



March 1 Grain Stocks

On March 1, 2020, Michigan corn stocks totaled 133 million bushels, 24 percent lower than a year earlier. About 56 percent of the corn was stored on farms. The second quarter disappearance was 68.1 million bushels, compared with 60.8 million bushels a year earlier. Soybean stocks on March 1, 2020, were 53.8 million bushels. That was 21 percent lower than stocks a year earlier. The second quarter

indicated disappearance was 15.7 million bushels. Farm stocks of soybeans were 18.0 million bushels. Wheat stocks on March 1, 2020, were 30.3 million bushels, 26 percent below a year ago. Approximately 97 percent of wheat stocks were in commercial storage. Third quarter indicated disappearance was 11.0 million bushels, 17 percent of supply.

March Hogs and Pigs

Michigan's total hog and pig inventory on March 1 was estimated at 1.25 million head, up 20,000 head from a year ago. Breeding hog inventory, at 120,000 head, remained unchanged from last March. Market hog inventory, at 1.13 million head, was up 2 percent from last year. The average pigs saved per litter for the December-February 2020 quarter was 11.10, compared to 10.90 last year.

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2020 was 77.6 million head. This was up 4 percent from March 1, 2019, but down 1 percent from December 1, 2019. Breeding inventory, at 6.38 million head, was up slightly from last year, but down 1 percent from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 71.3 million head, was up 4 percent from last year, but down 1 percent from last quarter.

The December 2019-February 2020 pig crop, at 34.7 million head, was up 5 percent from last year. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.16 million head, up 2 percent from previous year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high of 11.00 for the December 2019-February 2020 period, compared to 10.70 last year.

United States hog producers intend to have 3.12 million sows farrow during the March-May 2020 quarter, down slightly from the actual farrowings during the same period one year earlier, but up 2 percent from the same period two years earlier. Intended farrowings for June-August 2020, at 3.13 million sows, are down 4 percent from the same period one year earlier, and down 1 percent from the same period two years earlier.

Honey Production Up 10 Percent

Michigan honey production for 2019 totaled 4.70 million pounds, up 10 percent from 2018. This estimate included honey from producers with 5 or more colonies. Nationally, Michigan ranked eighth in honey production in 2019. Yields from Michigan's 94,000 honey producing colonies averaged 50 pounds in 2019, up 6 from the previous year.

The Michigan honey price averaged \$2.36 per pound, down 13 cents per pound from last year. Value of production totaled \$11.1 million, up 4 percent from 2018. Honey stocks were 1.36 million pounds, up 77 percent from 2018.

Nationally, honey production in 2019 totaled 157 million pounds, up 2 percent from 2018. There were 2.81 million colonies producing honey in 2019, down 1 percent from 2018. Yield per colony averaged 55.8 pounds, up 2 percent from the 54.5 pounds in 2018. 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 41.0 million pounds on December 15, 2019, up 40 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude those held under the commodity loan program.

United States honey prices decreased 11 percent during 2019 to \$1.97 per pound, compared to \$2.21 per pound in 2018. 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 2018 crop reflect honey sold in 2018 and 2019. Some 2018 crop honey was sold in 2019, which caused some revisions to the 2018 crop prices.

February Agricultural Prices

Prices received by Michigan farmers for the full month of February 2020 are listed in the table below. Some Michigan highlights were: February corn, at \$4.03 per bushel, increased \$0.10 from January and increased \$0.34 from last year; February soybeans, at \$8.94 per bushel, decreased

\$0.09 from last month but increased \$0.33 from last year; February wheat, at \$5.65 per bushel, increased \$0.07 from January and increased \$0.43 from last year; February milk, at \$17.70 per cwt., decreased \$0.70 from last month but increased \$1.90 from last year.

Prices Received by Farmers¹ - Michigan and United States: February 2020 with Comparisons

Commodity	Michigan			United States		
	Feb 2019	Jan 2019	Feb 2020	Feb 2019	Jan 2019	Feb 2020
Beans, dry edible dollars/cwt	30.00	35.10	37.60	26.20	35.20	36.20
Corn dollars/bu	3.69	3.93	4.03	3.60	3.79	3.78
Hay, alfalfa dollars/ton	170.00	190.00	185.00	180.00	171.00	171.00
Hay, other dollars/ton	140.00	140.00	135.00	153.00	134.00	136.00
Oats dollars/bu	3.62	4.24	(D)	2.84	2.93	2.73
Soybeans dollars/bu	8.61	9.03	8.94	8.52	8.84	8.59
Wheat, winter dollars/bu	5.22	5.58	5.65	5.40	4.86	4.98
Milk, all dollars/cwt	15.80	18.40	17.70	16.80	19.60	18.90

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

¹ Entire month weighted average price.

Chickens and Eggs

All layers in Michigan totaled 14.4 million during February, down 11 percent from a year ago. Egg production totaled 334 million eggs, down 7 percent from last year. The rate of lay during February was 2,323 eggs per 100 layers.

All layers in the U.S. totaled 396.7 million during February, down 2 percent from a year ago. There were 22.6 million turkey poult hatched in the U.S. in February, up slightly from the previous year.

Egg and Hatchery Production - Michigan and United States: February 2019 and 2020

Item	2019	2020	Percent Change
Michigan			
All layers thousand	16,157	14,380	-11
Eggs per hundred layers number	2,211	2,323	5
Eggs produced million	357	334	-7
U.S.			
All Layers thousand	403,552	396,689	-2
Eggs per hundred layers number	2,153	2,254	5
Eggs produced million	8,689	8,940	3
Turkey Eggs in incubators, Mar 1 thousand	28,049	27,979	0
Turkey Poults hatched, Feb thousand	22,495	22,567	0

Prospective Plantings Report

Michigan farmers intend to plant higher acreages of nearly all major field crops in 2020 than they did during the wet-weather ravaged Spring of 2019. Michigan producers intend to plant 2.20 million acres of soybeans, up 25 percent from last year. Producers plan to plant 2.50 million acres of corn, also up 25 percent from last year. Winter wheat seedings, at 520 thousand acres, were down 4 percent from 2018 fall plantings.

Area intended for harvest as dry hay in Michigan, at 780 thousand acres, is unchanged from last year. Oat planting intentions are down 14 percent from last year, to 60 thousand acres.

Michigan growers intend to plant more sugarbeets and dry beans in 2020 than they did in 2019.

Acres by Crop – Michigan and United States: 2018 - 2020

Commodity	Michigan			United States		
	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020
Beans, dry ¹						
Planted 1,000 acres	195.0	185.0	200.0	2,094.5	1,287.4	1,372.0
Corn, all						
Planted 1,000 acres	2,250	2,000	2,500	88,871	89,700	96,990
Hay, all						
Harvested 1,000 acres	810	780	780	52,839	52,425	53,283
Oats						
Planted 1,000 acres	75	70	60	2,746	2,810	3,012
Soybeans						
Planted 1,000 acres	2,330	1,760	2,200	89,167	76,100	83,510
Sugarbeets						
Planted 1,000 acres	150.0	146.0	150.0	1,113.1	1,132.0	1,138.5
Wheat, winter						
Planted 1,000 acres	510	540	520	32,542	31,159	30,775

¹ Beginning in 2019, chickpeas are excluded.

February Milk Production

Dairy herds in Michigan produced 912 million pounds of milk during February, up 4.7 percent from a year ago. Production per cow in Michigan averaged 2,135 pounds for February, 80 pounds above February 2019. The dairy herd

was estimated at 427,000 head for February, up 3,000 head from a year earlier. The average price of milk sold in February by Michigan dairy producers was \$17.70 per cwt., \$1.90 more than the price in February 2019.

Milk Cows, Production, and Price – Michigan: February 2019 and 2020

Item	2019	2020
Cows 1,000 hd	424	427
Milk per cow lbs/month	2,055	2,135
Production mil lbs	871	912
Milk price, all dol/cwt	15.80	17.70
Fat test pct	3.87	3.89
Protein ¹ pct	3.21	3.19

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