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NEW JERSEY'S CORN ACREAGE UP 10,000 ACRES

The New Jersey Agricultural Statistics Service in Trenton recently surveyed about 450 New Jersey farmers as part of a national survey to determine row crop and small grain acreage planted for harvest this year. Row crop conditions are mostly good across the state with topsoil moisture supplies rated adequate in most areas. Generally, open weather conditions have allowed farmers to continue normal field operations during this stage of the growing season with rains delaying seeding activities in a few localities. Days suitable for field work averaged five days per week for the time period from May 20, 2002 through June 24, 2002. Overall, total acreage devoted to New Jersey's corn crop was up 10,000 planted acres from last year's record low of 80,000. Soybeans fell by 13,000 acres from previous year to 90,000, the lowest amount planted since 1973 when 88,000 acres were seeded. Wheat acreage is up substantially by 10,000 acres from last year. Barley acreage remains unchanged from the previous two years. Acreage cut for dry hay is unchanged from previous year.

Planted and Harvested Acres of Principal Crops, June 1

Crop	Planted For All Purposes				Intended For Harvest 1/			
	2000	2001	2002	% Change	2000	2001	2002	% Change
New Jersey	- 1,000 acres -				- 1,000 acres -			
Barley	5.0	5.0	5.0	0	4.0	4.0	4.0	0
Corn	90.0	80.0	90.0	13	75.0	66.0	75.0	14
All Hay	--	--	--	--	130.0	120.0	120.0	0
Alfalfa Hay	--	--	--	--	30.0	30.0	30.0	0
Other Hay	--	--	--	--	100.0	90.0	90.0	0
Summer Potatoes	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	2.5	2.5	2.5	0
Sweet Potatoes	1.2	1.2	1.0	(17)	1.2	1.2	1.0	(17)
Soybeans	100.0	103.0	90.0	(13)	98.0	101.0	88.0	(13)
Winter Wheat	40.0	31.0	41.0	32	35.0	27.0	35.0	30
United States								
Barley	5,864.0	4,967.0	5,048.0	2	5,213.0	4,289.0	4,499.0	5
Corn	79,551.0	75,752.0	78,947.0	4	72,440.0	68,808.0	72,081.0	5
All Hay	--	--	--	--	59,854.0	63,511.0	64,709.0	2
Alfalfa Hay	--	--	--	--	23,077.0	23,812.0	24,134.0	1
Other Hay	--	--	--	--	36,777.0	39,699.0	40,575.0	2
Summer Potatoes	66.1	60.9	63.8	5	63.2	58.6	60.9	4
Sweet Potatoes	98.0	97.9	94.4	(4)	94.9	93.5	91.8	(2)
Soybeans	74,266.0	74,105.0	72,993.0	(2)	72,408.0	73,000.0	72,029.0	(1)
Winter Wheat	43,393.0	41,078.0	41,362.0	1	35,072.0	31,295.0	29,764.0	(5)

1/ Harvested for principal use, i.e., grain, beans, etc.

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