



March 1 Grain Stocks

On March 1, 2016, Michigan corn stocks totaled 174.4 million bushels, marginally higher than a year earlier. About 57 percent of the corn was stored on farms. The second quarter disappearance was 102.3 million bushels, compared with 109.0 million bushels a year earlier. Soybean stocks on March 1, 2016, were 36.3 million bushels. That was 9 percent higher than stocks a year earlier. The second quarter

indicated disappearance was 28.0 million bushels. Farm stocks of soybeans were 16.0 million bushels. Wheat stocks on March 1, 2016, were 24.4 million bushels, 18 percent above a year ago. Approximately 98 percent of wheat stocks were in commercial storage. Third quarter indicated disappearance was 8.8 million bushels, 17.0 percent of supply.

March Hogs and Pigs

Michigan's total hog and pig inventory on March 1 was estimated at 1.16 million head, up 20,000 head from a year ago. Breeding hog inventory, at 110,000 head, was unchanged from last March. Market hog inventory, at 1,050,000 head, was up 1.9 percent from last year. The average pigs saved per litter for the December to February quarter at 10.6 was up 0.1 pigs from last year.

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2016 was 67.6 million head. This was up slightly from March 1, 2015, but down 1 percent from December 1, 2015. Breeding inventory, at 5.98 million head, was down slightly from last year, and down slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 61.7 million head, was up slightly percent from last year, but down 1 percent from last quarter.

The December 2015 - February 2016 pig crop, at 29.6 million head, was down slightly from 2015. Sows farrowing

during this period totaled 2.87 million head, down 1 percent from 2015. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 10.30 for the December-February period, compared to 10.23 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 8.00 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.40 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

United States hog producers intend to have 2.84 million sows farrow during the March-May 2016 quarter, down 1 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2015, but up 1 percent from 2014. Intended farrowings for June-August 2016, at 2.91 million sows, are down 3 percent from 2015, and down 3 percent from 2014.

Michigan Honey Production Down 9 Percent

Michigan honey production for 2015 totaled 5.22 million pounds, down 9 percent from 2014. This estimate included honey from producers with 5 or more colonies. Nationally, Michigan ranked eighth in honey production in both 2015 and 2014. Yields from Michigan's 90,000 honey producing colonies averaged 58 pounds in 2015, compared with 63 pounds the previous year.

The Michigan honey price averaged \$2.43 per pound, down 6 cents per pound from last year. Value of production totaled \$12.7 million, down 11 percent from 2014. Honey stocks were 1.98 million pounds, up 8 percent from 2014.

Nationally, honey production in 2015 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 157 million pounds, down 12 percent from 2014. There were 2.66 million colonies from which honey was harvested in 2015, down 3 percent from 2014. Yield of honey harvested per colony averaged 58.9 pounds, down 10 percent from the 65.1 pounds in 2014. Colonies which produced honey in more than one

State were counted in each State where the honey was produced. Therefore, at the United States level yield per colony may be understated, but total production would not be impacted. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 42.2 million pounds on December 15, 2015, up 2 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude those held under the commodity loan program.

Honey prices decreased during 2015 to 209.0 cents per pound, down 4 percent from a record high of 217.3 cents per pound in 2014. United States and State level prices reflect the portions of honey sold through cooperatives, private, and retail channels. Prices for each color class are derived by weighting the quantities sold for each marketing channel. Prices for the 2014 crop reflect honey sold in 2014 and 2015. Some 2014 honey was sold in 2015, which caused some revisions to the 2014 honey prices.

February Agricultural Prices

Prices received by Michigan farmers for the full month of February 2016 are listed in the table below. Some Michigan highlights were: February corn, at \$3.71 per bushel, increased \$0.06 from January and increased \$0.02 from last year; February soybeans, at \$8.67 per bushel, increased

\$0.09 from last month but decreased \$1.21 from last year; February wheat, at \$5.59 per bushel, increased \$0.45 from January but decreased \$0.34 from last year; February milk, at \$14.80 per cwt., decreased \$0.50 from last month, and decreased \$1.80 from last year.

Prices Received by Farmers¹, February 2016

Commodity	Michigan			United States		
	Feb 2015	Jan 2016	Feb 2016	Feb 2015	Jan 2016	Feb 2016
Beans, dry edible dollars/cwt	40.40	28.50	(D)	32.10	28.50	24.80
Corn dollars/bu	3.69	3.65	3.71	3.79	3.66	3.57
Hay, alfalfa dollars/ton	190.00	150.00	135.00	167.00	147.00	142.00
Hay, other dollars/ton	130.00	130.00	110.00	131.00	121.00	125.00
Oats dollars/bu	(D)	2.53	(D)	3.08	1.92	2.21
Potatoes dollars/cwt	(D)	(D)	(D)	9.14	8.58	8.48
Soybeans dollars/bu	9.88	8.58	8.67	9.91	8.71	8.51
Wheat, winter dollars/bu	5.93	5.14	5.59	5.70	4.63	4.47
Milk, all dollars/cwt	16.60	15.30	14.80	16.80	16.10	15.70

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

¹ Entire month weighted average price.

Chickens and Eggs

All layers in Michigan totaled 13.4 million during February, up 2 percent from a year ago. Egg production totaled 318 million eggs, up 8 percent from last year. The rate of lay during February was 2,376 eggs per 100 layers. On March 1, in the East North Central Region, which includes Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Wisconsin,

there were 10.1 million egg-type eggs in incubators, down 4 percent from a year earlier. In the same region, there were 15.3 million broiler-type eggs in incubators, up 8 percent from the previous year. There were 22 million turkey poults hatched in the U.S. in February, up 1 percent from the previous year.

Egg and Hatchery Production, February 2016

Item	Unit	2015	2016	Percent Change
Michigan				
All layers	Thou	13,147	13,383	2
Eggs per hundred layers	Num	2,236	2,376	6
Eggs produced	Mil	294	318	8
East North Central Region				
Eggs in incubators, Mar 1				
Egg-type	Thou	10,610	10,136	-4
Broiler type	Thou	14,177	15,300	8
U.S.				
All Layers	Thou	365,440	355,727	-3
Eggs per hundred layers	Num	2,104	2,190	4
Eggs produced	Mil	7,688	7,790	1
Turkey Eggs in incubators, Mar 1	Thou	28,250	27,622	-2
Turkey Poults hatched, Feb	Thou	21,721	21,954	1

Michigan Prospective Plantings Report

Corn, soybean, and winter wheat planting intentions will be higher in Michigan for the year 2016, while decreases in dry beans, sugar beets, and oats are expected. The USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) has released its annual Prospective Plantings report, which provides the first official survey estimates of U.S. farmers' planting intentions for the 2016 growing season.

Michigan producers intend to plant 2.45 million acres of corn, up 100 thousand acres from last year. Producers plan

to plant 2.10 million acres of soybeans, up 70 thousand acres from last year. Winter wheat seedings, at 580 thousand acres, are up 70 thousand acres from 2015.

All dry hay, at 930 thousand acres intended for harvest, is down 40 thousand acres from last year. Oat planting intentions, at 50 thousand acres, are down 33% from last year.

Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production by Crop – Michigan and United States: 2014 - 2016

Commodity	Michigan			United States		
	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016
Beans, dry Planted 1,000 acres	230.0	275.0	215.0	1,701.6	1,764.4	1,559.0
Corn, all Planted 1,000 acres	2,550	2,350	2,450	90,597	87,999	93,601
Hay, all Harvested 1,000 acres	980	970	930	57,062	54,437	54,305
Oats Planted 1,000 acres	55	75	50	2,753	3,088	2,751
Soybeans Planted 1,000 acres	2,050	2,030	2,100	83,276	82,650	82,236
Sugarbeets Planted 1,000 acres	151.0	152.0	151.0	1,162.5	1,158.8	1,158.6
Wheat, winter Planted 1,000 acres	550	510	580	42,409	39,461	36,216

February Milk Production

Dairy herds in Michigan produced 855 million pounds of milk during February, up 11.6 percent from a year ago. The daily rate per cow was 71.2 pounds, up 3.3 pounds from February 2015. The dairy herd was estimated at 414,000 head for February, up 11,000 head from a year earlier. The average price of milk sold in February by Michigan dairy producers was \$14.80 per cwt., \$1.80 less than the price in February 2015.

Michigan Dairy Summary, February 2016

Item	2014	2015	2016
Cows 1,000 Hd	381	403	414
Milk per cow Lb/day	67.1	67.9	71.2
Production Mil lbs	716	766	855
Milk price, all Dol/cwt	24.90	16.60	14.80
Fat test Pct	3.81	3.81	3.74
Protein ¹ Pct	3.18	3.17	3.15

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