



# Tennessee Farm Facts

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## Prolonged Spring Rains Detrimental to Tennessee Wheat Crop

With harvest virtually complete, the affects of an unusually wet spring are now apparent. The prolonged rain pattern that set in during April and May caused disease which prevented the wheat crop from reaching its full potential. Based on a recent survey administered by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Tennessee Field Office, the State's 2009 winter wheat yields are expected to average 54.0 bushels per acre, down 5 bushels from earlier expectations in June and down 9 bushels from a year ago. Producers seeded a total of 430,000 acres last fall, down 31 percent from the previous year. Harvested area for grain, at 340,000, is down 180,000 acres from 2008. Total production is forecast at 18.4 million bushels. Harvest was virtually complete by the first week of July, on pace with the five year average.

## U.S. Winter Wheat Production up 2 Percent from June

U.S. Winter Wheat production is forecast at 1.52 billion bushels, up 2 percent from the June 1 forecast but down 18 percent from 2008. Based on July 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 43.8 bushels per acre, down 0.1 bushel from last month and 3.4 bushels below last year. Expected grain area totals 34.8 million acres, down 12 percent from last year but unchanged from the Acreage report released on June 30, 2009. Harvest in the 18 major producing States was 40 percent complete by June 28. This was 4 percentage points ahead of last year but 6 points behind the 5-year average.

### Winter Wheat: Tennessee, Surrounding States, and U.S., July 1, 2009 with Comparisons<sup>1</sup>

State	Acreage Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	1,000 Acres		Bushels		1,000 Bushels	
Arkansas	980	420	57.0	47.0	55,860	19,740
Georgia	400	270	56.0	43.0	22,400	11,610
Kentucky	460	400	71.0	60.0	32,660	24,000
Mississippi	485	210	62.0	50.0	30,070	10,500
Missouri	1,160	720	48.0	51.0	55,680	36,720
North Carolina	720	590	60.0	49.0	43,200	28,910
<b>TENNESSEE</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>63.0</b>	<b>54.0</b>	<b>32,760</b>	<b>18,360</b>
Virginia	280	240	71.0	58.0	19,880	13,920
United States	39,614	34,787	47.2	43.8	1,867,903	1,524,771

<sup>1</sup>2009 forecast, 2008 final.

**U. S. Peaches:** The U.S. peach production forecast is 1.07 million tons, down 5 percent from both the 2008 and 2007 crop. Eleven of the 23 Freestone peach estimating States expect increases in production from last year, while nine States decreased their production from the previous season, and three States showed no change. Freestone production, at 631,040 tons, is down 11 percent from last season.

## July 1 Cattle Inventory Down 1 Percent

All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2009, totaled 101.8 million head, 1 percent below the 103.3 million on July 1, 2008. All **cows and heifers** that have calved, at 41.4 million, were down 1 percent from July 1, 2008. **Beef cows**, at 32.2 million, were down 1 percent from July 1, 2008. **Milk cows**, at 9.2 million, were down 2 percent from July 1, 2008. Other class estimates on July 1, 2009 and the changes from July 1, 2008, are as follows: All **heifers** 500 pounds and over, 16.1 million, down 1 percent; **beef replacement heifers**, 4.5 million, down 2 percent; **milk replacement heifers**, 3.9 million, unchanged; **other heifers**, 7.7 million, down 1 percent; **steers** weighing 500 pounds and over, 14.4 million, down 2 percent; **bulls** weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.1 million, unchanged; **calves** under 500 pounds, 27.8 million, down 1 percent. All **cattle and calves** on feed for slaughter, 11.6 million, down 5 percent.

The 2009 **calf crop** is expected to be 35.6 million, down 1 percent from 2008. **Calves** born during the first half of the year are estimated at 25.8 million, down 2 percent from 2008.

**Milk Production:** Milk production in the 23 major States during June totaled 14.7 billion pounds, down 0.1 percent from June 2008. May revised production at 15.5 billion pounds, was up 0.5 percent from May 2008. The May revision represented an increase of 46 million pounds or 0.3 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,746 pounds for June, 10 pounds above June 2008. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.44 million head, 56,000 head less than June 2008, and 29,000 head less than May 2009.

**U.S. Milk:** Milk production in the U.S. during the April - June quarter totaled 48.8 billion pounds, up 0.1 percent from the April - June quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.26 million head, 53,000 head less than the same period last year.

## All Sheep and Lamb Inventory Down 3 Percent

All **sheep and lamb** inventory in the United States on July 1, 2009 totaled 7.05 million head, down 3 percent from July 1, 2008. **Breeding sheep** inventory at 4.28 million head on July 1, 2009 was down 3 percent from July 1, 2008. **Market sheep and lambs** (including newborn lambs), at 2.77 million head, were down 3 percent from last July. The breeding herd consists of 3.47 million ewes one year old and older, 180,000 rams one year old and older, and 630,000 replacement lambs (including newborn lambs). **Market lamb** inventory at 2.69 million head was comprised of 1.60 million lambs under 65 pounds, 560,000 lambs 65-84 pounds, 290,000 lambs 85-105 pounds, and 240,000 lambs over 105 pounds. **Market sheep** inventory was 80,000 head.

The 2009 lamb crop in the United States is expected to total 3.70 million head, down slightly from the 2008 **lamb crop** of 3.71 million head. **Lambs** born during January through June 2009 totaled 3.25 million head or 88 percent of the yearly total. An additional 450,000 head are expected to be born during the period July through December 2009.

## Total Goat and Kid Inventory Down 2 Percent

All **goat** inventory on July 1, 2009 totaled 3.71 million head, down 2 percent from the previous July number. **Breeding goat** inventory totaled 2.79 million head, down 2 percent from July 2008. All **market goats and kids** totaled 925,000 head, down 2 percent from the previous July. On July 1, 2009 **meat and all other goats** totaled 3.16 million head, down 1 percent from July 2008. **Milk goat** inventory was up 4 percent increasing to 385,000 head while **angora goat** numbers fell 28 percent to 165,000 head.

The 2009 **kid crop** in the United States is expected to total 1.96 million head, virtually unchanged from the 2008 kid crop. The 2009 expected **kidding** rate of 103 kids per 100 does is up 1 percent from the 2008 kid rate of 102.

**All Other Hay, Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, by County, Tennessee, 2008**

District & County	Area Harvested	Yield Per Acre	Production	District & County	Area Harvested	Yield Per Acre	Production
	Acres		Tons		Acres		Tons
Obion	12,500	1.6	20,000	Bledsoe	25,000	2.1	52,000
Tipton	6,500	2.5	16,000	Coffee	24,000	2.3	54,000
Other <sup>1</sup>	23,000	2.2	49,000	Cumberland	26,000	2.0	51,000
District 10	42,000	2.0	85,000	Fentress	15,000	1.8	26,000
Benton	13,000	1.9	25,000	Franklin	24,000	2.2	52,000
Carroll	17,000	2.0	34,000	Marion	8,500	2.5	21,000
Chester	9,000	2.2	20,000	Morgan	11,000	2.0	22,000
Crockett	4,500	2.0	9,000	Overton	24,000	2.0	48,000
Decatur	16,000	2.3	36,000	Pickett	8,500	2.5	21,000
Fayette	21,000	2.2	46,000	Putnam	23,000	2.2	51,000
Gibson	13,000	2.0	26,000	Sequatchie	5,000	2.6	13,000
Hardeman	18,000	1.8	32,000	Van Buren	6,000	2.4	14,500
Hardin	11,500	2.3	26,000	Warren	32,000	1.9	61,000
Henderson	22,000	2.0	43,000	White	33,000	1.9	62,000
Henry	18,000	1.8	32,000	Other <sup>1</sup>	13,000	1.7	21,500
Madison	8,500	2.5	21,000	District 50	278,000	2.1	570,000
Weakley	17,500	2.0	35,000	Anderson	10,000	2.5	25,000
Other <sup>1</sup>	16,000	1.9	30,000	Blount	29,000	2.4	69,000
District 20	205,000	2.0	415,000	Bradley	21,000	2.3	47,000
Cheatham	13,500	2.5	33,000	Campbell	7,500	2.3	17,000
Dickson	29,000	2.1	60,000	Carter	7,500	2.3	17,000
Hickman	23,000	2.1	48,000	Claiborne	28,000	2.1	58,000
Humphreys	21,000	2.0	41,000	Cocke	13,500	3.1	42,000
Lawrence	37,000	2.2	82,000	Grainger	20,000	2.2	43,000
Lewis	6,000	2.5	15,000	Greene	77,000	1.9	145,000
Montgomery	27,000	2.2	60,000	Hamblen	14,500	2.2	32,000
Robertson	40,000	2.2	86,000	Hamilton	11,500	2.1	24,000
Stewart	8,000	2.3	18,000	Hancock	10,000	2.3	23,000
Wayne	18,000	2.4	42,000	Hawkins	28,000	2.3	63,000
Other <sup>1</sup>	17,500	2.3	40,000	Jefferson	31,000	1.9	58,000
District 30	240,000	2.2	525,000	Johnson	6,500	1.9	12,000
Bedford	47,000	2.1	96,000	Knox	23,000	1.9	43,000
Cannon	20,500	2.0	40,000	Loudon	23,000	2.1	47,000
Clay	15,500	2.0	31,000	McMinn	33,000	2.4	78,000
De Kalb	16,000	1.9	30,000	Meigs	12,000	2.3	27,000
Giles	48,000	2.1	99,000	Monroe	28,000	1.9	52,000
Jackson	13,000	2.3	30,000	Rhea	10,000	2.4	24,000
Lincoln	47,000	2.5	116,000	Roane	13,000	2.3	30,000
Macon	27,000	2.4	63,000	Sevier	13,000	2.2	28,000
Marshall	33,000	2.3	76,000	Sullivan	23,000	1.9	44,000
Mauzy	48,000	2.3	110,000	Union	10,000	2.1	21,000
Rutherford	38,000	2.0	76,000	Washington	44,000	2.0	86,000
Smith	24,000	2.4	57,000	Other <sup>1</sup>	8,000	1.9	15,000
Sumner	43,000	1.7	73,000	District 60	555,000	2.1	1,170,000
Trousdale	10,500	2.1	22,000	State Total	1,850,000	2.1	3,885,000
Williamson	40,000	2.1	82,000				
Wilson	44,000	2.0	86,000				
Other <sup>1</sup>	15,500	2.2	33,000				
District 40	530,000	2.1	1,120,000				

<sup>1</sup> Unlisted counties combined with "Other" counties to avoid disclosing individual operations.

**Alfalfa Hay, Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, by County, Tennessee, 2008**

District & County	Area Harvested	Yield	Production	District & County	Area Harvested	Yield	Production
	Acres		Tons		Acres		Tons
Other <sup>1</sup>	3,600	3.7	13,200	Greene	2,200	2.6	5,700
District 30	3,600	3.7	13,200	Washington	1,300	2.9	3,800
Marshall	600	3.2	1,900	Other <sup>1</sup>	6,800	2.9	19,500
Maury	700	4.3	3,000	District 60	10,300	2.8	29,000
Other <sup>1</sup>	2,200	2.8	6,100	Other <sup>2</sup>	1,600	2.7	4,300
District 40	3,500	3.2	11,000	State Total	20,000	3.0	60,000
Other <sup>1</sup>	1,000	2.5	2,500				
District 50	1,000	2.5	2,500				

<sup>1</sup> Unlisted counties combined with "Other" to avoid disclosure of individual operations. <sup>2</sup> No individual districts or counties published.

**Livestock Slaughter<sup>1</sup>: Tennessee & United States, June 2008 and 2009**

Species	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
<b>Tennessee</b>						
Cattle	2.2	2.7	1,822	2,189	849	835
Calves	0.1	<sup>2</sup>	37	<sup>2</sup>	473	<sup>2</sup>
Hogs	46.2	47.6	22,105	22,284	479	469
Sheep & lambs	1.1	1.4	77	93	70	68
<b>United States</b>						
Cattle	2,956.6	2,981.0	3,718,140	3,772,109	1,261	1,269
Calves	75.3	77.2	19,832	19,222	267	251
Hogs	8,883.1	9,180.9	2,358,556	2,470,317	266	269
Sheep & lambs	192.4	203.0	26,240	27,737	137	137

<sup>1</sup> Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other commercial slaughter (excludes farm slaughter). <sup>2</sup> No individual data published to avoid disclosing individual operations.