



# Agriculture Across Ohio

## March Agricultural Prices

Prices Received by Ohio farmers for the full month of March 2020 are listed in the table below. Some Ohio highlights were: March corn, at \$3.99 per bushel, decreased \$0.15 from February but increased \$0.25 from last year; March soybeans, at \$9.11 per bushel, decreased \$0.19 from last month but increased \$0.45 from last year; March wheat, at \$5.62 per bushel, decreased \$0.07 from February but increased \$0.47 from last year; March milk, at \$18.90 per cwt., decreased \$0.50 from last month but increased \$1.00 from last year.

The March Prices Received Index 2011 Base (Agricultural Production), at 93.3, increased 3.1 percent from February but was unchanged from March 2019. At

88.7, the Crop Production Index was up 3.1 percent from last month and up 1.1 percent from the previous year. The Livestock Production Index, at 97.4, increased 2.9 percent from February, but decreased 0.7 percent from March last year. Producers received higher prices during March for market eggs, lettuce, broilers, and hogs but lower prices for cattle, milk, corn, and lemons. In addition to prices, the indexes are influenced by the volume change of commodities producers market. In March, there was increased monthly movement for strawberries, cattle, milk, and calves and decreased marketing of cotton, apples, and soybeans.

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

Commodity	Ohio			United States		
	Mar 2019	Feb 2020	Mar 2020	Mar 2019	Feb 2020	Mar 2020
Corn ..... dollars/bu	3.74	4.14	3.99	3.61	3.78	3.68
Hay, alfalfa ..... dollars/ton	185.00	220.00	200.00	186.00	171.00	175.00
Hay, other ..... dollars/ton	125.00	160.00	145.00	154.00	136.00	130.00
Soybeans ..... dollars/bu	8.66	9.30	9.11	8.52	8.59	8.46
Wheat, winter ..... dollars/bu	5.15	5.69	5.62	5.16	4.98	4.84
Milk, all ..... dollars/cwt	17.90	19.40	18.90	17.60	18.90	18.00

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

## Chickens and Eggs

All layers in Ohio totaled 35.9 million during March, down 4 percent from a year ago. Egg production totaled 892 million eggs, down 6 percent from last year. The rate of lay during March was 2,485 eggs per 100 layers. All layers in

the U.S. totaled 395.3 million during March, down 3 percent from a year ago. There were 23.5 million turkey poults hatched in the U.S. in March, down 2 percent from the previous year.

### Egg and Hatchery Production - Ohio and United States: March 2019 and 2020

Item	2019	2020	Percent Change
<b>Ohio</b>			
All layers.....thousand	37,376	35,895	-4
Eggs per hundred layers ..... number	2,547	2,485	-2
Eggs produced ..... million	952	892	-6
<b>U.S.</b>			
All Layers.....thousand	405,672	395,312	-3
Eggs per hundred layers ..... number	2,385	2,411	1
Eggs produced ..... million	9,675	9,531	-1
Turkey Eggs in incubators, Apr 1 .....thousand	28,212	27,573	-2
Turkey Poults hatched, Mar.....thousand	23,881	23,511	-2

## Meat Animals Cash Receipts

Ohio cattle and calves cash receipts totaled \$623.4 million in 2019, up 8 percent from 2018. Cattle and calf marketings totaled 603.7 million pounds, up 8 percent from 2018.

Ohio hog cash receipts totaled \$674.7 million in 2019, up 1 percent from 2018. All hog and pig marketings totaled 1.3 billion pounds in 2019, virtually unchanged from the previous year.

Nationally, cash receipts from marketings of cattle and calves decreased 1 percent from \$67.0 billion in 2018 to \$66.2 billion in 2019. All cattle and calf marketings totaled 58.4 billion pounds in 2019, down 1 percent from 2018.

Nationally, cash receipts from hogs and pigs totaled \$22.0 billion during 2019, up 5 percent from 2018. Marketings totaled 41.6 billion pounds in 2019, up 5 percent from 2018.

### Livestock Marketings and Receipts – Ohio: 2018 and 2019

Item	2018	2019	Change
	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
<b>Marketings</b> .....			
Cattle and calves .....	561,050	603,700	8
Hogs and pigs .....	1,320,300	1,323,000	0
	<i>1,000 dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>	
<b>Cash receipts</b> .....			
Cattle and calves .....	575,530	623,350	8
Hogs and pigs .....	670,712	674,730	1

## March Milk Production

Dairy herds in Ohio produced 484 million pounds of milk during March, up 3.9 percent from a year ago. Production per cow in Ohio averaged 1,915 pounds for March, 60 pounds above March 2019. The dairy herd was estimated at

253,000 head for March, up 2,000 head from a year earlier. The average price of milk sold in March by Ohio dairy producers was \$18.90 per cwt., \$1.00 more than the price in March 2019.

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

Item	2019	2020
Cows..... 1,000 hd	251	253
Milk per cow.....lbs/month	1,855	1,915
Production.....mil lbs	466	484
Milk price, all.....dol/cwt	17.90	18.90
Fat test.....pct	4.01	3.97
Protein <sup>1</sup> .....pct	3.19	3.17

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## Winter Wheat Production and Hay Stocks

Ohio farmers anticipate a much improved wheat yield in 2020. Ohio wheat growers expect to harvest 460,000 acres, up 75,000 acres from last year. Wheat production in the State is expected to be 34.0 million bushels. The yield forecast of 74 bushels would be 18 bushels higher than the previous year.

U.S. winter wheat production is forecast at 1.25 billion bushels, down 4 percent from 2019. As of May 1, the United States yield is forecast at 51.7 bushels per acre, down 1.9

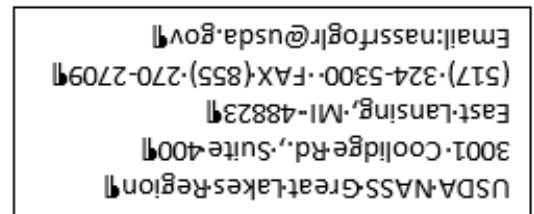
bushels from last year's average yield of 53.6 bushels per acre.

Hay stocks on Ohio farms on May 1, 2020 were 220,000 tons, up 22 percent from this time last year.

All hay stored on United States farms as of May 1, 2020 totaled 20.4 million tons, up 37 percent from May 1, 2019, which were the second lowest since records began in 1950. Disappearance from December 1, 2019 - May 1, 2020 totaled 64.1 million tons, down less than 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

### Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production by Crop – Ohio and United States: 2019 - 2020

Commodity	Ohio		United States	
	2019	2020	2019	2020
Wheat, winter				
Planted ..... 1,000 acres	500	510	31,159	30,775
Harvested ..... 1,000 acres	385	460	24,327	24,275
Yield ..... Bushels	56.0	74.0	53.6	51.7
Production ..... 1,000 bu	21,560	34,040	1,304,003	1,254,600



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