 Head	269.7	8,883.1
	1,000 pounds live	69,774	2,418,256
Sheep & Lambs.	1,000 Head	4.7	223.7
	1,000 pounds live	450	30,456

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, in **Pennsylvania** during December 2006 totaled 109.0 million pounds, up 3 percent from December 2005. Beef production, at 90.8 million pounds live weight, was up 7 percent from December 2005. Total head slaughtered was 72,000, up 6 percent from the same month last year. Live weight averaged 1,262 pounds, up 16 pounds from last year. Veal production was 7.0 million pounds live weight, up 29 percent from last year. Calf slaughter of 16,300 head was up 28 percent from last year. Average live weight increased 5 pounds to 430 pounds. Pork production was 69.8 million pounds live weight, down 1 percent from last year. Total head slaughtered was 269,700, down 6 percent from December 2005. Average live weight increased 11 pounds from last year to 259 pounds. Lamb and mutton production during December 2006 was 450,000 pounds live weight, up 11 percent from December 2005. The number slaughtered was 4,700, up 7 percent from last year. Average live weight increased 4 pound to 96 pounds.

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