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1999 JUNE ACREAGE REPORT

U.S. HIGHLIGHTS

★ **Corn** planted for all purposes was estimated at 77.6 million acres, down 3 percent from last year.

★ **Soybean** planted area was estimated at 74.2 million acres, 3 percent above last year's record acreage. Planted acreage has steadily increased every year since 1990 when soybean planted area totaled 57.8 million acres.

★ **Burley** acreage for harvest in the **8-State Burley Belt** was estimated at 305,700 acres, down 1,400 acres from 307,100 acres in 1998.

KENTUCKY

Farmers expect to set an estimated 215,000 acres of **burley tobacco**, the same as a year ago. Acreage set to **dark tobaccos** were mixed with **dark fire-cured tobacco** acreage totaling 7,100 acres, down 350 acres from a year ago. **Dark-air cured** totaled 4,250 acres, up 440 acres from last year. Setting of burley and dark tobacco was advanced this year with 97 percent of the burley crop and 96 percent of the dark tobacco's in the field as of June 20. This exceeded last year's rain delayed setting which had allowed only 78 percent of the burley to be set and 86 percent of the dark tobacco to be set as of this date. Black shank has been the most commonly reported problem, but flea beetles and blue mold have also been reported as problems for producers. There has been some resetting due to dry field conditions.

Acreage of **corn** planted was forecast at 1.34 million acres, up 40,000 acres from a year ago. This would be the largest corn planted acreage in five years. As of June 13, 99 percent of initial planting was reported complete. Disease and insect problems were mostly minor with Japanese beetles and grass pressure reported. The crop was faring generally well as timely rains throughout the greater part of the State allowed good to excellent crop development. As of June 27, 22 percent of the crop was tasseling or tasseled and about 3 percent had started to silk.

Acres planted to **soybeans** were estimated at 1.20 million acres, down 20,000 from last year. This would be the smallest planted soybean acreage since 1996. Planting of soybeans have been on a record pace with nearly 100 percent of the single crop beans planted and the double crop seeding at 72 percent complete as of June 27. This equates to 93 percent of the total crop planted, as of June 27 compared to 61 percent at this time last year. The emerged crop has been reported to be in good to fair condition.

Winter wheat acreage planted was unchanged from the March estimate of 650,000 acres, with 430,000 acres expected to be harvested for grain. Planted acreage was down 100,000 from 1998 and harvest for grain acres were down 120,000 acres from 1998. As of June 27, 85 percent of the wheat had been harvested, ahead of last year's 63 percent and the 5-year average of 51 percent. Acreage for other uses was up this year due to farmers taking additional acreage for hay and green chop due to low grain prices.

Alfalfa hay acreage remained at 250,000 acres, unchanged from 1998. **All other hay** acreage was forecast at 2.15 million, the highest acreage on record. An excellent first hay crop was cut thanks to favorable spring weather. Minimal rain across the State in the spring and early summer months had allowed cutting and baling with little disruption. Reduced rainfall has however, slowed hay regrowth.

PLANTED & HARVESTED ACRES, JUNE 1999

CROPS	KENTUCKY ACREAGE			UNITED STATES ACREAGE		
	1998	1999		1998	1999	
		Indi-cated	% of 1998		Indi-cated	% of 1998
	(1,000 Acres)			(1,000 Acres)		
All Corn (Pl)	1,300	1,340	103	80,187	77,611	97
Corn for Grain (H)	1,180	1,240	105	72,604	71,039	98
Soybeans (Pl)	1,220	1,200	98	72,375	74,205	103
Soybeans for Beans	1,200	1,180	98	70,811	73,316	104
All Sorghum (Pl)	10	9	90	9,626	9,049	94
Sorghum for Grain (H)	8	7	88	7,723	8,299	107
Hay:						
All	2,350	2,400	102	60,016	61,951	103
Alfalfa	250	250	100	23,642	23,968	101
All Other	2,100	2,150	102	36,374	37,983	104
Tobacco:						
All			100			92
Burley			100			100
Type 22 E. Fired			95			96
Type 23 W. Fired			96			96
Type 35 One			112			112
Type 36 Grm River			110			110
All Wheat (Pl) 1/	750	650	87	65,871	62,883	95
All Wheat (H)	550	430	78	59,002	54,657	93
Barley (Pl) 1/	8	9	113	6,340	5,237	83
Barley (H)	7	8	114	5,867	4,893	83

1/ Includes acreage planted preceding fall. (Pl) = Planted, (H) = Harvested. Crops not so indicated are harvested.

KENTUCKY JUNE 1 HOG & PIG INVENTORY UP SLIGHTLY FROM MARCH

All hogs and pigs on Kentucky farms as of June 1, 1999 totaled 490,000 head. The June 1 inventory was 6 percent below June 1, 1998 but 4 percent above the March 1, 1999 estimate. Hogs kept for breeding, at 65,000 head, was unchanged from a year ago and March 1, 1999. Market hog inventory on June 1 totaled 425,000 head, 7 percent below June 1998 and up 5 percent from March 1999.

Kentucky farmers farrowed 31,000 sows during the March through May 1999 period, up 3 percent from the same period a year ago. Pigs saved per litter averaged 8.75 during the quarter, resulting in a March - May pig crop of 271,000. The December 1998 through May 1999 pig crop totaled 531,000 head from 61,000 sows. This is 4 percent above the 512,000 pigs from 61,000 sows produced during the same period a year ago. Kentucky producers intend to farrow 31,000 sows during June through August 1999 period, 7 percent above actual farrowings during the same period in 1998.

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 1999, was 60.5 million head. This was 3 percent below June 1998, but 1 percent above March 1, 1999. Breeding inventory, at 6.52 million head, was down 6 percent from June 1, 1998, but virtually unchanged from

March 1, 1999. Market hog inventory, at 54.0 million head, was 2 percent below last year, but 1 percent above last quarter.

The March-May 1999 U.S. pig crop, at 26.3 million head, was 3 percent less than 1998, but 4 percent more than 1997. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.99 million head, 3 percent below last year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 46 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs per litter rose to an average of 8.80 pigs saved per litter for the March-May period, compared to 8.75 pigs last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.80 for operations with 1-99 hogs to 9.00 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.94 million sows farrow during the June-August 1999 quarter, 4 percent below the actual farrowings during the same period in 1998, but virtually unchanged from 1997. Intended farrowings for September-November 1999, at 2.87 million sows, are 4 percent below the same period last year and 2 percent below 1997. The total number of hogs under contract, owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 30 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory.

HOGS AND PIGS: INVENTORY NUMBERS BY CLASS & WEIGHT GROUPS JUNE 1, 1998 - 99, SELECTED STATES AND U.S.

State	TOTAL		BREEDING		MARKET		MARKET HOGS							
	1999	1999	1999	1999	1999	1999	Under 60 lbs.		60-119 lbs		120-179 lbs		180 lbs +	
	1,000	% of	1,000	% of	1,000	% of	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
	Head	1998	Head	1998	Head	1998	(1,000 Head)							
AR	725	92	110	100	615	90	250	220	165	150	145	135	120	110
GA	510	102	70	100	440	102	165	185	120	105	90	90	55	60
IL	4,300	86	460	79	3,840	87	1,750	1,430	1,080	930	900	840	690	640
IN	3,600	86	410	87	3,190	86	1,380	1,230	980	810	780	650	590	500
IA	15,200	103	1,200	92	14,000	104	4,630	4,550	3,710	3,800	2,860	3,000	2,300	2,650
KS	1,520	103	160	84	1,360	106	525	555	285	290	240	255	230	260
KY	490	94	65	100	425	93	185	180	110	105	90	80	70	60
MI	1,100	97	120	92	980	98	450	430	220	220	190	200	140	130
MN	5,600	95	600	94	5,000	95	2,050	2,000	1,330	1,200	1,050	980	830	820
MO	3,200	97	410	100	2,790	97	1,450	1,240	590	730	510	520	340	300
NE	3,200	93	410	95	2,790	92	1,240	1,130	790	720	560	540	430	400
NC	9,500	97	1,000	95	8,500	97	3,450	3,400	2,130	2,000	1,770	1,750	1,400	1,350
OH	1,650	97	200	91	1,450	98	660	590	350	375	290	305	180	180
OK	2,180	117	310	119	1,870	116	610	790	300	360	220	270	480	450
PA	1,090	99	125	104	965	98	355	360	260	250	215	195	150	160
SD	1,330	99	130	93	1,200	99	455	430	295	280	255	270	205	220
WI	650	90	80	80	570	92	245	215	160	130	120	125	95	100
17 St	55,845	97	5,860	93	49,985	97	19,850	18,935	12,875	12,455	10,285	10,205	8,305	8,390
Other 1/	4,691	102	655	97	4,035	102	1,632	1,567	836	876	799	816	673	777
U.S.	60,536	97	6,515	94	54,020	98	21,482	20,502	13,711	13,331	11,084	11,021	8,978	9,167

1/Individual state estimates not available for the 33 states.

MILK PRODUCTION

Kentucky milk production for May 1999 totaled 149 million pounds, down 5 percent from May 1998. Average number of milk cows on farms, at 133,000 head, was down 8,000 from May 1998 and down 1,000 from last month. Milk per cow averaged 1,120 pounds for May 1999, up 5 pounds from May 1998 and up 10 pounds from April.

Milk Production in the **20 major States** during May totaled 12.4 billion pounds, up 3.5 percent from production in these same States in May 1998. April revised production, at 12.0 billion pounds, was up 3.5 percent from April 1998. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,610 pounds for May, 54 pounds above May 1998. The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.72 million head, 3,000 head more than May 1998, and 8,000 head more than April 1999.

CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the U.S. for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.98 million head on June 1, 1999. The inventory was 3 percent above June 1, 1998 and 4 percent above June 1, 1997. **Placements** in feedlots during May totaled 2.04 million, slightly above 1998 and 9 percent above 1997. Net placements were 1.94 million. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 290,000, 600-699 pounds were 425,000, 700-799 pounds were 717,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 607,000. **Marketings** of fed cattle during May totaled 1.99 million, 1 percent above 1998 but 4 percent below 1997. **Other disappearance** totaled 99,000 during May, 6 percent above 1998 but 15 percent below 1997.

Cattle on feed June 1, 1999, in the **7 States 1/** for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 8.54 million, up 3 percent from the previous year and 4 percent above June 1, 1997. **Placements** in feedlots during May totaled 1.72 million, 1 percent below 1998 but 7 percent above 1997. **Marketings** during May totaled 1.69 million, slightly above 1998 but 6 percent below 1997. **Other disappearance** during May was 73,000 head, 12 percent above 1998 but 9 percent below 1997. 1/AZ, CA, CO, IA, KS, NE, and TX.

LIVESTOCK AND GRAIN PRICES MOSTLY DOWN

Prices received at mid-June by **Kentucky** farmers for livestock and grain were mostly down from last month.

Prices received in June for **steers and heifers** 500 lbs. and over increased \$3.00 to \$70.00 per cwt. This was the first time since last June that prices have reached \$70.00. **Beef cow** prices averaged \$36.00 per cwt., down \$1.00 from last month and a year ago and the first decline in six months. **Calves** under 500 lbs. averaged \$79.00 per cwt., a \$1.00 increase over last month and \$2.00 over last year.

Barrows and gilts at mid-June were down \$1.00 from May to \$33.00 per cwt. This was a \$12.00 decrease from last June's price of \$45.00 per cwt. **Sow** prices at \$30.00 per cwt. were unchanged from last month while up \$2.00 from last year. Prices of sows equal the highest they have been in 18 months.

After hitting a low in April of \$12.20, the **all milk** prices continue to increase to \$13.50 per cwt. at mid-June, up 30 cents from May while decreasing 60 cents from last June.

All **corn** prices for mid-June decreased three cents from May to \$2.20 per bushel. This was 28 cents below last June's price of \$2.48 per bushel and the third consecutive month prices have declined. Corn prices were at their lowest level in 8 months. **Soybean** prices have been dropping since last December and were \$4.60 per bushel at mid-June, three cents below May and \$1.70 below June a year ago. Soybean prices were at their lowest level since April 1976. **Winter wheat** prices increased 12 cents to \$2.10 per bushel at mid-June but were 40 cents below the June 1998 price of \$2.50 per bushel.

The **U.S.** All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in June was 98 based on 1990-92=100, down 1 point (1.0 percent) from May. The decrease was mostly due to the seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell. The normal decrease in marketings of oranges, tomatoes, strawberries, and cattle more than offset the relatively higher marketings of wheat, grapes, hay, and cantaloupes. The change in marketings was accompanied by a slight decrease in overall prices. Price decreases from May for cantaloupes, hogs, peaches, and hay more than offset price increases for oranges, milk, cattle, and celery. Compared with June 1998, the All Farm Products Index was 4 points (3.9 percent) lower. Price decreases from June 1998 for soybeans, hogs, corn, and milk more than offset price increases for cattle, carrots, tomatoes, and turkeys.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS - (Dollars)

COMMODITY	UNIT	KENTUCKY		US	
		JUN 1998	MAY 1999	JUN 1999	JUN 1999
		Entire Month		Mid-Month ^{a/}	
FARM PRICES					
All Corn ^{b/ c/}	Bu.	2.48	2.23	2.20	1.93
Soybeans ^{b/}	Bu.	6.30	4.63	4.60	4.43
Winter Wheat ^{b/}	Bu.	2.50	1.98	2.10	2.37
Alfalfa Hay, baled	Ton	108.00	118.00	116.00	85.00
All Other Hay, baled	Ton	70.00	77.00	75.00	68.50
All Hogs	Cwt.	44.30	33.80	32.90	33.80
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	45.00	34.00	33.00	34.10
Sows	Cwt.	28.00	30.00	30.00	27.30
All Beef Cattle ^{d/}	Cwt.	62.10	59.80	61.80	63.60
Steers & Heifers ^{e/}	Cwt.	70.00	67.00	70.00	66.80
Cows	Cwt.	37.00	37.00	36.00	36.10
Calves ^{f/}	Cwt.	77.00	78.00	79.00	88.00
Milk Wholesale					
All	Cwt.	14.10	13.20	13.50	13.20
Fluid ^{g/}	Cwt.	14.10	13.20	- -	13.20
Manufactured	Cwt.	12.40	10.20	- -	12.00
Hog-Corn Ratios ^{h/}	Bu.	17.9	15.2	15.0	17.5

^{a/} Preliminary. ^{b/} Includes contract sales paid during month. ^{c/} Includes yellow and white corn. ^{d/} "Steers and heifers" and "cows" combined. ^{e/} 500 lbs. and over. ^{f/} Under 500 lbs. ^{g/} Includes surplus diverted to manufacturing. ^{h/} Number of bushels of corn equal in value to 100 lbs. of hog live weight.

SLAUGHTER HIGHLIGHTS

Commercial red meat production for the U.S. totaled 3.60 billion pounds in May, up 1 percent from the 3.58 billion pounds produced in May 1998. May 1998 and 1999 both contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays.

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION ^{1/}

Type	May 1998	Apr 1999	May 1999	May '99 % of	
				May 1998	Apr 1999
	Million Pounds			Percent	
Beef	2,123	2,155	2,151	101	100
Veal	19	18	17	90	95
Pork	1,419	1,630	1,418	100	87
Lamb & Mutton	19	21	18	93	86
Total U.S.	3,580	3,823	3,604	101	94
Total Kentucky	35.4	42.7	34.5	98	81

^{1/} Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER ^{1/}

Type	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
KENTUCKY						
Cattle	2.4	1.1	2,416	885	1,015	824
Hogs	180.3	175.8	45,612	45,620	253	260
Sheep & Lambs	0.7	0.8	128	122	180	160
UNITED STATES						
Cattle	2,957.2	2,997.3	3,512,385	3,559,868	1,188	1,188
Hogs	7,571.2	7,438.3	1,936,147	1,930,047	256	259
Sheep & Lambs	280.8	270.0	38,989	36,431	139	135

^{1/} Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

JUNE 1 GRAIN STOCKS

Corn stocks in **Kentucky** totaled 24.1 million bushels on June 1, 1999. This was up 3 percent from 1998 but down 3 percent from June 1, 1997. Of the total corn stocks estimated, 15.0 million bushels (62 percent of the total) were stored on-farm. The remaining 9.1 million bushels were off-farm stocks. Off-farm stocks include grain stored at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors. On-farm stocks were unchanged from last year at this time while off-farm stocks were up 8 percent.

Soybean estimates were made for only off-farm stocks in Kentucky. Off-farm stocks totaled 3.89 million bushels as of June 1, 1999. Off-farm stocks were up 56 percent from last year. Kentucky off-farm old crop **wheat** stocks totaled 2.42 million bushels. This was the largest June off-farm stocks since June 1, 1955.

U.S. corn stocks in all positions on June 1, 1999, totaled 3.62 billion bushels, up 19 percent from June 1, 1998. Of the total stocks, 2.26 billion bushels were stored on farms, up 23 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 1.36 billion bushels, were up 12 percent from a year ago. **Soybeans** stored in all positions on June 1, 1999, totaled 850 million bushels, up 43 percent from stocks held on June 1, 1998. On-farm stocks totaled 460 million bushels, up 45 percent from last June, and accounted for 54 percent of the June 1, 1999 stocks. Off-farm stocks, at 390 million bushels, were up 43 percent from the previous year. Old crop **all wheat** stored in all positions on June 1, 1999 totaled 945 million bushels, up 31 percent from a year ago to the biggest June number since the 1987-88 market year. Farm stocks are 278 million bushels and are up 24 percent from last year. Off-farm stocks, at 667 million bushels, are up 34 percent.

KENTUCKY AND UNITED STATES STOCKS OF GRAIN, JUNE 1, 1999 WITH COMPARISONS

CROP	POSITION	KENTUCKY			UNITED STATES		
		June 1, 1998	March 1, 1999	June 1, 1999	June 1, 1998	March 1, 1999	June 1, 1999
(Thousand Bushels)							
Corn	On-Farm	15,000	31,000	15,000	1,830,000	3,570,000	2,257,000
	Off-Farm ^{1/}	8,384	14,359	9,101	1,209,757	2,128,428 ^{5/}	1,358,960
	Total	23,384	45,359	24,101	3,039,757	5,698,428 ^{5/}	3,615,960
Sorghum	On-Farm	^{2/}	^{2/}	^{2/}	27,200	60,900	27,400
	Off-Farm ^{1/}	^{4/}	^{4/}	^{4/}	68,944	161,536 ^{5/}	88,691
	Total	^{2/}	^{2/}	^{2/}	96,144	222,436 ^{5/}	116,091
Oats	On-Farm	^{3/}	^{3/}	^{3/}	34,500	61,700	40,700
	Off-Farm ^{1/}	405	168	410	39,498	50,850 ^{5/}	40,686
	Total	405	168	410	73,998	112,550 ^{5/}	81,386
Barley	On-Farm	^{2/}	^{2/}	^{2/}	43,700	86,900	52,000
	Off-Farm ^{1/}	^{4/}	^{4/}	^{4/}	75,533	113,808 ^{5/}	88,848
	Total	^{2/}	^{2/}	^{2/}	119,233	200,708 ^{5/}	140,848
All Wheat	On-Farm	^{2/}	^{2/}	^{2/}	224,210	471,220 ^{5/}	277,710
	Off-Farm ^{1/}	1,003	4,557	2,421	498,268	979,191 ^{5/}	667,233
	Total	^{2/}	^{2/}	^{2/}	722,478	1,450,411 ^{5/}	944,943
Soybeans	On-Farm	^{2/}	^{2/}	^{2/}	318,000	815,000	460,000
	Off-Farm ^{1/}	2,502	8,918	3,893	275,654	642,338 ^{5/}	390,274
	Total	^{2/}	^{2/}	^{2/}	593,654	1,457,338 ^{5/}	850,274

^{1/} Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors. ^{2/} Kentucky is a minor State, not published separately. ^{3/} On-Farm oat stocks estimates not made.

^{4/} Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. ^{5/} Revised.