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## Soybean Acres Up and Corn Acres Down from Last Year

Soybeans planted in Kentucky were estimated at 1.85 million acres, up 90,000 acres from 2014. Acres harvested for grain, at 1.84 million acres, was 90,000 above acres a year ago. U.S. soybean planted area for 2015 was estimated at 85.1 million acres, up 2 percent from last year. Area for harvest, at 84.4 million acres, is up 2 percent from 2014.

Acreage planted to corn in Kentucky was estimated at 1.40 million acres, down 120,000 acres from 2014. Acres harvested for grain was estimated at 1.30 million acres, down 130,000 acres from last year. The U.S. corn planted for all purposes in 2015 was estimated at 88.9 million acres, down 2 acres from last year. Growers expect to harvest 81.1 million acres for grain, down 2 percent from last year.

Farmers in Kentucky intend to set an estimated 62,000 acres of burley tobacco for harvest. This was down 14,000 from the 2014 level. Dark fire-cured tobacco acreage set was estimated at 9,500 acres, down 1,200 acres from the previous year. Dark air-cured tobacco acreage was estimated at 5,000 acres, unchanged from a year ago. Burley producing states acreage for harvest was estimated at 84,000 acres, 17 percent below last year.

Winter wheat seeded acreage in Kentucky was estimated at 600,000 acres, 30,000 acres below the previous year. Acreage harvested for grain was estimated at 450,000 acres, 60,000 acres below 2014. The U.S. Winter wheat planted area was estimated at 40.6 million acres, down 4 percent from 2014. Area harvested for grain was forecast at 33.3 million acres, up 3 percent from last year.

Alfalfa hay acreage in Kentucky was estimated at 175,000 acres, up 10,000 from the 2014 crop. All other hay was estimated at 2.10 million acres, unchanged from a year ago. The U.S. All hay acreage was estimated at 56.5 million acres, down 1 percent from 2014.

**Planted and Harvested Acres, June 2015 - Kentucky and United States**

	Kentucky				United States			
	Planted <sup>1</sup>		Harvested		Planted <sup>1</sup>		Harvested	
	2014 <i>(1,000 acres)</i>	2015 <i>(1,000 acres)</i>	2014 <i>(1,000 acres)</i>	2015 <sup>2</sup> <i>(1,000 acres)</i>	2014 <i>(1,000 acres)</i>	2015 <i>(1,000 acres)</i>	2014 <i>(1,000 acres)</i>	2015 <sup>2</sup> <i>(1,000 acres)</i>
Corn	1,520	1,400	1,430	1,300	90,597	88,897	83,136	81,101
Soybeans	1,760	1,850	1,750	1,840	83,701	85,139	83,061	84,449
Wheat, Winter <sup>3</sup>	630	600	510	450	42,399	40,620	32,304	33,329
Hay:								
All	--	--	2,265	2,275	--	--	57,092	56,539
Alfalfa	--	--	165	175	--	--	18,445	18,337
Other, All			2,100	2,100			38,647	38,202
	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>
Tobacco:								
All	--	--	91,700	76,500	--	--	378,360	320,950
Burley	--	--	76,000	62,000	--	--	101,500	84,000
Dark Fire-Cured	--	--	10,700	9,500	--	--	18,630	17,450
Dark Air-Cured	--	--	5,000	5,000	--	--	6,150	6,200

<sup>1</sup> Commodities with planted estimates not available are (denoted by "--"). <sup>2</sup> Forecasted. <sup>3</sup> Includes area planted in preceding fall.

**Winter Wheat, Selected States & U.S., July 1, 2015**

State	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Yield/Ac			Production	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015		2014	2015
						June	July		
	<i>(1,000 Ac)</i>	<i>(1,000 Ac)</i>	<i>(1,000 Ac)</i>	<i>(1,000 Ac)</i>	<i>(Bushels)</i>	<i>(Bushels)</i>	<i>(Bushels)</i>	<i>(1,000 bushels)</i>	<i>(1,000 bushels)</i>
Colorado	2,750	2,500	2,350	2,250	38.0	38.0	39.0	89,300	87,750
Illinois	740	590	670	560	67.0	66.0	66.0	44,890	36,960
Indiana	390	340	335	305	76.0	74.0	72.0	25,460	21,960
Kansas	9,600	9,400	8,800	8,800	28.0	37.0	38.0	246,400	334,400
<b>KENTUCKY</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>71.0</b>	<b>73.0</b>	<b>72.0</b>	<b>36,210</b>	<b>32,400</b>
Missouri	880	800	740	710	58.0	60.0	56.0	42,920	39,760
Montana	2,500	2,400	2,240	2,300	41.0	44.0	41.0	91,840	94,300
Nebraska	1,550	1,500	1,450	1,300	49.0	42.0	42.0	71,050	54,600
Ohio	620	550	545	500	74.0	73.0	70.0	40,330	35,000
Oklahoma	5,300	5,400	2,800	3,700	17.0	28.0	26.0	47,600	96,200
South Dakota	1,210	1,420	1,080	960	55.0	41.0	41.0	59,400	39,360
Tennessee	530	470	475	410	66.0	71.0	67.0	31,350	27,470
Texas	6,000	6,000	2,250	3,600	30.0	32.0	31.0	67,500	111,600
Washington	1,700	1,750	1,640	1,690	52.0	62.0	59.0	85,280	99,710
<b>U.S.</b>	<b>42,399</b>	<b>40,620</b>	<b>32,304</b>	<b>33,329</b>	<b>42.6</b>	<b>44.5</b>	<b>43.7</b>	<b>1,377,526</b>	<b>1,455,516</b>

**Kentucky and United States Stocks of Grain, June 1, 2015 with Comparisons**

Crop & Position	Kentucky			United States		
	Jun 2014	Mar 2015 <sup>1</sup>	Jun 2015	Jun 2014	Mar 2015 <sup>1</sup>	Jun 2015
	<i>(000 Bushels)</i>	<i>(000 Bushels)</i>	<i>(000 Bushels)</i>	<i>(000 Bushels)</i>	<i>(000 Bushels)</i>	<i>(000 Bushels)</i>
Corn						
On-Farm	12,500	60,000	21,500	1,863,200	4,380,000	2,275,000
Off-Farm <sup>2</sup>	17,476	27,818	18,297	1,988,516	3,369,806	2,171,701
Total	29,976	87,818	39,797	3,851,716	7,749,806	4,446,701
Sorghum						
On-Farm	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	4,500	9,000	2,920
Off-Farm <sup>2</sup>	(D)	(D)	(D)	87,924	110,856	30,285
Total	(D)	(D)	(D)	92,424	119,856	33,205
Oats						
On-Farm	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	9,710	20,810	15,120
Off-Farm <sup>2</sup>	(D)	(D)	(D)	15,029	38,609	38,591
Total	(D)	(D)	(D)	24,739	59,419	53,711
Barley						
On-Farm	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	19,110	41,990	20,940
Off-Farm <sup>2</sup>	(D)	(D)	(D)	63,145	76,247	57,710
Total	(D)	(D)	(D)	82,255	118,237	78,650
All Wheat						
On-Farm	(D)	(D)	(D)	96,995	278,710	155,170
Off-Farm <sup>2</sup>	(D)	8,687	5,520	493,288	861,697	597,466
Total	(D)	(D)	(D)	590,283	1,140,407	752,636
Soybeans						
On-Farm	(D)	(D)	(D)	109,100	609,200	246,300
Off-Farm <sup>2</sup>	(D)	4,550	(D)	295,945	717,399	379,104
Total	(D)	(D)	(D)	405,045	1,326,599	625,404

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

(NA) Not available.

<sup>1</sup> Data may have been revised. <sup>2</sup> Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors.

**Livestock Average Prices Received <sup>1 2</sup>**

Commodity	United States		
	May 2014	Apr 2015	May 2015
	<i>\$/Cwt.</i>	<i>\$/Cwt.</i>	<i>\$/Cwt.</i>
All Hogs	82.80	49.00	58.90
Barrows & Gilts	82.60	49.40	60.00
Sows	89.00	38.50	31.40
All Beef Cattle <sup>3</sup>	146.00	162.00	160.00
Steers & Heifers <sup>4</sup>	147.00	164.00	161.00
Cows	104.00	113.00	114.00
Calves <sup>5</sup>	229.00	288.00	288.00

<sup>1</sup> U.S. prices based on data provided by USDA AMS. <sup>2</sup> Only full month prices published starting in January 2015. <sup>3</sup> "Steers & Heifers" and "Cows" combined. <sup>4</sup> 500 lbs. and over. <sup>5</sup> Under 500 lbs.

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

Commodity	Kentucky		U.S.	
	May 2014	May 2015	May 2014	May 2015
	<i>\$</i>	<i>\$</i>	<i>\$</i>	<i>\$</i>
All Corn (Bu) <sup>23</sup>	5.02	3.81	4.71	3.62
Soybeans (Bu) <sup>2</sup>	14.80	10.00	14.40	9.60
Winter Wheat (Bu) <sup>2</sup>	(4)	(4)	7.26	5.19
Hay, Alfalfa (Ton)	190.00	210.00	225.00	192.00
Hay, Other (Ton)	90.00	110.00	151.00	134.00

<sup>1</sup> Only full month prices published starting in January 2015. <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.

## MILK PRODUCTION

**Milk production** in the 23 major States during May totaled 17.2 billion pounds, up 1.4 percent from May 2014. April revised production at 16.6 billion pounds, was up 1.8 percent from April 2014. The April revision represented an increase of 3.0 million pounds or less than 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

**Production per cow** in the 23 major States averaged 1,990 pounds for May, 11 pounds above May 2014. This is the highest production per cow for the month of May since the 23 State series began in 2003.

**The number of milk cows** on farms in the 23 major States was 8.63 million head, 72,000 head more than May, and 4,000 head more than April 2015.

### Hogs and Pigs: Inventory Numbers by Class & Weight Groups June 1, 2014 - 2015, Selected States and U.S.

State	Total		Breeding		Market		Market Hogs			
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	< 50	50-119	120-179	> 180
							pounds			
	2015									
	<i>1,000 hd</i>									
CO	690	700	160	145	530	555	280	120	75	80
IL	4,300	4,600	490	490	3,810	4,110	1,270	1,210	850	780
IN	3,500	3,600	270	270	3,230	3,330	940	950	650	790
IA	19,100	21,000	1,000	1,000	18,100	20,000	5,100	6,380	4,820	3,700
KS	1,640	1,850	170	180	1,470	1,670	430	495	325	420
MI	990	1,100	110	110	880	990	275	255	230	230
MN	7,650	8,050	570	550	7,080	7,500	2,570	2,200	1,540	1,190
MO	2,450	2,900	380	395	2,070	2,505	1,255	475	370	405
NE	3,000	3,200	390	410	2,610	2,790	860	765	615	550
NC	7,600	8,000	860	880	6,740	7,120	2,830	1,650	1,320	1,320
OH	1,970	2,370	165	185	1,805	2,185	640	650	525	370
OK	1,890	2,230	430	440	1,460	1,790	740	380	270	400
PA	1,110	1,160	100	105	1,010	1,055	290	335	220	210
SD	1,210	1,320	175	170	1,035	1,150	405	320	215	210
TX	670	870	100	105	570	765	240	195	125	205
UT	720	710	75	75	645	635	280	120	115	120
Other <sup>1</sup>	3,078	3,240	410	416	2,668	2,825	1,050	681	545	549
US	61,568	66,900	5,855	5,926	55,713	60,975	19,455	17,181	12,810	11,529

<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/>