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## 2014 Kentucky Crop Production

**Corn** production in **Kentucky** is estimated at 226 million bushels, up 2 percent from the November forecast, but down 7 percent from the previous crop. Yield was estimated at 158 bushels per acre, up 5 bushels from the November forecast, but down 12 bushels from the 2013 level. Acres for harvest as grain were estimated at 1.43 million acres, unchanged from 2013. The **U.S.** corn production is estimated at 14.2 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the November forecast, but up 3 percent from the revised 2013 estimate. The average yield in the United States is estimated at a record high of 171.0 bushels per acre. This is down 2.4 bushels from the November forecast but 12.9 bushels above the revised 2013 average yield of 158.1 bushels per acre. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 83.1 million acres, up slightly from the November forecast but down 5 percent from the revised 2013 acreage.

**Soybean** production for **Kentucky** is estimated at a record high 84.0 million bushels, unchanged from the November forecast but up 1 percent from 2013. Yield was estimated at 48 bushels per acre, unchanged from the November forecast but down 2.0 bushels from a year ago. Acreage for harvest as beans was estimated at 1.75 million acres, up 90,000 acres from the previous year. **U.S.** soybean production in 2014 totaled 3.97 billion bushels, up slightly from the November forecast and up 18 percent from last year. The average yield per acre is estimated at a record high 47.8 bushels, 0.3 bushels above the November forecast and 3.8 bushels above the 2013 yield. Harvested area is up 9 percent from 2013 to 83.1 million acres and is the highest on record.

**Kentucky burley tobacco** production is estimated at 163 million pounds, up 2 percent from the October forecast and up 10 percent from 2013. Yield was estimated at 2,150 pounds per acre, down 50 pounds from October forecast but up 150 pounds from the 2013 crop. Harvested acreage was estimated at 76,000 acres, up 2,000 acres from last year's crop. For the **burley producing states** production is estimated at 213 million pounds, up 11 percent from last year. Burley growers plan to harvest 101,500 acres, up 3 percent from 2013. Yields were estimated at 2,100 pounds per acre, up 156 pounds from last year.

Production of **Kentucky dark fire-cured** tobacco is estimated at 36.4 million pounds, up 30 percent from the previous year. **Dark air-cured** tobacco production is estimated at 14.5 million pounds, up 28 percent from last year.

**Alfalfa hay** production by **Kentucky** farmers is forecast at 561,000 tons, down 15 percent the 2013 level. **Other hay** production is estimated at 4.20 million tons, down 13 percent from last year.

**ANNUAL CROP PRODUCTION SUMMARY 2013-2014  
KENTUCKY AND UNITED STATES**

Crops	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production		
	2013 <sup>1</sup>	2014	2013 <sup>1</sup>	2014	2013 <sup>1</sup>	2014	2013 <sup>1</sup>	2014	14 % of 13
	<b>KENTUCKY</b>								
	<i>(000 ac)</i>	<i>(000 ac)</i>	<i>(000 ac)</i>	<i>(000 ac)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(000 bu)</i>	<i>(000 bu)</i>	<i>%</i>
Corn <sup>2</sup>	1,530	1,520	1,430	1,430	170.0	158.0	243,100	225,940	93
Soybeans <sup>2</sup>	1,670	1,760	1,660	1,750	50.0	48.0	83,000	84,000	101
Wheat, Winter <sup>23</sup>	700	630	610	510	75.0	71.0	45,750	36,210	79
	<i>(000 ac)</i>	<i>(000 ac)</i>	<i>(000 ac)</i>	<i>(000 ac)</i>	<i>(tons)</i>	<i>(tons)</i>	<i>(000 tons)</i>	<i>(000 tons)</i>	<i>%</i>
Hay:	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
All	--	--	2,400	2,265	2.29	2.10	5,500	4,761	87
Alfalfa	--	--	200	165	3.30	3.40	660	561	85
Other, All	--	--	2,200	2,100	2.20	2.00	4,840	4,200	87
	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(000 pounds)</i>	<i>(000 pounds)</i>	<i>%</i>
Tobacco:	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
All	--	--	87,200	91,700	2,147	2,337	187,240	214,280	114
Burley	--	--	74,000	76,000	2,000	2,150	148,000	163,400	110
Dark-Fire Cured	--	--	9,000	10,700	3,100	3,400	27,900	36,380	130
Dark-Air Cured	--	--	4,200	5,000	2,700	2,900	11,340	14,500	128
	<b>UNITED STATES</b>								
	<i>(000 ac)</i>	<i>(000 ac)</i>	<i>(000 ac)</i>	<i>(000 ac)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(000 bu)</i>	<i>(000 bu)</i>	<i>%</i>
Corn <sup>2</sup>	95,365	90,597	87,451	83,136	158.1	171.0	13,828,964	14,215,532	103
Soybeans <sup>2</sup>	76,840	83,701	76,253	83,061	44.0	47.8	3,357,984	3,968,823	118
Wheat, Winter <sup>23</sup>	43,230	42,399	32,650	32,304	47.3	42.6	1,542,902	1,377,526	89
	<i>(000 ac)</i>	<i>(000 ac)</i>	<i>(000 ac)</i>	<i>(000 ac)</i>	<i>(tons)</i>	<i>(tons)</i>	<i>(000 tons)</i>	<i>(000 tons)</i>	<i>%</i>
Hay:	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
All	--	--	57,897	57,092	2.33	2.45	135,002	139,798	104
Alfalfa	--	--	17,673	18,445	3.24	3.33	57,217	61,446	107
Other, All	--	--	40,224	38,647	1.93	2.03	77,785	78,352	101
	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(000 pounds)</i>	<i>(000 pounds)</i>	<i>%</i>
Tobacco:	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
All	--	--	355,675	378,360	2,034	2,316	723,579	876,415	121
Burley	--	--	99,000	101,500	1,944	2,100	192,465	213,160	111
Dark-Fire Cured	--	--	16,250	18,630	3,101	3,175	50,388	59,146	117
Dark-Air Cured	--	--	5,200	6,150	2,652	2,844	13,790	17,490	127

Commodities with estimates not available are (denoted by "--").

<sup>1</sup>Revisions possible. <sup>2</sup> Area harvested represents grain. <sup>3</sup> Includes area planted in preceding fall.

**Winter Wheat Seeded Acreage  
Selected States & U.S., 2014 - 2015**

State	Acreage Seeded <sup>1</sup>		
	2014 Crop	2015 Crop	15 % of 14
	<i>(1,000 Acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 Acres)</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Illinois	740	550	74
Indiana	390	360	92
Kansas	9,600	9,400	98
<b>Kentucky</b>	630	640	102
Missouri	880	650	74
Ohio	620	540	87
Oklahoma	5,300	5,100	96
Tennessee	530	500	94
Texas	6,000	5,900	98
<b>United States</b>	42,399	40,452	95

<sup>1</sup> Total acreage seeded for all purposes.

**Off-Farm Storage Capacity  
December 1, 2013 & 2014**

State	Number of Off-Farm Facilities		Rated Off-Farm Storage Capacity	
	12-1-13	12-1-14	12-1-13	12-1-14
	<i>(000 bu.)</i>	<i>(000 bu.)</i>	<i>(000 bu.)</i>	<i>(000 bu.)</i>
Illinois	850	850	1,451,000	1,460,000
Indiana	380	380	478,700	510,000
<b>Kentucky</b>	155	155	74,000	74,000
Missouri	335	330	245,000	245,000
Ohio	380	370	425,200	425,000
Tennessee	150	150	61,000	63,000
<b>United States</b>	8,745	8,701	10,429,200	10,659,920

Off-farm capacity data includes all elevators, warehouses, terminals, merchant mills, other storage and oilseed crushers which store whole grains, soybeans, canola, flaxseed, mustard seed, safflower, sunflower, and rapeseed.

**Kentucky and United States Stocks of Grain, December 1, 2014 with Comparisons**

Crop & Position	Kentucky			United States		
	Dec 2013	Sep 2014 <sup>1</sup>	Dec 2014	Dec 2013	Sep 2014 <sup>1</sup>	Dec 2014
	(000 Bushels)	(000 Bushels)	(000 Bushels)	(000 Bushels)	(000 Bushels)	(000 Bushels)
Corn						
On-Farm	105,000	4,000	110,000	6,380,000	462,000	7,087,000
Off-Farm <sup>2</sup>	30,790	4,354	30,566	4,072,532	769,904	4,115,714
Total	135,790	8,354	140,566	10,452,532	1,231,904	11,202,714
Sorghum						
On-Farm	(3)	(3)	(3)	32,950	1,945	30,500
Off-Farm <sup>2</sup>	(4)	(4)	(3)	198,441	32,087	198,586
Total	(4)	(4)	(4)	231,391	34,032	229,086
Oats						
On-Farm	(3)	(3)	(3)	25,650	41,400	31,300
Off-Farm <sup>2</sup>	(4)	(4)	(4)	22,394	32,910	30,907
Total	(4)	(4)	(4)	48,044	74,310	62,207
Barley						
On-Farm	(3)	(3)	(3)	81,340	97,820	74,410
Off-Farm <sup>1</sup>	(4)	(4)	(4)	88,063	81,997	83,308
Total	(4)	(4)	(4)	169,403	179,817	157,718
All Wheat						
On-Farm	(5)	(5)	(5)	398,400	713,450	472,550
Off-Farm <sup>2</sup>	8,038	13,648	9,880	1,076,451	1,193,770	1,052,040
Total	(5)	(5)	(5)	1,474,851	1,907,220	1,524,590
Soybeans						
On-Farm	(5)	(5)	(5)	955,000	21,325	1,218,000
Off-Farm <sup>2</sup>	11,328	(4)	11,929	1,198,621	70,666	1,305,651
Total	(5)	(5)	(5)	2,153,621	91,991	2,523,651

<sup>1</sup> Data may have been revised. <sup>2</sup> Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors. <sup>3</sup> On-Farm stocks estimates not made. <sup>4</sup> Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. <sup>5</sup> Kentucky is a minor State, not published separately.

**Crop Average Prices Received**

Commodity	Kentucky			U.S.
	Dec 2013	Nov 2014	Dec 2014	Dec 2014
	Entire Month		Mid-Month <sup>1</sup>	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
All Corn (Bu) <sup>23</sup>	4.74	3.61	3.90	3.77
Soybeans (Bu) <sup>2</sup>	13.20	10.50	10.50	10.20
Winter Wheat (Bu) <sup>2</sup>	(4)	(4)	(4)	6.11
Hay, Alfalfa (Ton)	200.00	190.00	195.00	182.00
Hay, Other (Ton)	105.00	90.00	95.00	119.00

<sup>1</sup> Preliminary. <sup>2</sup> Includes contract sales paid during month. <sup>3</sup> Includes yellow and white corn. <sup>4</sup> Kentucky is a minor State, not published separately.

**Livestock Average Prices Received <sup>1</sup>**

Commodity	United States		
	Dec 2013	Nov 2014	Dec 2014
	Entire Mon		Mid-Mon <sup>2</sup>
	\$/ Cwt.	\$/ Cwt.	\$/ Cwt.
All Hogs	61.50	66.70	66.50
Barrows & Gilts	61.30	66.40	66.30
Sows	70.10	74.20	71.80
All Beef Cattle <sup>3</sup>	130.00	167.00	168.00
Steers & Heifers <sup>4</sup>	132.00	169.00	170.00
Cows	83.40	115.00	116.00
Calves <sup>5</sup>	197.00	305.00	305.00

<sup>1</sup> U.S. prices based on data provided by USDA AMS. <sup>2</sup> Preliminary. <sup>3</sup> "Steers & Heifers" and "Cows" combined. <sup>4</sup> 500 lbs. and over. <sup>5</sup> Under 500 lbs. <sup>6</sup> Data not available.

## MILK PRODUCTION

**Milk production** in the 23 major States during November totaled 15.5 billion pounds, up 3.5 percent from November 2013. October revised production, at 16.0 billion pounds, was up 3.7 percent from October 2013. The October revision represented a decrease of 35 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

**Production per cow** in the 23 major States averaged 1,806 pounds for November, 41 pounds above November 2013. This is the highest production per cow for the month of November since the 23 State series began in 2003.

**The number of milk cows** on farms in the 23 major States was 8.59 million head, 93,000 head more than November 2013, and 3,000 head more than October 2014.

### Hogs and Pigs: Inventory Numbers by Class & Weight Groups December 1, 2013 - 2014, Selected States and U.S.

State	Total		Breeding		Market		Market Hogs			
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	< 50	50-119	120-179	> 180
							pounds			
	2014									
	<i>1,000 hd</i>									
CO	690	690	150	150	540	540	265	115	80	80
IL	4,550	4,600	500	500	4,050	4,100	1,310	1,140	750	900
IN	3,650	3,600	280	290	3,370	3,310	990	900	640	780
IA	20,200	20,900	970	1,010	19,230	19,890	5,110	6,300	4,710	3,770
KS	1,750	1,800	170	180	1,580	1,620	445	395	320	460
<b>KY</b>	315	325	38	40	277	285	93	94	48	50
MI	1,060	1,100	110	110	950	990	300	225	220	245
MN	7,800	7,850	550	560	7,250	7,290	2,560	2,100	1,460	1,170
MO	2,750	2,750	345	400	2,405	2,350	1,100	440	360	450
NE	3,050	3,100	390	405	2,660	2,695	900	790	515	490
NC	8,500	8,600	870	880	7,630	7,720	2,910	1,730	1,580	1,500
OH	2,200	2,150	170	170	2,030	1,980	570	580	490	340
OK	1,980	2,070	420	440	1,560	1,630	640	400	270	320
PA	1,080	1,100	100	100	980	1,000	255	320	215	210
SD	1,200	1,250	165	170	1,035	1,080	360	275	210	235
TX	590	760	80	100	510	660	155	150	140	215
UT	700	580	75	75	625	505	210	100	100	95
Other <sup>1</sup>										
US	64,775	66,050	5,757	5,969	59,018	60,082	19,026	16,630	12,635	11,791

<sup>1</sup> Individual State estimates not available for the 34 other States. Kentucky included in "Other".

**Internet Access:** Data including this report are available free of charge on our Internet homepage located at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ky>. Links to the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, the University of Kentucky Agricultural Weather Center and other web sites related to Kentucky Agriculture are also included. National & State reports and data are available on the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service homepage located at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/>