



March 1 Grain Stocks

On March 1, 2018, Ohio corn stocks totaled 325.3 million bushels, 4 percent below a year earlier. About 57 percent of the corn was stored on farms. The second quarter disappearance was 110.9 million bushels, compared with 124.3 million bushels a year earlier. Soybean stocks on March 1, 2018, were 137.0 million bushels. That was 7 percent higher than stocks a year earlier. The second quarter indicated disappearance was 63.6 million bushels,

compared with 70.3 million bushels during the same period a year ago. Farm stocks of soybeans were 58 million bushels. Wheat stocks on March 1, 2018, were 55.6 million bushels, 8 percent below a year ago. About 99 percent of wheat stocks were in commercial storage. Third quarter indicated disappearance was 15.2 million bushels, compared with 5.2 million bushels during the same period last year.

March Hogs and Pigs

Ohio's total hog and pig inventory on March 1 was 2.9 million head, up 250,000 from a year ago. Breeding hog inventory, at 190,000 head, was up 3 percent from last March. Market hog inventory, at 2,710,000 head, was up 10 percent from last year. The average pigs saved per litter for the December to February quarter was 10.80, unchanged from the same period last year.

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2018 was 72.9 million head. This was up 3 percent from March 1, 2017, but down 1 percent from December 1, 2017. Breeding inventory, at 6.20 million head, was up 2 percent from last year, and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 66.7 million head, was up 3 percent from last year, but down 1 percent from last quarter.

The December-February 2018 pig crop, at 32.3 million head, was up 4 percent from 2017. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.06 million head, up 2 percent from 2017. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high of 10.58 for the December-February period, compared to 10.43 last year.

United States hog producers intend to have 3.08 million sows farrow during the March-May 2018 quarter, up 2 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2017, and up 4 percent from 2016. Intended farrowings for June-August 2018, at 3.16 million sows, are up 1 percent from 2017, and up 4 percent from 2016.

Honey Production Down 8 Percent

Ohio honey production for 2017 totaled 1.10 million pounds, down 8 percent from 2016. This estimate included honey from producers with 5 or more colonies. Yields from Ohio's 15,000 honey producing colonies averaged 73 pounds in 2017, compared with 79 pounds the previous year. Ohio honey price averaged \$3.12 per pound, down 81 cents per pound from last year. Value of production totaled \$3.42 million, down 27 percent from 2016. Honey stocks were 657 thousand pounds, down 1 percent from 2016.

Nationally, honey production in 2017 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 148 million pounds, down 9 percent from 2016. There were 2.67 million colonies producing honey in 2017, down 4 percent from 2016. Yield per colony averaged 55.3 pounds, down 5 percent from the 58.3 pounds in 2016. 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 30.6 million pounds on December 15, 2017, down 26 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude those held under the commodity loan program.

Honey prices increased 2 percent during 2017 to 215.6 cents per pound, compared to 211.9 cents per pound in 2016. 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 2016 crop reflect honey sold in 2016 and 2017. Some 2016 crop honey was sold in 2017, which caused some revisions to the 2016 crop prices.

Chickens and Eggs

All layers in Ohio totaled 32.3 million during February, up 6 percent from a year ago. Egg production totaled 707 million eggs, up 4 percent from last year. The rate of lay during February was 2,187 eggs per 100 layers. All layers

in the U.S. totaled 383.9 million during February up 2 percent from a year ago. There were 22.7 million turkey poult hatchlings in the U.S. in February, down 4 percent the previous year.

Egg and Hatchery Production, February 2018

Item		2017	2018	Percent Change
Ohio				
All layers	Thousand	30,618	32,305	6
Eggs per hundred layers	Number	2,216	2,187	-1
Eggs produced	Million	678	707	4
U.S.				
All Layers	Thousand	376,341	383,918	2
Eggs per hundred layers	Number	2,159	2,121	-2
Eggs produced	Million	8,124	8,143	0
Turkey Eggs in incubators, Mar 1	Thousand	30,030	28,505	-5
Turkey Poults hatched, Feb	Thousand	23,598	22,725	-4

February Agricultural Prices

Prices Received by Ohio farmers for the full month of February 2018 are listed in the table below. Some Ohio highlights were: February corn, at \$3.64 per bushel, increased \$0.10 from January, but decreased \$0.05 from last year; February soybeans, at \$9.82 per bushel, increased

\$0.19 from last month, but decreased \$0.38 from last year; February wheat, at \$4.46 per bushel, decreased \$0.06 from January, but increased \$0.12 from last year; February milk, at \$15.70 per cwt., decreased \$1.10 from last month, and decreased \$3.60 from last year.

Prices Received by Farmers¹, February 2018

Commodity	Ohio			United States		
	Feb 2017	Jan 2018	Feb 2018	Feb 2017	Jan 2018	Feb 2018
Corn dollars/bu	3.69	3.54	3.64	3.44	3.29	3.38
Hay, alfalfa dollars/ton	155.00	180.00	170.00	127.00	152.00	155.00
Hay, other dollars/ton	100.00	110.00	100.00	121.00	124.00	124.00
Soybeans dollars/bu	10.20	9.63	9.82	9.86	9.30	9.49
Wheat, winter dollars/bu	4.34	4.52	4.46	3.77	4.19	4.63
Milk, all dollars/cwt	19.30	16.80	15.70	18.50	16.10	15.30

¹ Entire month weighted average price.

Prospective Planting Report

Ohio farmers will devote less ground to soybeans in 2018, while intentions for all other crops remains the same or more.

Ohio corn producers intend to plant 3.45 million acres this spring, an increase of 50,000 acres from last year. Ohio soybean acreage is forecast at 4.85 million acres for 2018, down 250,000 acres from last year's record. Hay acreage

for 2018 is estimated at 1.2 million acres, up 140,000 acres. This includes alfalfa, grain, and all other types of hay.

Winter wheat acreage for 2018 is estimated at 490,000 acres, up 30,000 acres from the previous year's record low. Ohio's oat acreage is projected to remain the same at 60,000 acres.

Acres by Crop, Ohio and United States: 2016 - 2018

Commodity	Ohio			United States		
	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018
Corn, all Planted1,000 acres	3,550	3,400	3,450	94,004	90,167	88,026
Hay, all Harvested1,000 acres	970	1,060	1,200	53,481	53,784	53,726
Oats Planted1,000 acres	50	60	60	2,829	2,588	2,716
Soybeans Planted1,000 acres	4,850	5,100	4,850	83,433	90,142	88,982
Wheat, winter Planted1,000 acres	580	460	490	36,152	32,696	32,708

February Milk Production

Dairy herds in Ohio produced 427 million pounds of milk during February, down 0.7 percent from a year ago. The daily rate per cow was 58.2 pounds, down 0.4 pounds from February 2017. The dairy herd was estimated at 262,000 head for February, unchanged from a year earlier. The average price of milk sold in February by Ohio dairy producers was \$15.70 per cwt., \$3.60 less than the price in February 2017.

Ohio Dairy Summary, February 2018

Item	2016	2017	2018
Cows 1,000 Hd	266	262	262
Milk per cow Lb/day	58.6	58.6	58.2
Production Mil lbs	436	430	427
Milk price, all Dol/cwt	16.60	19.30	15.70
Fat test Pct	3.92	3.86	3.88
Protein ¹ Pct	3.15	3.16	3.17

¹ FMO 33

Still Time to be Counted in the 2017 Census of Agriculture

Ohio farmers still have time to be counted in the 2017 Census of Agriculture. Although the first deadline has just passed, NASS will continue to accept Census information through the spring to get a complete and accurate picture of American agriculture that represents all farmers.

We thank everyone who has completed their Census to date and ask those that have not yet returned their Census to please take the time to do it. A lot is at stake if producers are not represented in this data. Census data have and will continue to influence important decisions for American agriculture. The data will affect every operation and every farming community at some point, whether it be through farm policy, disaster relief, insurance or loan programs, infrastructure improvements, or agribusiness setup. There is accuracy and strength in numbers, which is why NASS is committed to giving producers every opportunity to respond.

Federal law mandates that everyone who received the 2017 Census of Agriculture questionnaire complete it and return it even if not currently farming. NASS will continue to follow-up with producers through the spring with mailings, phone calls, and personal visits. To avoid these additional contacts, farmers are encouraged to complete their Census either online at www.agcounts.usda.gov or by mail as soon as possible. Responding online saves time by skipping sections that do not apply and automatically calculating totals. The online questionnaire is accessible on desktops, laptops, and mobile devices.

For more information about the 2017 Census of Agriculture, visit www.agcensus.usda.gov. For questions or assistance filling out the Census, call toll-free (888) 424-7828.

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