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NEW JERSEY CORN AND SOYBEAN ACREAGE UP 8,000 ACRES

The New Jersey Agricultural Statistics Service in Trenton recently surveyed about 430 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, 2004, were mostly good across the state with top soil moisture supplies rated adequate in most areas. Days suitable for field work averaged five to six days per week for the time period from May 17, 2004, through June 20, 2004. Total planted acreage devoted to corn and soybeans were both up 8,000 acres from last year. Acreage seeded to barley for the 2004 crop year was down 1,000 acres from 2003. Wheat acreage was down 3,000 from 2003. Acreage cut for dry hay was unchanged from previous year. Sweet potato planted acreage was unchanged from 2003, while summer potato acreage fell by 500 acres from the previous year.

Planted and Harvested Acres of Principal Crops, June 1

Crop	Planted For All Purposes				Intended For Harvest 1/			
	2002	2003	2004	% Change	2002	2003	2004	% Change
New Jersey	- 1,000 acres -				- 1,000 acres -			
Barley	4	4	3	(25)	3	3	2	(33)
Corn	90	80	88	10	70	61	72	18
All Hay	--	--	--	--	120	120	120	NC
Alfalfa Hay	--	--	--	--	30	30	30	NC
Other Hay	--	--	--	--	90	90	90	NC
Summer Potatoes	2.6	2.8	2.3	(18)	2.6	2.7	2.3	(15)
Sweet Potatoes	1.2	1.1	1.1	NC	1.2	1.1	1.1	NC
Soybeans	100	90	98	9	97	88	96	9
Winter Wheat	38	31	28	(10)	32	26	24	(8)
United States								
Barley	5,008	5,299	4,666	(12)	4,123	4,688	4,152	(11)
Corn	78,894	78,736	80,968	3	69,330	71,139	73,362	3
All Hay	--	--	--	--	63,942	63,342	61,589	(3)
Alfalfa Hay	--	--	--	--	22,923	23,578	22,226	(6)
Other Hay	--	--	--	--	41,019	39,764	39,363	(1)
Summer Potatoes	61.9	63.7	58.3	(8)	58.9	59	56.6	(4)
Sweet Potatoes	96.4	95.8	99.1	3	82.3	92.6	96.3	4
Soybeans	73,963	73,404	74,809	2	72,497	72,321	73,655	2
Winter Wheat	41,766	44,945	43,450	(3)	29,742	36,541	34,825	(5)

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

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