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## FIELD CROPS HOGS AND PIGS



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**FLORIDA:** A low pressure system crossing from the Panhandle down to the southern Peninsula at the beginning of April brought significant showers which delayed most field activities. The abundant rains over the western Panhandle caused major flooding with land preparation for peanut and cotton halted in many areas until the grounds dried. Some corn already planted in Madison County was washed out with producers having to replant the lost crop. Sugarcane cutting was virtually completed in the Everglades region. Wet conditions and cool temperatures in mid-April hampered producers in their efforts to plant some row crops. Showers throughout most of the month allowed soil moisture supplies to remain mostly adequate, except for areas in the southern Peninsula where more rains were needed to improve soil moisture levels. Continuous cool temperatures near the end of the month in the Panhandle as well as the northern Peninsula slowed the growth of row crops. Some tobacco growers were nearly finished with transplanting by the end of April.

Favorable weather in early May allowed growers to plant the remainder of their row crops with only a few delays. Good weather conditions coupled with adequate moisture levels allowed cotton and peanut producers to advance field preparations and planting. However, some corn in Jefferson County wilted due to lack of precipitation. Most hayfields were ready for the first cutting by the middle of May. Pecans in Jefferson County were fully bloomed and showed an excellent bloom with the first scab control spraying completed. Cotton emergence was slow in some Panhandle localities due to some fields having a hard crust that hindered emergence. Some producers irrigated as needed, since soils were drying. Despite dry, hot conditions depleting soil moisture in most areas most crops maintained good condition by month's end.

Substantial rains in early June increased soil moisture levels in most areas boosting crop growth and development but preventing some haymaking. Tropical Storm Arlene made landfall in the Panhandle,

which brought copious amounts of rains to neighboring areas. Some hay growers were behind schedule due to the continuous rainfall which hampered hay cutting, curing, and baling. Saturated fields in some Panhandle locations slowed the timely applications of pesticides to peanuts, whereas in drier localities producers were able to apply treatments. Cool nights slowed the maturity and development of peanuts. Only 38 percent of peanuts were pegged by month's end versus 58 percent a year ago. Soybeans in Jefferson County were in good condition. By the last week of June, drier conditions allowed fieldwork to progress normally in most Panhandle and northern Peninsula areas while rains over the lower half of the Peninsula hindered fieldwork. In Leon County, growers reported problems with grasshoppers, spittle bugs and corn ear worms. Scab disease was present in some pecan trees. Tobacco growers in Suwannee County reported problems with tomato spot wilt virus and cucumber mosaic virus.

**CORN:** Corn planted for all purpose totaled 65,000 acres and the acreage to be harvested for grain is estimated at 22,000 acres.

**COTTON:** Planted cotton acreage is projected at 85,000 acres, down 4 percent from last year.

**ALL HAY:** Acreage of all types of hay, cut and to be cut is placed at 265,000 acres. Cutting is active.

**PEANUTS:** Planted acreage of peanuts is estimated at 180,000 acres, with 165,000 acres expected to be harvested for dry nuts.

**SOYBEANS:** Growers planted 11,000 acres of soybeans. Acreage to be harvested is estimated at 10,000 acres.

**SUGARCANE:** Producers expect to harvest 420,000 acres for the 2005-2006 season, up 3 percent from last year.

**TOBACCO:** Growers expect to pull 2,800 acres, down 30 percent or 1,200 acres from the 4,000 acres harvested in 2004.

### FLORIDA CROP ACREAGE

Crop	Planted for all purposes		Harvested or to be harvested <sup>1/</sup>	
	2004	2005	2004	2005 <sup>2/</sup>
	1,000 acres			
All Corn	70.0	65.0	32.0	22.0
Soybeans	19.0	11.0	17.0	10.0
Peanuts	145.0	180.0	130.0	165.0
All Cotton	89.0	85.0	87.0	<sup>3/</sup>
All Hay	--	--	260.0	265.0
Sugarcane for Sugar and Seed	--	--	406.0	420.0
Tobacco	--	--	4.0	2.8
Winter Wheat	18.0	20.0	15.0	14.0

<sup>1/</sup> Harvested for principal use of each crop, i.e., grain, beans, nuts, etc. <sup>2/</sup> Forecasted. <sup>3/</sup> Estimates to be released August 12, 2005.

## UNITED STATES CROP HIGHLIGHTS

**CORN:** The 2005 corn planted area for all purposes is estimated at 81.6 million acres, up 1 percent from 2004 and 4 percent above 2003. This is the largest corn acreage since 1985, when 83.4 million acres were planted for all purposes. Growers expect to harvest 74.4 million acres for grain, up 1 percent from 2004. Farmers responding to the survey indicated that over 99 percent of the corn acreage had been planted at the time of the interview compared with the average of 97 percent for the past 10 years.

**WINTER WHEAT:** The 2005 winter wheat planted area, at 41.4 million acres, is 4 percent below last year and down less than 1 percent from the previous estimate. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 34.3 million acres, down 2 percent from the June 1 forecast and 1 percent below the 2004 total. Harvested acreage declined from the previous forecast across much of the country, especially in the southern Great Plains where growers were plagued by dry spring weather and freeze damage.

**SOYBEANS:** The 2005 soybean planted area is estimated at 73.3 million acres, down 3 percent from last year. Area planted decreased or was unchanged from last year in all States except Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Texas. Area for harvest is forecast at 72.4 million acres, down 2 percent from 2004.

**HAY:** Producers expect to harvest 61.7 million acres of all hay in 2005, down fractionally from 2004. Harvested area of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures is forecast at 22.1 million acres, up 2 percent from last year. All other hay harvested area is expected to total 39.6 million acres, down 2 percent. Declines in alfalfa hay acres are expected in States along the Pacific coast and in the central Great Plains. The largest decrease of all other hay acreage is in Texas, where expected acreage is down 500,000 acres from last year. This decline is attributed to many growers grazing out their hay fields instead of cutting this year due to large amounts of hay stocks and dry weather conditions.

**PEANUTS:** Area planted to peanuts in 2005 is estimated at 1.65 million acres, up 15 percent from 2004. Area for harvest is estimated at 1.61 million acres, up 16 percent from last year. Southeast growers (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina) planted 1.25 million acres, up 25 percent from 2004. The increase can be attributed to provisions in the 2002 farm bill, which resulted in acreage spreading to regions that did not traditionally

produce peanuts. Wet and cool weather delayed some planting, but drier conditions in May allowed planting progress to return to near normal rates in much of the area. Crop development progressed behind normal, as peanuts pegging for all States in the Southeast lagged the 5-year average.

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**COTTON:** The U.S. planted area for all cotton in 2005 is estimated at 14.0 million acres, up 3 percent from 2004. Upland cotton acreage totaled 13.8 million acres, also up 3 percent. Growers intend to increase American-Pima cotton planted area 7 percent from 2004, to 266,000 acres. Upland growers in the Southeastern States (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia) planted 2.99 million acres of upland cotton, an increase of 1 percent from the previous year and 2 percent more than they had originally intended in March. After a cool, wet early spring, an extended period of dry weather moved across most of the Southeast. By early-June, all States were the same as or slightly ahead of the normal planting pace.

**TOBACCO:** U.S. all tobacco area for harvest in 2005 is estimated at 316,860 acres, down 22 percent from 2004 and 1 percent below the March intentions. If realized, this will be the lowest harvested acreage on record. The previous low of 369,000 acres occurred in 1868. Harvested area for flue-cured and burley tobacco is down significantly from a year ago. However, harvested area for fire-cured tobacco increased from 2004, while dark air-cured decreased from a year ago. Acreage this year was heavily impacted by the elimination of the tobacco quota program and price supports. Flue-cured tobacco, at 186,300 acres, is 18 percent below a year ago, and down 2 percent from the March intentions. Flue-cured acreage accounts for 59 percent of this year's total tobacco acreage. Acreage in North Carolina, the leading flue-cured State, is down 14 percent from last year. Harvested acreage declined in Virginia, Georgia, and South Carolina, by 39 percent, 30 percent, and 15 percent, respectively.

## UNITED STATES CROP ACREAGE

Crop	Planted for all purposes		Harvested or to be harvested <sup>1/</sup>	
	2004	2005	2004	2005 <sup>2/</sup>
<i>1,000 acres</i>				
Corn	80,930.0	81,592.0	73,632.0	74,368.0
Sorghum	7,486.0	7,013.0	6,517.0	6,030.0
Oats	4,085.0	4,342.0	1,792.0	1,976.0
All wheat	59,674.0	58,080.0	49,999.0	50,361.0
Winter wheat	43,350.0	41,408.0	34,462.0	34,271.0
Soybeans	75,208.0	73,303.0	73,958.0	72,384.0
Peanuts	1,430.0	1,649.0	1,394.0	1,612.0
All cotton	13,658.6	14,026.0	13,057.0	<sup>3/</sup>
All hay	--	--	61,916.0	61,723.0
All tobacco	--	--	408.0	316.9
Sugarbeets	1,345.9	1,284.6	1,306.9	1,257.5
Sugarcane for sugar and seed	--	--	938.2	947.9

<sup>1/</sup> Harvested for principal use of each crop, i.e., grain, beans, nuts, etc. <sup>2/</sup> Forecasted. <sup>3/</sup> Estimates to be released August 12, 2005

**HOGS AND PIGS: Inventory numbers, breeding, market, and total, June 1, 2004 and 2005**

State	Breeding			Market			Total		
	2004	2005	2005 As % of 2004	2004	2005	2005 As % of 2004	2004	2005	2005 As % of 2004
	<i>1,000 head</i>			<i>1,000 head</i>			<i>1,000 head</i>		
AR	85	85	100	250	210	84	335	295	88
CO	140	140	100	610	630	103	750	770	103
IL	420	430	102	3,530	3,670	104	3,950	4,100	104
IN	290	300	93	2,860	2,800	98	3,150	3,100	98
IA	1,060	1,070	101	15,040	15,230	101	16,100	16,300	101
KS	165	155	94	1,565	1,545	99	1,730	1,700	98
MI	95	100	105	815	800	98	910	900	99
MN	600	600	100	6,000	6,000	100	6,600	6,600	100
MO	320	340	106	2,630	2,510	95	2,950	2,850	97
NE	360	355	99	2,490	2,395	96	2,850	2,750	96
NC	1,010	1,020	101	9,190	8,880	97	10,200	9,900	97
OH	155	160	103	1,315	1,440	110	1,470	1,600	109
OK	350	360	103	2,100	2,040	97	2,450	2,400	98
PA	110	100	91	900	970	108	1,010	1,070	106
SD	145	145	100	1,085	1,255	116	1,230	1,400	114
TX	110	100	91	780	820	105	890	920	103
WI	50	50	100	390	380	97	440	430	98
Oth Sts <sup>1/</sup>	472	467	99	3,210	3,259	102	3,683	3,727	101
US	5,937	5,977	101	54,760	54,834	100	60,698	60,812	100

<sup>1/</sup> Individual State estimates not available for the 33 other States.

**MARKET HOGS AND PIGS: Inventory number by weight groups, June 1, 2004 and 2005**

State	Under 60 lbs		60-119 lbs		120-179 lbs		180 lbs and over	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	<i>1,000 head</i>							
AR	145	145	40	20	30	25	35	25
CO	335	345	95	110	80	60	100	115
IL	1,330	1,340	870	900	750	770	580	660
IN	1,040	1,020	660	700	600	570	560	510
IA	4,540	4,550	4,300	4,230	3,350	3,550	2,850	2,900
KS	530	550	330	305	275	290	430	400
MI	300	300	200	200	170	155	145	145
MN	2,380	2,380	1,420	1,440	1,260	1,250	940	930
MO	1,300	1,210	550	490	480	460	300	350
NE	980	960	660	610	460	470	390	355
NC	3,690	3,540	2,200	2,140	1,800	1,740	1,500	1,460
OH	535	580	310	340	290	320	180	200
OK	980	960	330	330	310	250	480	500
PA	310	280	230	290	190	230	170	170
SD	370	455	290	320	250	260	175	220
TX	255	310	165	150	185	165	175	95
WI	150	140	85	90	80	80	75	70
Oth Sts <sup>1/</sup>	1,122	1,163	765	791	696	698	629	608
US	20,292	20,223	13,500	13,456	11,256	11,343	9,714	9,813

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## UNITED STATES: HOGS AND PIGS

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2005 was 60.8 million head. This was up slightly from June 1, 2004, and up 2 percent from March 1, 2005.

Breeding inventory, at 5.98 million head, was up 1 percent from both June 1, 2004 and last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 54.8 million head, was up slightly from last year, and up 2 percent from last quarter.

The March - May 2005 U.S. pig crop, at 25.9 million head, was up 1 percent from both 2004 and 2003. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.87 million head, unchanged from last year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.02 for the March - May 2005 period, compared to 8.93 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 for operations with 1-99 hogs to 9.10 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.90 million sows farrow during the June-August 2005 quarter, virtually unchanged from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2004, but down one-half of one percent from 2003. Intended farrowings for September-November 2005, at 2.88 million sows, are unchanged from the same period in 2004, but up 1 percent from 2003.

The total number of hogs under contract, owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 40 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, up from 38 percent last year.

HOGS AND PIGS:	U.S. inventory number, sows farrowing and pig crop, 2004 and 2005.		
	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004
	<i>1,000 head</i>		
June 1 Inventory			
All hogs and pigs	60,698	60,812	100
Kept for breeding	5,937	5,977	101
Market	54,760	54,834	100
Market hogs and pigs by weight groups:			
Under 60 pounds	20,292	20,223	100
60-119 pounds	13,500	13,456	100
120-179 pounds	11,256	11,343	101
180 pounds	9,714	9,813	101
Sows farrowing:			
December <sup>1</sup> -February	2,836	2,851	101
March-May	2,870	2,870	100
December <sup>1</sup> -May	5,706	5,721	100
June-August <sup>2</sup>	2,905	2,902	100
September-November	2,888	2,880	100
June-November <sup>2</sup>	5,793	5,783	100
Pig crop:			
December <sup>1</sup> -February	25,105	25,489	102
March-May	25,633	25,884	101
December <sup>1</sup> -May	50,737	51,373	101
June-August	26,162		
September-November	25,881		
June-November	52,043		

<sup>1</sup>/ December preceeding year. <sup>2</sup>/ Intentions for 2005.