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2003 New Jersey Acreage, Production, Price, and Value

Barley: Barley planted and harvested acreage remained unchanged from 2002 at 4,000 and 3,000, respectively. Yield was 45 bushels per acre, a decrease of 29 bushels per acre over last year's. Production in 2003 decreased by 39 percent to 135,000 bushels. The prices received by growers increased by 35 cents from \$1.60 per bushel in 2002 to \$1.95 per bushel in 2003. The value of barley produced decreased by 26 percent from \$355,000 in 2002 to \$263,000 in 2003.

Corn: Corn planted in 2003 totaled 80,000 acres, 61,000 of which were harvested for grain. Yield increased 55 bushels to 113 bushels per acre from the previous year's yield of 58 bushels per acre. The increase in yield raised production by 2.83 million bushels to a level of 6.9 million bushels. Growers received \$2.75 per bushel for their grain, a decrease of 2 cents per bushel from 2002's price of \$2.77 per bushel. The total crop value for corn for grain increased by 69 percent from \$11.2 million in 2002 to \$19 million in 2003.

Hay: All hay harvested acres increased by 5,000 acres in 2003 to 120,000 acres from 2002. Alfalfa hay acres also increased by 5,000 acres from 2002 to 30,000 acres in 2003. Acreage in other hay remained unchanged from last year at 90,000 acres. Yield per acre of alfalfa hay increased by 17 percent to 3.5 tons per acre while yield per acre of other hay increased by 20 percent to 1.8 tons per acre. The overall hay yield was 2.23 tons per acre. Alfalfa production was 105,000 tons and other hay production was 162,000 tons; the resulting total hay production was 267,000 tons. The season average price for all hay increased \$11.00 per ton from \$110 in 2002 to \$121 per ton in 2003. Overall, total hay crop value increased by 41 percent in 2003 to \$32.6 million.

Potatoes: Potatoes planted acreage increased by 200 acres to 2,800 acres in 2003. Harvested acreage also increased 100 acres from 2,600 acres to 2,700 acres in 2003. Yield was 260 hundredweight per acre, a decrease of 15 hundredweight from 2002. Production was 702,000 hundredweight in 2003 compared with 715,000 hundredweight in 2002. The total crop value decreased by 32 percent from \$5.9 million in 2002 to \$4 million in 2003.

Soybeans: Soybean planted acreage decreased by 10,000 acres to 90,000 acres in 2003, while harvested acreage decreased by 9,000 to 88,000 acres in 2003. Soybean yield was up 11 bushels per acre from 2002's yield of 23 bushels per acre to 34 bushels per acre in 2003. Production increased to 3 million bushels in 2003 from 2.23 million bushels in 2002. The prices received by growers increased by \$1.40 from \$5.40 per bushel in 2002 to \$7.00 per bushel in 2003. The total crop value increased by 74 percent to \$20.9 million.

Sweet Potatoes: Sweet potato planted and harvested acreage decreased 100 acres each from 2002. Yield was 115 hundredweight per acre, a decrease of 10 hundredweight per acre over last year's. Production in 2003 decreased by 15 percent to 127,000 hundredweight. The prices per hundredweight increased by 25 percent from \$23.20 per hundredweight in 2002 to \$29.00 per hundredweight in 2003.

Wheat: The 31,000 acres planted to winter wheat in 2003 was 7,000 acres less than in 2002. Harvested acreage was set at 26,000, a decrease of 6,000 acres below 2002's harvested acres. Yield at 42 bushels per acre was 16 bushels per acre less than the previous year's. Production at 1.09 million bushels was down 41 percent from 2002. The season average price of \$3.05 per bushel was 5 cents less than the price in 2002. The total crop value decreased by 42 percent to \$3.33 million.

Field Crops: 2003 New Jersey Acreage, Yield, Production, Price, and Value

Crop	Unit	Acres		Yield per Acre	Production	Season Average Price	Value of Production
		Planted	Harvested				
		1,000	1,000	Units	1,000 Units	Dollars	\$1,000
Barley	bu	4	3	45	135	1.95	263
Corn for grain 1/	bu	80	61	113	6,893	2.75	18,956
Hay, All	ton		120	2.23	267	121.00	32,625
Alfalfa Hay	ton		30	3.5	105	141.00	14,805
Other Hay	ton		90	1.8	162	110.00	17,820
Potatoes	cwt	2.8	2.7	260	702	5.70	4,001
Soybeans	bu	90	88	34	2,992	7.00	20,944
Sweet Potatoes	cwt	1.1	1.1	115	127	29.00	3,683
Winter Wheat	bu	31	26	42	1,092	3.05	3,331

1/ Planted acres for corn includes acres planted for all purposes

Crop Values: Summary for Selected States and United States, 2003

State	Field and Misc Crops	Fruit and Nuts	Commercial Vegetables	Total Value Principal Crops
----- \$1,000 -----				
Delaware	125,926	1/	37,813	163,739
Maryland	371,293	10,036	42,887	424,216
New Jersey	83,803	94,418	109,717	287,938
Pennsylvania	1,483,466	98,541	67,948	1,649,955
United States	82,249,278	12,876,732	10,958,404	106,084,414

1/ This category not published separately in Delaware.

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