

# KENTUCKY AGRI-NEWS



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## U. S. HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ **Winter wheat production** was forecast at 1.37 billion bushels. This was up 3 percent from June but down 13 percent from 2000.
- ▶ **Winter wheat yield** was forecast at 43.2 bushels per acre, up 2.0 bushels from last month.
- ▶ **Winter wheat harvesting progress** in the 18 major producing States reached 55 percent complete by July 1. This was 6 percentage points behind the 2000 crop but 10 points ahead of average.

production for 2001 would be the smallest crop since 1993. 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 a record high 62 bushels per acre, up 6 bushels from the June 1 yield estimate. The previous high was 60 bushels in 1999. Yields turned out much better than anticipated for most farmers who expected an average crop prior to harvest. Acres for harvest as grain was estimated at 340,000 acres, unchanged from June while down 80,000 acres from the previous year.

## KENTUCKY

The **winter wheat** crop was forecast at 21.1 million bushels. This was up 11 percent from the June estimate while down 12 percent from the 2000 crop. The estimated

As of July 1 the wheat harvest was 93 percent complete, ahead of 85 percent a year earlier. Most areas of the state reported good yields and good quality. University of Kentucky Extension specialists reported that grain quality was excellent and test weights were among the highest in years.

## WINTER WHEAT, SELECTED STATES & U.S., JULY 1, 2001

STATE	AREA HARVESTED		YIELD		PRODUCTION		
	2000	Ind. 2001	2000	Ind. 2001	1999	2000	Ind. 2001
	(1,000 Acres)		(Bushels)		(1,000 Bushels)		
Colorado	2,350	2,050	29.0	35.0	103,200	68,150	71,750
Illinois	920	710	57.0	60.0	60,600	52,440	42,600
Indiana	510	380	69.0	66.0	33,660	35,190	25,080
Kansas	9,400	8,400	37.0	39.0	432,400	347,800	327,600
<b>KENTUCKY</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>57.0</b>	<b>62.0</b>	<b>24,600</b>	<b>23,940</b>	<b>21,080</b>
Missouri	950	760	52.0	54.0	44,160	49,400	41,040
Montana	1,350	950	33.0	24.0	36,860	44,550	22,800
Nebraska	1,650	1,700	36.0	39.0	81,600	59,400	66,300
Ohio	1,110	900	72.0	63.0	72,100	79,920	56,700
Oklahoma	4,200	3,800	34.0	32.0	150,500	142,800	121,600
Oregon	730	700	62.0	47.0	29,610	45,260	32,900
Tennessee	380	330	55.0	56.0	19,040	20,900	18,480
Texas	2,200	3,000	30.0	34.0	122,400	66,000	102,000
Washington	1,800	1,750	73.0	61.0	96,860	131,400	106,750
<b>U.S.</b>	<b>35,022</b>	<b>31,657</b>	<b>44.6</b>	<b>43.2</b>	<b>1,696,580</b>	<b>1,562,733</b>	<b>1,366,192</b>

## COLD STORAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on May 31, 2001, were greater than year earlier levels for orange juice and potatoes. Cooler stocks of apples were also higher than a year earlier.

All U S. Warehouse Stocks				May 2001 as % of	
Commodity	May 31 2000	April 30 2001	May 31 2001	May 2000	April 2001
Frozen Poultry		1,000 lbs		Percent	
Chicken:					
Broilers (Whole)	41,091	13,639	15,736	38	115
Other Chicken	779,501	633,401	640,846	82	101
Total Chicken <u>1/</u>	830,145	654,383	666,860	80	102
Turkey	480,270	392,606	452,594	94	116
Total Frozen Poultry <u>2/</u>	1,315,133	1,053,109	1,126,501	86	107
Meat					
Total Frozen Beef	401,089	315,344	329,941	82	105
Pork:					
Bellies	68,692	43,878	46,004	67	105
Total Frozen Pork <u>3/</u>	537,864	432,604	422,370	79	98
Total Meat <u>4/</u>	963,507	771,405	777,049	81	101

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

## 2001 AGRICULTURAL CASH RENTS

Cash rent for **Kentucky** agricultural **cropland** for 2001 was \$72.00 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, Ohio and Tennessee had cropland rents of \$119.00, \$100.00, \$76.00 and \$59.50 per acre respectively. California led the nation with \$290.00 per acre for irrigated cropland. The national cropland average was \$71.00 per acre, up \$1.00 per acre from 2000.

**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 \$22.50 per acre and Tennessee was \$18.50 per acre. The average for the Appalachian Region (North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia) was \$19.00 per acre. The national pasture rent was \$9.20 per acre, up 70 cents per acre from 2000. Variations between the states was significant. Wisconsin and Illinois had the highest pasture rents at \$36.00 and \$33.00 respectively, while the states of Colorado, 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, 1997 - 2001 1/**

STATE	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
			Dollars		
Illinois	109.00	111.00	111.00	119.00 *	119.00
Indiana	97.30	98.00	99.00	100.00	100.00
<b>Kentucky</b>	<b>70.00</b>	<b>65.00</b>	<b>70.00</b>	<b>74.00 *</b>	<b>72.00</b>
Missouri (Non-Irrigated)	56.00	57.00	59.00	62.00 *	65.00
Ohio	72.50	73.20	73.70	74.00	76.00
Tennessee	56.50	57.00	62.00	60.00	59.50
Virginia	36.50	35.00	35.70	36.50	36.50
West Virginia	32.00	29.00	28.00	26.00	26.00
48 States	-	66.50	67.50	70.00	71.00

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

## U. S. DAIRY PRODUCTS, MAY 2001

PRODUCT	May 2000	Apr. 2001 <u>1/</u>	May 2001	Percent of May 00 Apr. 01	
(000) Pounds					
<b>BUTTER</b>	108,885	105,964	110,653	102	104
(000) Gallons					
<b>CHEESE</b>				96	105
American Types <u>2/</u>	322,310	294,336	309,642	96	105
Mozzarella	242,862	215,485	229,952	95	107
All Other Types <u>3/</u>	165,215	165,259	167,882	102	102
Total	730,387	675,080	707,476	97	105
(000) Gallons					
<b>FROZEN PRODUCTS</b>				86	103
Ice Cream (Hard)	84,008	78,520	78,985	94	101
Frozen Yogurt (Total)	8,854	7,398	7,630	86	103
(000) Gallons					
<b>MIX FOR FROZEN</b>				97	103
Ice Cream Mix	47,726	45,032	46,166	97	103
Yogurt Mix	5,118	4,352	4,488	88	103

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 2000	May 2001	May 01 % of May 00
<b>Egg Production</b>			
Eggs Produced (Million)	7,104	7,231	102
Average Layers (000)	326,326	334,728	103
Eggs Per 100 Layers	2,177	2,160	99
<b>Egg Type Hatchery</b>			
Eggs Set June 1 (000)	33,065	37,667	114
Chicks Hatched (000)	41,182	42,579	103
<b>Broiler Type Hatchery</b>			
Eggs Set June 1 (000)	638,442	644,391	101
Chicks Hatched (000)	774,983	775,674	100

## PEACH PRODUCTION

**Commercial peach** production for **Kentucky** was forecast at 1.70 million pounds, up 700,000 pounds from last year's small crop. Growers commented that peaches that survived the cold winter and spring frost were in good condition and should produce a good crop.

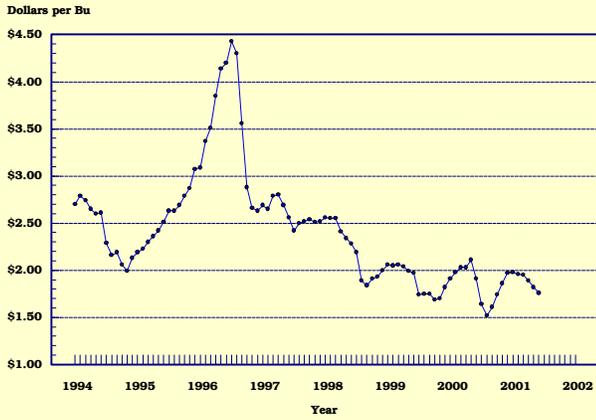
**U.S.** commercial peach production was forecast at 2.53 billion pounds, down 3 percent from 2000 but less than 1 percent above two years ago. Of the 29 States that estimated peach production, 12 States forecast an increase in production, 16 States forecast declines and 1 State was unchanged from 2000.

## COMMERCIAL PEACH PRODUCTION 2000 & 2001 FORECAST

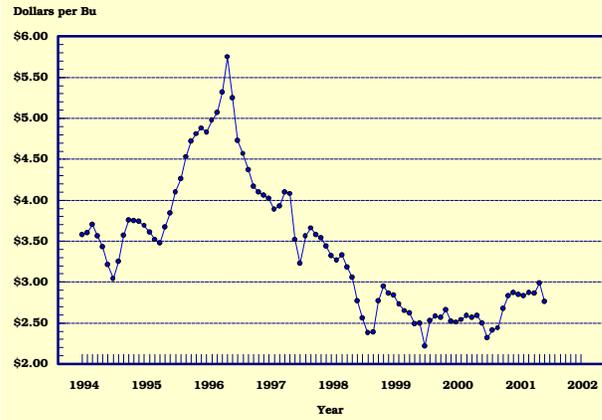
2001 Rank	STATE	2000	2001 <u>1/</u>
(Million Pounds)			
<b>TOP FIVE STATES</b>			
1.	California	1,855.0	1,830.0
2.	Georgia	115.0	135.0
3.	South Carolina	150.0	90.0
4.	New Jersey	65.0	75.0
5.	Pennsylvania	60.0	65.0
<b>KENTUCKY &amp; SURROUNDING STATES</b>			
10.	Illinois	23.0	18.5
17.	Ohio	10.4	11.0
22.	Missouri	9.5	8.5
24.	Tennessee	2.5	4.0
25.	Indiana	2.6	3.0
<b>29.</b>	<b>KENTUCKY</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.7</b>
<b>UNITED STATES</b>		2,599.8	2,534.3

1/ July 1, 2001

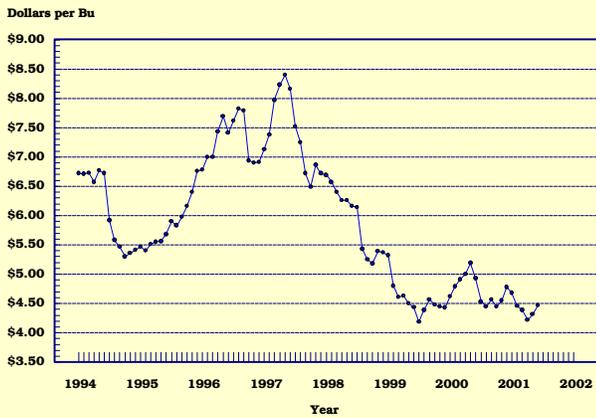
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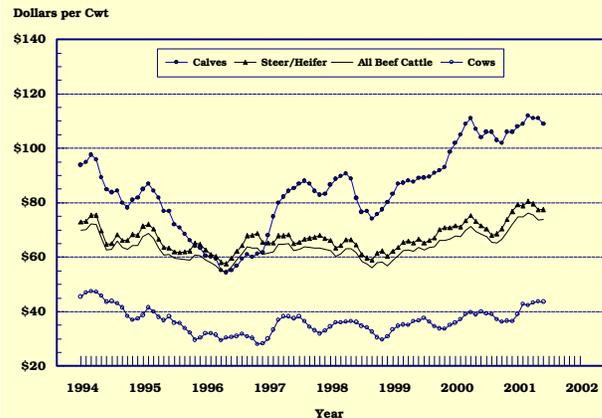
**Prices Received, Wheat, US**



**Prices Received, Soybeans, US**



**Prices Received, Cattle, US**



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