



## March 1 Grain Stocks

On March 1, 2020, Ohio corn stocks totaled 304 million bushels, approximately 20 percent below a year earlier. About 61 percent of the corn was stored on farms. The second quarter disappearance was 97.7 million bushels, compared with 147 million bushels a year earlier. Soybean stocks on March 1, 2020, were 152 million bushels. That was 11 percent lower than stocks a year earlier. The second quarter indicated disappearance was 60.3 million bushels,

compared with 81.3 million bushels during the same period a year ago. Farm stocks of soybeans were 74 million bushels. Wheat stocks on March 1, 2020, were 36.4 million bushels, 35 percent below a year ago. Almost all wheat stocks were in commercial storage. Third quarter indicated disappearance was 12.9 million bushels, compared with 17.0 million bushels during the same period last year.

## March Hogs and Pigs

Ohio's total hog and pig inventory on March 1 was estimated at 2.8 million head, up 150,000 head from a year ago. Breeding hog inventory, at 200,000 head, was up 10,000 from last March. Market hog inventory, at 2.6 million head, was up 6 percent from last year. The average pigs saved per litter for the December-February 2020 quarter was 11.00, compared to 10.70 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 Down 2 Percent

Ohio honey production for 2019 totaled 1.01 million pounds, down 2 percent from 2018. This estimate included honey from producers with 5 or more colonies. Yields from Ohio's 15,000 honey producing colonies averaged 67 pounds in 2019, down 6 pounds from the previous year. Ohio honey price averaged \$3.42 per pound, down 30 cents per pound from last year. Value of production totaled \$3.44 million, down 10 percent from 2018. Honey stocks were 442 thousand pounds, down 10 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.

## Chickens and Eggs

All layers in Ohio totaled 35.8 million during February, down 2 percent a year ago. Egg production totaled 827 million eggs, up slightly from last year. The rate of lay during February was 2,308 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 - Ohio and United States: February 2019 and 2020

Item	2019	2020	Percent Change
<b>Ohio</b>			
All layers ..... thousand	36,617	35,836	-2
Eggs per hundred layers ..... number	2,258	2,308	2
Eggs produced ..... million	827	827	0
<b>U.S.</b>			
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

## February Agricultural Prices

Prices Received by Ohio farmers for the full month of February 2020 are listed in the table below. Some Ohio highlights were: February corn, at \$4.14 per bushel, decreased \$0.01 from January but increased \$0.41 from last year; February soybeans, at \$9.30 per bushel, decreased

\$0.09 from last month but increased \$0.45 from last year; February wheat, at \$5.69 per bushel, increased \$0.23 from January and increased \$0.17 from last year; February milk, at \$19.40 per cwt., decreased \$0.70 from last month but increased \$2.00 from last year.

### Prices Received by Farmers<sup>1</sup> - Ohio and United States: February 2020 with Comparisons

Commodity	Ohio			United States		
	Feb 2019	Jan 2019	Feb 2020	Feb 2019	Jan 2019	Feb 2020
Corn ..... dollars/bu	3.73	4.15	4.14	3.60	3.79	3.78
Hay, alfalfa ..... dollars/ton	180.00	220.00	220.00	180.00	171.00	171.00
Hay, other ..... dollars/ton	125.00	160.00	160.00	153.00	134.00	136.00
Soybeans ..... dollars/bu	8.85	9.39	9.30	8.52	8.84	8.59
Wheat, winter ..... dollars/bu	5.52	5.46	5.69	5.40	4.86	4.98
Milk, all ..... dollars/cwt	17.40	20.10	19.40	16.80	19.60	18.90

<sup>1</sup> Entire month weighted average price.

## February Milk Production

Dairy herds in Ohio produced 445 million pounds of milk during February, up 6.0 percent from a year ago. Production per cow in Ohio averaged 1,760 pounds for February, 100 pounds above February 2019. The dairy herd was estimated

at 253,000 head for February, unchanged from a year earlier. The average price of milk sold in February by Ohio dairy producers was \$19.40 per cwt., \$2.00 more than the price in February 2019.

### Milk Cows, Production, and Price – Ohio: February 2019 and 2020

Item	2019	2020
Cows .....1,000 hd	253	253
Milk per cow ..... lbs/month	1,660	1,760
Production ..... mil lbs	420	445
Milk price, all ..... dol/cwt	17.40	19.40
Fat test ..... pct	3.97	4.01
Protein <sup>1</sup> ..... pct	3.21	3.19

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## Prospective Planting Report

Ohio farmers intend to bounce back from a weather beaten 2019 by planting more corn, soybeans, wheat and oats.

Ohio corn producers intend to plant 3.70 million acres this spring, up 32 percent from last year. Ohio soybean acreage is forecast at 4.80 million acres for 2019, up 12 percent from last year. Hay acreage for 2019 is estimated at 920 thousand

acres, unchanged from 2019. This includes alfalfa, grain, and all other types of hay intended to be harvested for dry hay.

Winter wheat acreage for 2020 harvest is estimated at 510,000 acres, up 2 percent from the previous year. Ohio's oat acreage is projected at 80,000 acres, up 7 percent from the prior year.

### Acres by Crop - Ohio and United States: 2018 - 2020

Commodity	Ohio			United States		
	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020
Corn, all .....						
Planted ..... 1,000 acres	3,500	2,800	3,700	88,871	89,700	96,990
Hay, all .....						
Harvested ..... 1,000 acres	970	920	920	52,839	52,425	53,283
Oats .....						
Planted ..... 1,000 acres	55	75	80	2,746	2,810	3,012
Soybeans .....						
Planted ..... 1,000 acres	5,050	4,300	4,800	89,167	76,100	83,510
Wheat, winter .....						
Planted ..... 1,000 acres	490	500	510	32,542	31,159	30,775

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