



March 1 Grain Stocks

On March 1, 2019, Michigan corn stocks totaled 177 million bushels, 15 percent higher than a year earlier. About 62 percent of the corn was stored on farms. The second quarter disappearance was 59.6 million bushels, compared with 82.8 million bushels a year earlier. Soybean stocks on March 1, 2019, were 68.1 million bushels. That was 56 percent higher than stocks a year earlier and a March 1

record high. The second quarter indicated disappearance was 22.4 million bushels. Farm stocks of soybeans were 28.0 million bushels. Wheat stocks on March 1, 2019, were 41.4 million bushels, 9 percent above a year ago. Approximately 96 percent of wheat stocks were in commercial storage. Third quarter indicated disappearance was 7.98 million bushels, 12 percent of supply.

March Hogs and Pigs

Michigan's total hog and pig inventory on March 1 was estimated at 1.21 million head, up 10,000 head from a year ago. Breeding hog inventory, at 120,000 head, remained unchanged from last March. Market hog inventory, at 1.09 million head, was up 1 percent from last year. The average pigs saved per litter for the December-February 2019 quarter was 10.90, compared to 10.70 last year.

The December-February 2019 pig crop, at 33.0 million head, was up 3 percent from 2018. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.08 million head, up 2 percent from 2018. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high of 10.70 for the December-February period, compared to 10.58 last year.

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2019 was 74.3 million head. This was up 2 percent from March 1, 2018, but down slightly from December 1, 2018. Breeding inventory, at 6.35 million head, was up 2 percent from last year, and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 67.9 million head, was up 2 percent from last year, but down slightly from last quarter.

United States hog producers intend to have 3.12 million sows farrow during the March-May 2019 quarter, up 1 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2018, and up 3 percent from 2017. Intended farrowings for June-August 2019, at 3.19 million sows, are down slightly from 2018, but up 3 percent from 2017.

2018 Crop Values Summary

The preliminary farm value of Michigan field crops produced in 2018 was \$2.94 billion, up 2 percent from 2017. The increase was largely due to higher corn and wheat prices and increased soybean production. Some Michigan highlights from the Crop Values Annual Summary report follow:

- Corn for grain value increased 1 percent to \$1.05 billion in 2018. The average price was \$3.55 per bushel.
- Soybean value of \$941 million was up 4 percent from 2017. The average price was \$8.60 per bushel.

➤ Wheat value increased 18 percent to \$180 million. The average price was \$5.05 per bushel.

➤ Dry bean value, \$126.5 million, was down 2 percent from last year. The average price was \$27.30 per cwt.

Nationally:

➤ U.S. corn for grain value increased 4 percent to \$51.5 billion in 2018.

➤ Soybean value in the U.S. was down 5 percent to \$39.1 billion.

➤ U.S. all wheat value increased 17 percent to \$9.7 billion.

February Agricultural Prices

Prices received by Michigan farmers for the full month of February 2019 are listed in the table below. Some Michigan highlights were: February corn, at \$3.69 per bushel, increased \$0.06 from January and increased \$0.19 from last year; February soybeans, at \$8.60 per bushel, decreased

\$0.02 from last month and decreased \$1.06 from last year; February wheat, at \$5.22 per bushel, decreased \$0.13 from January but increased \$0.71 from last year; February milk, at \$15.80 per cwt., increased \$0.10 from last month and increased \$2.00 from last year.

Prices Received by Farmers¹, February 2019

Commodity	Michigan			United States		
	Feb 2018	Jan 2018	Feb 2019	Feb 2018	Jan 2018	Feb 2019
Corn dollars/bu	3.50	3.63	3.69	3.38	3.56	3.60
Hay, alfalfa dollars/ton	175.00	175.00	170.00	155.00	181.00	180.00
Hay, other dollars/ton	145.00	145.00	140.00	123.00	146.00	146.00
Oats dollars/bu	3.12	3.86	3.62	2.63	2.70	2.84
Soybeans dollars/bu	9.66	8.62	8.60	9.50	8.63	8.52
Wheat, winter dollars/bu	4.51	5.35	5.22	4.63	5.25	5.41
Milk, all dollars/cwt	13.80	15.70	15.80	15.30	16.60	16.80

¹ Entire month weighted average price.

Chickens and Eggs

All layers in Michigan totaled 16.2 million during February, up 6 percent from a year ago. Egg production totaled 357 million eggs, up 4 percent from last year. The rate of lay during February was 2,211 eggs per 100 layers.

All layers in the U.S. totaled 397.6 million during February, up 2 percent from a year ago. There were 22.9 million turkey poults hatched in the U.S. in February, up 1 percent from the previous year.

Egg and Hatchery Production, February 2019

Item		2018	2019	Percent Change
Michigan				
All layers	Thousand	15,301	16,157	6
Eggs per hundred layers	Number	2,239	2,211	-1
Eggs produced	Million	343	357	4
U.S.				
All Layers	Thousand	390,282	397,605	2
Eggs per hundred layers	Number	2,121	2,154	2
Eggs produced	Million	8,278	8,563	3
Turkey Eggs in incubators, Mar 1	Thousand	28,463	28,049	-1
Turkey Poults hatched, Feb	Thousand	22,647	22,495	-1

Michigan Trout Production

The value of all trout sold and distributed in Michigan was \$4,076,000 in 2018. This is down 33.8 percent from last year.

Information by sales category was not published to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

Losses of trout intended for sale in Michigan amounted to 152,000 fish, weighing 39,000 pounds.

The total value of fish sales received by trout growers in the United States totaled \$100 million dollars for 2018, a decrease of 10 percent from 2017. Idaho accounted for 40 percent of the total value of fish sold.

Michigan Potato Stocks

Potato Stocks in Michigan on April 1, 2019, were 3.0 million cwt, down 21 percent from last year's 3.8 million cwt. April's stocks represent 16 percent of the total production. Stocks include potatoes stored by both processors and growers.

Prospective Plantings Report

Corn and dry bean planting intentions are higher in Michigan for 2019, while soybean, hay, and sugarbeet acres are expected to decrease.

Michigan producers intend to plant 2.20 million acres of soybeans, down 4 percent from last year. Producers plan to plant 2.35 million acres of corn, up 2 percent from last year.

Winter wheat seedings, at 590 thousand acres, are up 16 percent from 2018.

Area intended for harvest as dry hay in Michigan, at 770 thousand acres, is down 5 percent from last year. Oat planting intentions are down 20 percent from last year to 60 thousand acres.

Acres by Crop – Michigan and United States: 2017 - 2019

Commodity	Michigan			United States		
	2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019
Beans, dry						
Planted 1,000 acres	220	195	200	2,097	2081	1,237
Corn, all						
Planted 1,000 acres	2,250	2,300	2,350	90,167	89,129	92,792
Hay, all						
Harvested 1,000 acres	870	810	770	52,777	52,839	53,090
Oats						
Planted 1,000 acres	55	75	60	2,589	2,746	2,555
Soybeans						
Planted 1,000 acres	2,280	2,300	2,200	90,162	89,196	84,617
Sugarbeets						
Planted 1,000 acres	144.0	150.0	147.0	1,131.4	1,113.1	1,120.2
Wheat, winter						
Planted 1,000 acres	480	510	590	32,726	32,535	31,504

2017 Census of Agriculture Data Now Available

The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) released the final 2017 Census of Agriculture results sharing a wide-range of information about what agricultural products were raised in the United States in 2017, and where, how and by whom they were grown. The data, which are reported at the national, state and county level, will help farmers, ranchers, local officials, agribusiness and others make decisions for the future.

The 2017 Census of Agriculture provides a wide range of demographic, economic, land, and crop and livestock production information. Many of these data about Michigan and our counties are only collected and reported as part of the every-five-year census.

The 2017 Census of Agriculture data show the following key findings for Michigan:

- Van Buren and Ottawa Counties were first and second, respectively, among the Nation’s top blueberry counties in terms of acreage.
- Lenawee County had the largest number of farms in Michigan, at 1,361. Sanilac County was second with 1,315 farms.
- Huron County had the largest total value of agricultural production sold in Michigan, at \$611 million. Allegan was second with \$584 million. Ottawa, Ionia and Sanilac rounded out the top five.
- Grains, oilseeds, dry beans and dry peas accounted for the largest value of agricultural products sold in Michigan in

2017, at \$2.61 billion. Milk from cows was second with \$1.79 billion.

- The average age of Michigan producers was 56.6 years, up from 55.5 years in 2012.
- The number of layers on Michigan farms totaled 15.1 million, up 19 percent from 2012.
- The number of farms with milk cows totaled 2,158, down 251, while milk cow inventory, at 442,032, was up 17 percent from 2012.

Results are available in many online formats including [video presentations](#), a [new data query interface](#), maps, and traditional data tables. All Census of Agriculture information is available at www.nass.usda.gov/AgCensus.

The Census tells the story of American agriculture and is an important part of our history. First conducted in 1840 in conjunction with the decennial Census, the Census of Agriculture accounts for all U.S. farms and ranches and the people who operate them. After 1920, the Census happened every four to five years. By 1982, it was regularly conducted once every five years. Today, NASS sends questionnaires to nearly 3 million potential U.S. farms and ranches. Nearly 25 percent of those who responded did so online. Conducted since 1997 by USDA NASS – the federal statistical agency responsible for producing official data about U.S. agriculture – it remains the only source of comprehensive agricultural data for every state and county in the nation and is invaluable for planning the future.

January Milk Production

Dairy herds in Michigan produced 947 million pounds of milk during January, up 1.0 percent from a year ago. The daily rate per cow was 72.4 pounds, up 1.8 pounds from January 2018. The dairy herd was estimated at 422,000 head for January, down 6,000 head from a year earlier. The average price of milk sold in January by Michigan dairy producers was \$15.70 per cwt., \$0.80 more than the price in January 2018.

Michigan Dairy Summary, January 2019

Item		2017	2018	2019
Cows	1,000 Hd	425	428	422
Milk per cow	Lb/day	70.6	70.6	72.4
Production	Mil lbs	931	937	947
Milk price, all	Dol/cwt	18.10	14.90	15.70
Fat test	Pct	3.81	3.80	3.89
Protein ¹	Pct	3.19	3.22	3.21

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