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NEWS

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**NEW JERSEY CORN ACREAGE DOWN 10,000 ACRES**

The New Jersey Agricultural Statistics Service in Trenton recently surveyed about 420 Garden State farmers as a part of a national survey to determine row crop and small grain acreage planted for harvest this year. Row crop conditions on June 1, 2003, were mostly good across the state with top soil moisture supplies rated surplus to adequate in most areas. Wet weather conditions limited field work to an average of two to three days per week for the time period from May 19, 2003, through June 20, 2003. Total planted acreage devoted to corn was down 10,000 acres from last year. If this acreage level holds, it will tie the state record low of 80,000 acres set in 2001. Acreage seeded to barley and soybeans for the 2003 crop year were identical to previous year. Wheat acreage was down 7,000 from 2002. Acreage cut for dry hay was also unchanged from previous year. Summer potato planted acreage was unchanged from 2002 while sweet potato acres planted fell 100 acres from previous year.

**Planted and Harvested Acres of Principal Crops, June 1**

Crop	Planted For All Purposes				Intended For Harvest 1/			
	2001	2002	2003	% Change	2001	2002	2003	% Change
<b>New Jersey</b>	- 1,000 acres -				- 1,000 acres -			
Barley	5.0	4.0	4.0	0	4.0	3.0	3.0	0
Corn	80.0	90.0	80.0	(11)	66.0	70.0	67.0	(4)
All Hay	--	--	--	0	120.0	115.0	115.0	0
Alfalfa Hay	--	--	--	0	30.0	25.0	25.0	0
Other Hay	--	--	--	0	90.0	90.0	90.0	0
Summer Potatoes	2.5	2.6	2.6	0	2.5	2.6	2.6	0
Sweet Potatoes	1.2	1.2	1.1	(8)	1.2	1.2	1.1	(8)
Soybeans	103.0	100.0	100.0	0	101.0	97.0	98.0	1
Winter Wheat	31.0	38.0	31.0	(18)	27.0	32.0	26.0	(19)
<b>United States</b>								
Barley	4,967.0	5,073.0	5,461.0	7	4,289.0	4,135.0	4,899.0	18
Corn	75,752.0	79,054.0	79,066.0	0	68,808.0	69,313.0	71,985.0	4
All Hay	--	--	--	0	63,521.0	64,497.0	64,379.0	0
Alfalfa Hay	--	--	--	0	23,822.0	23,135.0	23,541.0	2
Other Hay	--	--	--	0	39,699.0	41,362.0	40,838.0	(1)
Summer Potatoes	61.1	62.2	65.1	5	58.8	59.1	63.1	7
Sweet Potatoes	99.1	97.2	94.0	(3)	94.4	83.5	91.0	9
Soybeans	74,075.0	73,758.0	73,653.0	0	72,975.0	72,160.0	72,681.0	1
Winter Wheat	41,078.0	41,735.0	44,349.0	6	31,295.0	29,651.0	36,491.0	23

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

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