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U. S. HIGHLIGHTS

- < **Winter wheat production** was forecast at 1.59 billion bushels, down 2 percent from last month and 7 percent below 1999.
- < **Winter wheat yield** was forecast at 44.9 bushels per acre, down 1.8 bushels from last month.
- < **Winter wheat harvesting progress** in the 18 major producing states had reached 65 percent by July 2. This was more than 20 points ahead of both last year and the normal pace.

while down less than 1 percent from a year earlier. The forecast was based on crop conditions as of July 1 or the date of harvest if harvest occurred before July 1. Yield was estimated at 58 bushels per acre, up 3 bushels from the June 1 estimate. Acres for harvest as grain was estimated at 420,000 acres, down 10,000 acres from the June estimates. The 250,000 acres not harvested for grain were plowed down for a cover crop prior to planting tobacco, cut as grain hay, chopped as grain silage or abandoned. The increase in yield resulted from farmers indicating their yields were better than previously expected. Test weights were also good. As of July 2, 87 percent of the State's winter wheat had been harvested for grain. Little if any disease problems were reported with the 2000 winter wheat crop although some lodging to various degrees occurred across the State.

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The **winter wheat** crop was forecast at 24.4 million bushels. This was up 3 percent from the June estimate

WINTER WHEAT, SELECTED STATES & U.S., JULY 1, 2000

STATE	AREA HARVESTED		YIELD		PRODUCTION		
	1999	Ind. 2000	1999	Ind. 2000	1998	1999	Ind. 2000
	(1,000 Acres)		(Bushels)		(1,000 Bushels)		
Colorado	2,400	2,350	43.0	30.0	99,450	103,200	70,500
Illinois	1,010	910	60.0	56.0	57,600	60,600	50,960
Indiana	510	510	66.0	66.0	35,750	33,660	33,660
Kansas	9,200	9,300	47.0	39.0	494,900	432,400	362,700
KENTUCKY	410	420	60.0	58.0	24,750	24,600	24,360
Missouri	920	1,000	48.0	52.0	57,500	44,160	52,000
Montana	970	1,350	38.0	35.0	48,750	36,860	47,250
Nebraska	1,800	1,750	48.0	38.0	82,800	86,400	66,500
Ohio	1,030	1,110	70.0	72.0	74,240	72,100	79,920
Oklahoma	4,300	4,300	35.0	34.0	198,900	150,500	146,200
Oregon	630	730	47.0	63.0	52,930	29,610	45,990
Tennessee	340	350	54.0	52.0	15,170	18,360	18,200
Texas	3,400	2,500	36.0	29.0	136,500	122,400	72,500
Washington	1,670	1,800	58.0	69.0	136,500	96,860	124,200
U.S.	35,572	35,401	47.8	44.9	1,880,733	1,699,989	1,588,376

COLD STORAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on May 31, 2000, were greater than year earlier levels for fruit, red meat, chicken, and potatoes. May 2000 stocks of chicken, at 825 million pounds, broke the previous record May high of 814 million pounds set in 1999. Cooler stocks of pecans and apples were also higher than a year earlier. Butter stocks were 8 percent above April 2000 and were slightly above a year ago.

All U S. Warehouse Stocks				May 2000 as % of	
Commodity	May 31 1999	April 30 2000	May 31 2000	May 1999	April 2000
Frozen Poultry		1,000 lbs		Percent	
Chicken:					
Broilers (Whole)	32,557	34,995	41,875	129	120
Other Chicken	770,755	807,598	775,525	101	96
Total Chicken <u>1/</u>	813,733	849,355	824,806	101	97
Turkey	494,277	413,299	476,868	96	115
Total Frozen Poultry <u>2/</u>	1,313,457	1,266,931	1,306,367	99	103
Meat					
Total Frozen Beef	306,739	367,058	368,289	120	100
Pork:					
Bellies	108,257	63,414	68,244	63	108
Total Frozen Pork <u>3/</u>	572,702	521,784	525,777	92	101
Total Meat <u>4/</u>	901,174	911,906	918,571	102	101

1/Includes broilers, hens and other chickens. 2/Includes chicken, turkey and ducks. 3/Includes picnics, hams, bellies, loins, spare-ribs, trimmings, and other frozen pork. 4/Includes frozen beef, pork, veal, lamb and mutton, other frozen meat, canned hams, and other canned meat.

2000 AGRICULTURAL CASH RENTS

Cash rent for **Kentucky** agricultural cropland for 2000 was \$78.00 per acre. Kentucky was part of the Appalachian Region which also included North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia. Within this five state region, Kentucky reported the highest cash rent value. The bordering states of Illinois, Indiana and Ohio had cropland rents of \$117.00, \$100.00 and \$74.00 per acre respectively. The cash rent in Tennessee was \$60.00. California leads the nation at \$300.00 per acre for irrigated cropland. The national cropland average was \$70.00 per acre, up \$2.50 per acre from 1999.

Pasture cash rent was not reported for Kentucky due to the small number of reports received. With regard to pasture cash rent in neighboring states, Illinois was \$33.00 per acre, Missouri was \$20.00 per acre and Tennessee was \$18.00 per acre. The average for the Appalachian Region was \$18.00 per acre. The national pasture rent was \$8.50 per acre, down 40 cents per acre from 1999. Variations between the states was significant. Wisconsin and Illinois had the highest pasture rents at \$38.00 and \$33.00 respectively, while the states of Montana, New Mexico and Wyoming all reported pasture rent below \$5.00 per acre.

Cropland Rented for Cash: Average Cash Rent per Acre, by State and Nation, 1996 - 2000 1/

STATE	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
	Dollars				
Illinois	106.00	109.00	111.00	111.00	117.00
Indiana	94.80	97.30	98.00	99.00	100.00
Kentucky	64.00	70.00	65.00	70.00 *	78.00
Missouri (Non-Irrigated)	50.00	56.00	57.00	59.00	60.00
Ohio	70.80	72.50	73.20	73.70	74.00
Tennessee	48.30	56.50	57.00	62.00	60.00
Virginia	36.00	36.50	35.00	35.70	36.50
West Virginia	32.00	32.00	29.00	28.00	26.00
48 States	-	-	66.50	67.50	70.00

1/Unless otherwise specified as irrigated or non-irrigated, data are for all cropland. * Revised.

U. S. DAIRY PRODUCTS, MAY 2000

PRODUCT	May 1999	Apr. 2000 <u>1/</u>	May 2000	Percent of May 99 Apr. 00	
(000) Pounds					
BUTTER	110,894	115,449	112,003	101	97
(000) Gallons					
CHEESE					
American Types <u>2/</u>	312,488	312,493	323,178	103	103
Mozzarella	210,678	224,604	235,231	112	105
All Other Types <u>3/</u>	151,836	156,358	170,547	112	109
Total	675,002	693,455	728,956	108	105
(000) Gallons					
FROZEN PRODUCTS					
Ice Cream (Hard)	76,906	78,731	82,265	107	104
Frozen Yogurt (Total)	9,405	7,771	9,068	96	117
(000) Gallons					
MIX FOR FROZEN PRODUCTS					
Ice Cream Mix	44,263	45,295	48,211	109	106
Yogurt Mix	5,770	4,571	5,334	92	117

1/Revised. 2/Includes Cheddar, Colby, Monterey, and Jack. 3/Includes Swiss, Cream and all other types. Excludes cottage cheese.

U. S. EGG PRODUCTION & HATCH

	May 1999	May 2000	May 00 % of May 99
Egg Production			
Eggs Produced (Million)	6,941	7,107	102
Average Layers (000)	320,498	326,554	102
Eggs Per 100 Layers	2,166	2,176	100
Egg Type Hatchery			
Eggs Set June 1 (000)	37,553	33,444	89
Chicks Hatched (000)	40,726	40,879	100
Broiler Type Hatchery			
Eggs Set June 1 (000)	637,956	638,871	100
Chicks Hatched (000)	766,422	775,181	101

PEACH PRODUCTION

Commercial peach production for **Kentucky** was forecast at 3.50 million pounds, up 1.70 million pounds from the previous year's drought reduced small crop. This would be the largest crop since the 4.40 million pounds produced in 1995. Crop conditions are very promising this year with the moisture received to date and favorable growing weather. Some peach orchards were severely hurt by spring frosts while the ones that were not hurt are producing a very good crop.

U.S. commercial peach production was forecast at 2.67 billion pounds, up 6 percent from 1999 and 11 percent above two years ago. All peach producing States west of the Mississippi river, with the exception of Missouri, expect the same or increased peach production for 2000.

COMMERCIAL PEACH PRODUCTION 1999 & 2000 FORECAST

2000 Rank	STATE	1999	2000 <u>1/</u>
(Million Pounds)			
TOP FIVE STATES			
1.	California	1,810.0	1,960.0
2.	South Carolina	160.0	150.0
3.	Georgia	110.0	105.0
4.	New Jersey	70.0	70.0
5.	Washington	51.0	55.0
KENTUCKY & SURROUNDING STATES			
11.	Illinois	19.0	19.0
18.	Missouri	10.5	9.5
23.	Ohio	8.7	7.5
24.	KENTUCKY	1.8	3.5
25.	Indiana	2.9	2.6
28.	Tennessee	3.1	2.0
UNITED STATES		2,513.4	2,668.1

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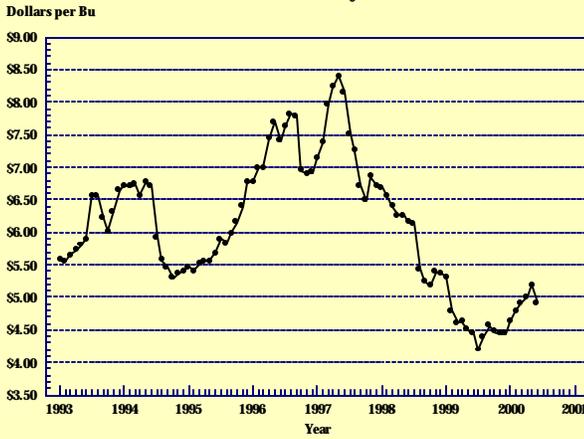
Prices Received, Corn, US



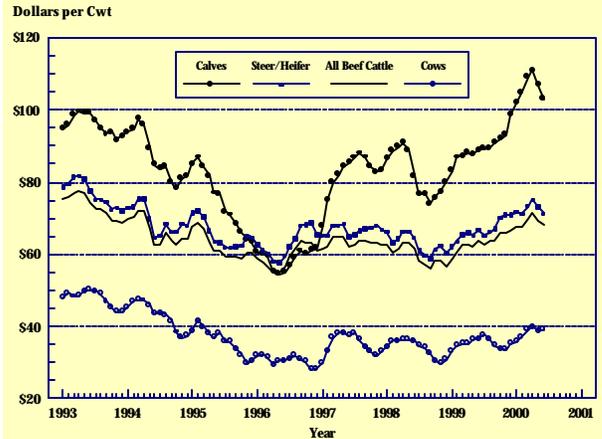
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Prices Received, Cattle, US



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