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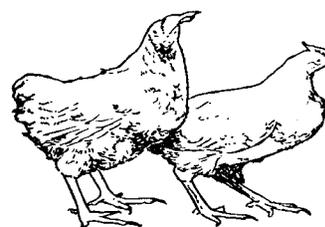
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Maryland laying flocks produced 74 million eggs during May 2004, of which 72 million were table eggs and 2 million were hatching eggs. The average rate of lay was 80.0 percent. The average number of layers on hand during May 2004 was 2,813,000. On June 1, 2004, 16.0 percent of the layers in Maryland were being molted and 12.0 percent of all layers had been through a molt.

June 1, 2004, up 2 percent from a year.

The May 2004 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 810 million, was up 2 percent from May of the previous year. There were 660 million eggs in incubators on June 1, 2004, up 1 percent from a year earlier. Leading breeders placed 7.5 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during May 2004, up 2 percent from May 2003.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.50 billion during May 2004, up 2 percent from last year. Production included 6.39 billion table eggs, and 1.11 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.05 billion were broiler-type and 59.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during May 2004 averaged 342 million, up 2 percent from a year earlier. May egg production per 100 layers was 2,192 eggs, up 1 percent from May 2003. Egg-type chicks hatched during May totaled 38.6 million, up 3 percent from May 2003. Eggs in incubators totaled 34.4 million on



EGGS AND LAYERS: May 2003 and 2004

Item	2003	2004	2004/2003
Eggs Produced During May	----- <i>Million</i> -----		<i>Percent</i>
U.S.	7,327	7,499	102
Maryland	65	74	83
Layers, Average Number During May	----- <i>Thousand</i> -----		
U.S.	336,164	342,085	102
Maryland	2,813	3,082	85
Eggs/100 Layers During May	----- <i>Number</i> -----		
U.S.	2,180	2,192	101
Maryland	2,311	2,401	97

CROP PRODUCTION

This Crop Production Report is the result of the July Agricultural Yield Survey. We wish to thank the producers who help to make this report possible.

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Maryland: According to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service, **winter wheat** is expected to yield 61.0 bushels per acre, based on July 1 conditions. This average yield is 2.0 bushels per acre less than last month. Production is expected to be 8,845,000 bushels, 3 percent less than last month. According to the Weekly Crop Progress and Condition Report for the week ending June 27, 2004, winter wheat was rated 25 percent excellent, 54 percent good, 18 percent fair, and 3 percent poor.

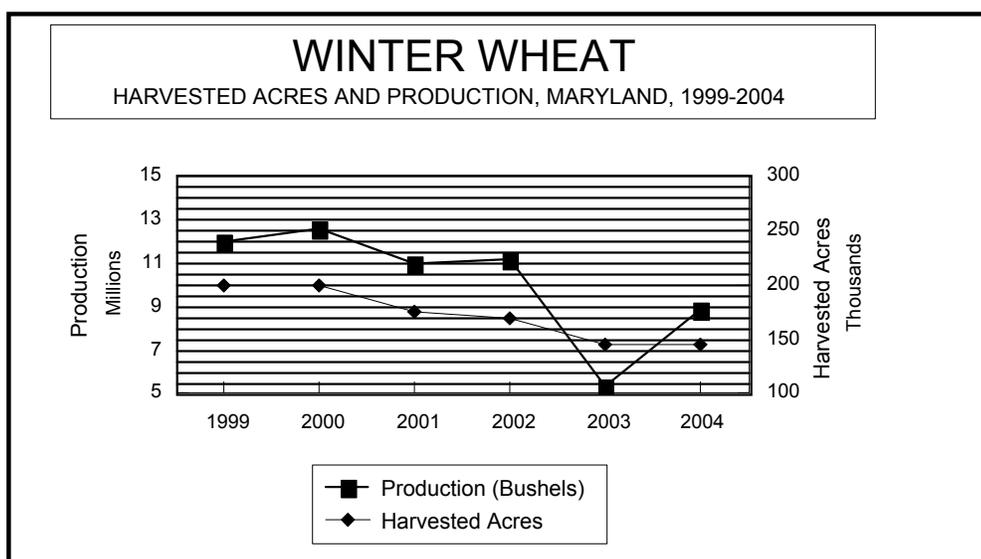
Barley is expected to yield 75.0 bushels per acre this year, 27 percent higher than the yield in 2003. This average yield along with an expected 34,000 acres harvested translates to an expected production of 2,550,000 bushels. This is an 18 percent increase in production from 2003. According to the Weekly Crop Progress and Condition Report for the week ending June 27, 2004, barley is rated 40 percent excellent, 52 percent good, and 8 percent fair.

Peach production is forecast at 8.8 million pounds, up from 8.5 million pounds in 2003.

United States: **Winter wheat** production is forecast at 1.47 billion bushels. This is down 4 percent from last month and 14 percent below 2003. The U.S. yield is forecast at 42.2 bushels per acre, down 1.4 bushels from last month.

Barley production for 2004 is forecast at 264 million bushels, 5 percent below 2003. Based on conditions as of July 1, the average yield is forecast at 63.5 bushels per acre, up 4.6 bushels from last year. Area for harvest, at 4.15 million acres, is down 11 percent from 2003.

Peach production is forecast at 1.46 billion pounds, up slightly from the 1.45 billion pounds produced in 2003.



ACREAGE, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION 2003 AND 2004

Commodity	Unit	Planted		Harvested		Average Yield		Production	
		2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
Maryland		<i>1,000 Acres</i>						<i>1,000</i>	
Corn ¹	ACR	480	510	----	----	----	----	----	----
Corn Grain	BU	----	----	410	440	123	----	50,430	----
Corn Silage	TON	----	----	65	----	16	----	1,040	----
Soybeans	BU	435	500	430	490	37	----	15,910	----
Sorghum ¹	BU	6	5	----	----	----	----	----	----
Sorghum Grain	BU	----	----	3	3	65	----	195	----
Sorghum Silage	TON	----	----	3	----	10	----	30	----
Winter Wheat	BU	165	160	145	145	37	61	5,365	8,845
Barley	BU	45	37	38	34	57	75	2,166	2,550
All Hay	TON	----	----	195	205	2.8	----	539	----
Alfalfa Hay	TON	----	----	45	35	3.3	----	149	----
Other Hay	TON	----	----	150	170	2.6	----	390	----
Tobacco	LBS	----	----	1.1	1.1	1,450	----	1,595	----
Apples	LBS	----	----	----	----	----	----	37,000	----
Peaches	LBS	----	----	----	----	----	----	8,500	8,800
Potatoes, Summer	CWT	4.7	4.7	4.6	4.6	240	260	1,104	1,196
United States								<i>1,000,000</i>	
Corn ¹	ACR	78,736	80,968	----	----	----	----	----	----
Corn Grain	BU	----	----	71,139	73,362	142	----	10,114	----
Corn Silage	TON	----	----	6,528	----	16	----	106	----
Soybeans	BU	73,404	74,809	72,321	73,655	33.4	----	2,418	----
Sorghum ¹	BU	9,420	8,099	----	----	----	----	----	----
Sorghum Grain	BU	----	----	7,798	6,916	52.7	----	411	----
Sorghum Silage	TON	----	----	343	----	10.4	----	4	----
Wheat, Winter	BU	44,945	43,450	36,541	34,825	47	42	1,707	1,470
Barley	BU	5,299	4,666	4,688	4,152	59	64	276	264
All Hay	TON	----	----	63,342	61,589	2.48	----	157	----
Alfalfa Hay	TON	----	----	23,578	22,226	3.24	----	76	----
Other Hay	TON	----	----	39,764	39,363	2.03	----	81	----
Tobacco	LBS	----	----	411.2	414.0	1,952	----	803	----
Apples	LBS	----	----	----	----	----	----	9,352	----
Peaches	LBS	----	----	----	----	----	----	1,447.0	1,462.4
Potatoes, Summer	CWT	63.7	58.8	59.0	57.1	322	327	19	18.6

¹ Acres planted is for all purposes

AUGUST RELEASE CALENDAR

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