

## 2008 Crop Production Values

The value of principal crops produced in Wisconsin in 2008 is estimated to be worth \$3.40 billion, down from \$3.47 billion in 2007, but up significantly from \$2.64 billion in 2006. Commercial vegetables accounted for \$209 million of the total value, fruits and nuts for \$284 million, and field and miscellaneous crops made up the remaining \$2.90 billion in value for 2008.

The price of Wisconsin's 2008 corn crop was down 61 cents from the previous marketing year, averaging \$3.50 per bushel. The total value of the corn crop was \$1.38 billion. Nationally, corn sold for an average \$3.90 per bushel, and had a total value of \$47.4 billion.

Wisconsin's 2008 soybean crop was valued at \$512 million. Soybean prices averaged \$9.20 per bushel, down 63 cents from last year. Nationally, the soybean crop was valued at \$27.4 billion, based on an average selling price of \$9.25 per bushel.

The value of Wisconsin dry alfalfa hay production increased 39 percent for 2008, reaching \$462 million. The average price was \$114 per ton, up \$25 from 2007. The value for all other hay types at \$59.7 million increased as well, rising 53 percent from 2007. The average price of \$78.50 was an increase of \$20.50 per ton from 2007.

The value of a crop is its average sale price times total production, and does not include allowances or adjustments for commodities under government loan at the end of the marketing year, commodities forfeited to the Commodity Credit Corporation, loan deficiency payments, direct and counter cyclical payments, or disaster payments. Preliminary market year average prices for 2008 are based on price data through December 2008 with allowances made for the remainder of the crop left to be marketed.

**Wisconsin Crop Values**

Crop	Unit	Market Year Average Price per Unit			Value of Production		
		2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008
		Dollars			1,000 dollars		
Principal Crops	-	-	-	-	2,638,166	3,466,188	3,395,272
Commercial Vegetables	-	-	-	-	136,389	152,506	209,421
Fruits and Nuts	-	-	-	-	184,616	208,644	283,949
Field and Misc Crops	-	-	-	-	2,317,161	3,105,038	2,901,902
Corn	Bu.	3.04	4.11	3.50	1,217,216	1,819,908	1,380,960
Soybeans	Bu.	6.04	9.83	9.20	435,846	549,399	511,980
Oats	Bu.	1.78	2.46	2.70	25,792	26,371	31,806
Barley	Bu.	2.06	2.70	4.40	3,337	3,540	7,128
Winter Wheat	Bu.	3.46	5.30	5.75	62,072	97,308	127,133
Other Spring Wheat	Bu.	4.05	6.05	6.95	1,418	1,694	6,269
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	65.00	89.00	114.00	291,200	331,080	461,700
Other Hay	Ton	46.00	58.00	78.50	36,064	38,976	59,660
Dry Beans	Cwt.	28.50	38.00	53.50	3,078	3,496	7,276
All Potatoes	Cwt.	7.80	7.80	11.40	229,086	219,648	293,322
Maple Syrup 1/	Gal.	31.20	35.70	-	3,120	3,392	-
Peppermint Oil	Lb.	12.60	14.20	17.40	3,780	3,848	3,097
Spearmint Oil	Lb.	12.10	13.40	17.30	605	590	519

1/Preliminary MYA price estimates are not made for Maple Syrup. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO