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MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in Minnesota during June 2015 totaled 789 million pounds, up 4 percent from last June. The average number of milk cows during June, at 460,000 head, was unchanged from both last month and last year. Monthly production per cow averaged 1,715 pounds, up 70 pounds from June 2014. This is the highest monthly milk per cow for June on record for Minnesota.

Milk production in the 23 major States during June totaled 16.4 billion pounds, up 0.7 percent from June 2014. May revised production at 17.2 billion pounds, was up 1.5 percent from May 2014. The May revision represented an increase of 12 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,895 pounds for June, no change from the record high of June 2014. The 23 State series began in 2003.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.63 million head, 56,000 head more than June 2014, but 2,000 head fewer than May 2015.

Milk production in the United States during the April - June quarter totaled 53.6 billion pounds, up 1.4 percent from the April - June quarter last year.

The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.32 million head, 14,000 head more than the January - March quarter, and 66,000 head more than the same period last year.

Milk Cows and Production – Selected States: June 2014 and 2015

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	Change from 2014
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Arizona	193	195	2,065	2,085	399	407	2.0
California	1,779	1,778	1,995	1,910	3,549	3,396	-4.3
Colorado	145	145	2,105	2,160	305	313	2.6
Florida	123	125	1,770	1,785	218	223	2.3
Idaho	577	586	2,065	2,055	1,192	1,204	1.0
Illinois	94	94	1,640	1,680	154	158	2.6
Indiana	178	181	1,840	1,860	328	337	2.7
Iowa	207	212	1,860	1,910	385	405	5.2
Kansas	142	143	1,830	1,835	260	262	0.8
Michigan	387	408	2,085	2,120	807	865	7.2
Minnesota.....	460	460	1,645	1,715	757	789	4.2
New Mexico	323	323	2,130	2,035	688	657	-4.5
New York	615	618	1,885	1,930	1,159	1,193	2.9
Ohio	266	266	1,720	1,710	458	455	-0.7
Oregon	125	123	1,735	1,705	217	210	-3.2
Pennsylvania	530	530	1,665	1,715	882	909	3.1
South Dakota.....	97	106	1,805	1,850	175	196	12.0
Texas	468	462	1,850	1,835	866	848	-2.1
Utah	95	96	1,945	1,990	185	191	3.2
Vermont	131	132	1,720	1,710	225	226	0.4
Virginia	93	91	1,570	1,620	146	147	0.7
Washington	274	276	2,050	2,030	562	560	-0.4
Wisconsin	1,270	1,278	1,830	1,880	2,324	2,403	3.4
23-State Total.....	8,572	8,628	1,895	1,895	16,241	16,354	0.7

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves

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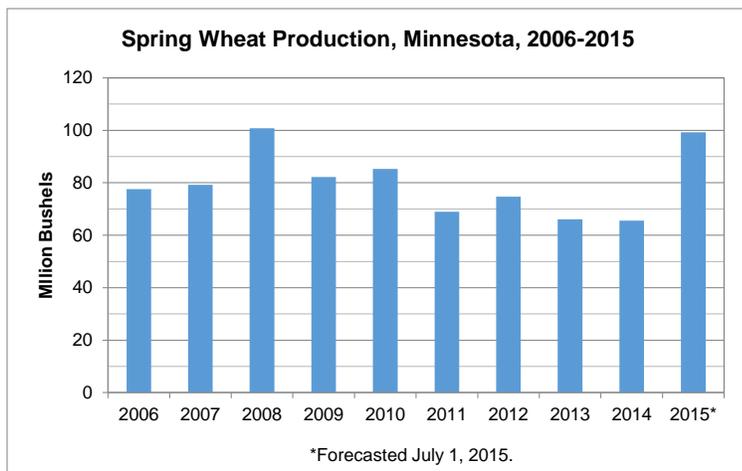
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CROP PRODUCTION

Spring Wheat production in Minnesota is forecast at 99.2 million bushels, an increase of 34.3 million bushels from 2014. The expected yield is 62 bushels per acre, up 7 bushels from the previous year. If realized, this will mark Minnesota's highest average spring wheat yield on record. The area expected to be harvested for grain totals 1.60 million acres, up 36 percent from 2014.

Oat production is forecast at 11.2 million bushels, up 42 percent from 2014. The yield is forecast at 66 bushels per acre, up 3 bushels from last year. The area expected to be harvested for grain totals 170,000 acres, up 36 percent from 2014.

Barley production is forecast at 5.53 million bushels, up 77 percent from 2014. The expected yield is 65 bushels per acre, up 13 bushels from the previous year. Minnesota farmers expect to harvest 85,000 acres for grain, up 42 percent from last year.



Fall Potato planted acreage by type of potato consists of 61 percent Russets, 19 percent Whites, 18 percent Reds, and 2 percent Yellows.

The forecast in this report is based on July 1 conditions and does not reflect weather effects since that time. The next crop production forecast, based on conditions as of August 1, will be released on August 12.

Winter wheat production in the United States is forecast at 1.46 billion bushels, down 3 percent from the June 1 forecast but up 6 percent from 2014. Based on July 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 43.7 bushels per acre, down 0.8 bushel from last month but up 1.1 bushels from last year. The area expected to be harvested for grain or seed totals 33.3 million acres, unchanged from the Acreage report released on June 30, 2015 but up 3 percent from last year.

Nationally, hard red winter wheat production, at 866 million bushels, is down 2 percent from last month. Soft Red Winter, at 393 million bushels, is down 5 percent from the June forecast. White Winter, at 196 million bushels, is down 4 percent from last month. Of the White Winter production, 12.7 million bushels are Hard White and 183 million bushels are Soft White.

U.S. Durum wheat production is forecast at 75.5 million bushels, up 42 percent from 2014. The United States yield is forecast at 39.6 bushels per acre, down 0.1 bushel from last year. Expected area to be harvested for grain totals 1.91 million acres, unchanged from the Acreage report released on June 30, 2015 but up 43 percent from last year.

Other spring wheat production is forecast at 617 million bushels, up 4 percent from last year. Area harvested for grain is expected to total 13.2 million acres, unchanged from the Acreage report released on June 30, 2015 but up 4 percent from last year. The United States yield is forecast at 46.7 bushels per acre, equal to the 2014 yield. Of the total production, 573 million bushels are Hard Red Spring wheat, up 3 percent from last year.

Area Harvested, Yield, and Production Summary – Minnesota and United States: 2014 and Forecasted July 1, 2015

Crop	Area Harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2014 (1,000 acres)	2015 (1,000 acres)	2014 bushels	2015 bushels	2014 (1,000 bushels)	2015 (1,000 bushels)
MINNESOTA						
Barley.....	60	85	52.0	65.0	3,120	5,525
Oats.....	125	170	63.0	66.0	7,875	11,220
Wheat, Spring.....	1,180	1,600	55.0	62.0	64,900	99,200
UNITED STATES						
Barley.....	2,443	2,919	72.4	71.3	176,794	208,091
Oats.....	1,029	1,220	67.7	68.6	69,684	83,640
Wheat, Spring.....	12,740	13,217	46.7	46.7	595,038	616,831

U.S. Corn Supply and Use

CORN	2013-2014	2014-2015 (Est.)	2015-2016 ¹ Projections July
	<i>(million bushels)</i>	<i>(million bushels)</i>	<i>(million bushels)</i>
Beginning Stocks	821	1,232	1,779
Production	13,829	14,216	13,530
Imports	36	27	25
Supply, total	14,686	15,474	15,334
Feed & Residual	5,034	5,300	5,275
Food, Seed & Industrial	6,503	6,546	6,585
Domestic, total	11,537	11,846	11,860
Exports	1,917	1,850	1,875
Use, total	13,454	13,696	13,735
Ending Stocks, total	1,232	1,779	1,599
Avg. farm price (\$/bu)	4.46	3.60-3.80	3.45 - 4.05

¹ Preliminary

U.S. Soybean Supply and Use

SOYBEANS	2013-2014	2014-2015 (Est.)	2015-2016 ¹ Projections July
	<i>(million bushels)</i>	<i>(million bushels)</i>	<i>(million bushels)</i>
Beginning Stocks	141	92	255
Production	3,358	3,969	3,885
Imports	72	30	30
Supply, total	3,570	4,091	4,170
Crushings	1,734	1,830	1,840
Exports	1,647	1,825	1,775
Seed	97	99	92
Residual	-	82	38
Use, total	3,478	3,836	3,744
Ending stocks	92	255	425
Avg. farm price (\$/bu)	13.00	10.05	8.50 - 10.00

¹ Preliminary

APPLES

Minnesota apple production for 2014 is estimated at 25.0 million pounds, down 4 percent from 2013. Minnesota's apple growers harvested 2,600 acres, unchanged from 2013. Average yield per acre fell 4 percent to 9,620 pounds in 2014. Price per pound was up from 83.3 cents in 2013, to 84.2 cents in 2014, setting a new record high. Value of utilized production in 2014 was estimated at \$19.4 million, up 6 percent from \$18.3 million in 2013.

Commercial Apple Bearing Acreage, Yield, and Production – Selected States: 2013-2014

State	Bearing Acreage		Yield per Acre ¹		Total Production		Utilized Production	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	(acres)	(acres)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)
Illinois.....	1,800	1,800	8,890	11,700	16.0	21.0	15.0	20.2
Iowa.....	1,000	900	8,100	5,000	8.1	4.5	6.8	3.8
Michigan.....	36,500	37,000	34,500	27,700	1,260.0	1,025.0	1,250.0	1,025.0
Minnesota.....	2,600	2,600	10,000	9,620	26.0	25.0	22.0	23.0
Missouri.....	1,200	1,200	14,100	17,400	16.9	20.9	15.0	19.8
Wisconsin.....	4,000	4,000	12,000	13,500	48.0	54.0	46.0	51.0
United States.....	322,870	321,880	32,300	35,500	10,431.6	11,431.2	10,339.9	11,188.0

¹ Yield is based on total production, which includes unharvested production and fruit harvested but not sold due to market conditions.

Commercial Apple Price and Value – Selected States: 2013-2014

State	Price per Pound		Value of Utilized Production	
	2013	2014	2013	2014
	(dollars)	(dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
Illinois.....	0.528	0.764	7,913	15,433
Iowa.....	0.699	0.779	4,755	2,961
Michigan.....	0.204	0.215	254,953	220,140
Minnesota.....	0.833	0.842	18,329	19,357
Missouri.....	0.368	0.283	5,515	5,601
Wisconsin.....	0.508	0.612	23,382	31,202
United States.....	0.303	0.255	3,132,936	2,855,827

CHICKENS & EGGS

Minnesota Egg production during June 2015 was 190 million eggs, down 21 percent from last month, and down 24 percent from last year. The average number of **all layers on hand during June 2015** was 8.4 million, down 16 percent from the last month's average, down 23 percent from last year, and the lowest inventory since records began in 1994. Eggs per 100 layers for the month of June were 2,263, down 6 percent from last month, and down 2 percent from last year.

United States egg production totaled 7.41 billion during June 2015, down 9 percent from last year. Production included 6.30 billion table eggs, and 1.11 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.03 billion were broiler-type and 78 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during June 2015 averaged 328 million, down 9 percent from last year. June egg production per 100 layers was 2,258 eggs, down slightly from June 2014.

All layers in the United States on July 1, 2015 totaled 328 million, down 9 percent from last year. The 328 million layers consisted of 270 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 54.7 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.23 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on July 1, 2015, averaged 75.3 eggs per 100 layers, down 1 percent from July 1, 2014.

Egg-type chicks hatched during June 2015 totaled 46.9 million, up 7 percent from June 2014. Eggs in incubators totaled 43.8 million on July 1, 2015, up 7 percent from a year ago. Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 320 thousand during June 2015, up 86 percent from June 2014.

Broiler-type chicks hatched during June 2015 totaled 787 million, up 3 percent from June 2014. Eggs in incubators totaled 652 million on July 1, 2015, up 2 percent from a year ago. Leading breeders placed 7.79 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during June 2015, up 10 percent from June 2014.

Information about the current avian influenza situation in the United States is available at www.usda.gov/avian_influenza.html.

Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During June 2014 and 2015

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding. Data by type of flock not shown for some states to avoid disclosing individual operations, data included in United States totals.]

State	Table egg layers in flocks 30,000 & above		All layers on hand		Eggs per 100 layers		Total egg production		Table egg production	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(1,000 layers)	(eggs)	(eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)	(million eggs)
Alabama	1,534	1,454	9,478	9,672	1,931	1,913	183	185	40	36
Arkansas	3,673	3,504	12,260	12,763	1,982	2,014	243	257	83	85
California	15,571	12,952	15,990	13,460	2,326	2,266	372	305	(D)	(D)
Colorado	4,537	4,085	4,910	4,563	2,464	2,389	121	109	(D)	(D)
Connecticut ¹	2,286	(NA)	2,379	(NA)	2,312	(NA)	55	(NA)	(D)	(NA)
Florida	8,128	8,507	8,520	8,888	2,218	2,228	189	198	184	193
Georgia	9,388	9,437	18,194	18,330	2,089	2,122	380	389	216	219
Illinois	4,081	4,112	4,578	4,590	2,468	2,222	113	102	108	97
Indiana	26,656	25,666	27,625	26,585	2,320	2,343	641	623	623	606
Iowa	57,779	33,236	59,001	34,374	2,295	2,220	1,354	763	1,336	747
Maine ¹	3,408	(NA)	3,463	(NA)	2,339	(NA)	81	(NA)	(D)	(NA)
Maryland	2,614	2,539	2,784	2,709	2,335	2,436	65	66	64	64
Michigan	12,877	12,661	13,097	12,886	2,413	2,398	316	309	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	10,389	7,936	10,846	8,395	2,314	2,263	251	190	245	184
Mississippi	1,407	1,538	5,538	5,902	1,968	2,033	109	120	34	38
Missouri	6,206	6,201	8,458	8,407	2,258	2,248	191	189	(D)	(D)
Nebraska	9,374	6,323	9,482	6,431	2,531	2,519	240	162	240	162
New York	4,718	4,496	5,072	4,859	2,405	2,490	122	121	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	5,768	6,627	13,324	14,507	2,064	2,040	275	296	140	152
Ohio	30,115	30,530	30,981	31,386	2,298	2,358	712	740	(D)	(D)
Oregon	2,243	2,155	2,382	2,294	2,645	2,616	63	60	63	60
Pennsylvania	23,191	23,452	25,055	25,368	2,431	2,436	609	618	585	591
South Carolina	3,066	3,297	4,343	4,563	2,164	2,170	94	99	72	76
South Dakota	2,471	1,506	2,613	1,648	2,258	2,488	59	41	59	41
Texas	14,900	15,032	19,025	19,125	2,202	2,175	419	416	(D)	(D)
Utah	3,996	4,296	4,034	4,334	2,305	2,353	93	102	93	102
Virginia	1,201	1,095	3,002	2,861	2,132	2,132	64	61	32	30
Washington	6,633	6,951	6,799	7,116	2,324	2,403	158	171	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	4,034	3,370	4,810	4,150	2,349	2,361	113	98	(D)	(D)
Other States ²	12,778	18,898	21,686	28,145	2,149	2,210	466	622	336	485
United States	295,022	261,856	359,729	328,311	2,266	2,258	8,151	7,412	7,091	6,302

(NA) Not available. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

¹ Included in Other States in 2015. ² Includes data for states not published in this table.