



# Agriculture Across Ohio

## Prospective Planting Report

Ohio farmers intend to plant less corn and more soybeans in 2021 than they did last year.

Ohio corn producers intend to plant 3.40 million acres this spring, down 4 percent from last year. Ohio soybean acreage is forecast at 5.00 million acres for 2021, up 2 percent from

last year. Hay acreage for 2021 is estimated at 880 thousand acres, up 2 percent from 2020. This includes alfalfa, grain, and all other types of hay intended to be harvested for dry hay.

Winter wheat acreage for 2021 harvest is estimated at 570,000 acres, up 8 percent from the previous year.

### Acres by Crop - Ohio and United States: 2019 - 2021

Commodity	Ohio			United States		
	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021
Corn, all .....						
Planted .....	2,800	3,550	3,400	89,745	90,819	91,144
1,000 acres						
Hay, all .....						
Harvested .....	920	860	880	52,425	52,238	51,714
1,000 acres						
Oats .....						
Planted .....	75	55	65	2,830	2,984	2,488
1,000 acres						
Soybeans .....						
Planted .....	4,300	4,900	5,000	76,100	83,084	87,600
1,000 acres						
Wheat, winter .....						
Planted .....	500	530	570	31,474	30,415	33,078
1,000 acres						

## March 1 Grain Stocks

On March 1, 2021, Ohio corn stocks totaled 327 million bushels, approximately 8 percent above a year earlier. About 57 percent of the corn was stored on farms. The second quarter disappearance was 157 million bushels, compared with 98.2 million bushels a year earlier. Soybean stocks on March 1, 2021, were 120 million bushels. That was 21 percent lower than stocks a year earlier. The second quarter indicated disappearance was 100 million bushels, compared with 60.3

million bushels during the same period a year ago. Farm stocks of soybeans were 51.0 million bushels. Wheat stocks on March 1, 2021, were 32.7 million bushels, 10 percent below a year ago. About 99 percent of all wheat stocks were in commercial storage. Third quarter indicated disappearance was 9.92 million bushels, compared with 12.9 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 2.55 million head, down 100,000 head from a year ago. Breeding hog inventory, at 200,000 head, was unchanged from last March. Market hog inventory, at 2.35 million head, was down 4 percent from last year. The average pigs saved per litter for the December-February 2021 quarter was 10.40, compared to 11.00 last year.

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2021 was 74.8 million head. This was down 2 percent from March 1, 2020, and down 3 percent from December 1, 2020. Breeding inventory, at 6.21 million head, was down 3 percent from last year, and down 1 percent from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 68.6 million head, was down 2 percent from last year, and down 3 percent from last quarter.

The December 2020-February 2021 pig crop, at 33.3 million head, was down 1 percent from last year. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.04 million head, down 1 percent from previous year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 10.94 for the December 2020-February 2021 period, compared to 11.00 last year.

United States hog producers intend to have 3.07 million sows farrow during the March-May 2021 quarter, down 3 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period one year earlier, and down 2 percent from the same period two years earlier. Intended farrowings for June-August 2021, at 3.12 million sows, are down 4 percent from the same period one year earlier, and down 5 percent from the same period two years earlier.

## Chickens and Eggs

All layers in Ohio totaled 36.0 million during February, up slightly from a year ago. Egg production totaled 820 million eggs, down 1 percent from last year. The rate of lay during February was 2,277 eggs per 100 layers. All layers in the U.S.

totalled 394.1 million during February, down 1 percent from a year ago. There were 21.4 million turkey poults hatched in the U.S. in February, down 5 percent from the previous year.

### Egg and Hatchery Production - Ohio and United States: February 2020 and 2021

Item	2020	2021	Percent Change
<b>Ohio</b>			
All layers.....thousand	35,843	35,992	0
Eggs per hundred layers..... number	2,308	2,277	-1
Eggs produced ..... million	827	820	-1
<b>U.S.</b>			
All Layers.....thousand	396,916	394,089	-1
Eggs per hundred layers..... number	2,254	2,183	-3
Eggs produced ..... million	8,946	8,604	-4
Turkey Eggs in incubators, Mar 1 .....thousand	27,980	27,036	-3
Turkey Poults hatched, Feb.....thousand	22,566	21,394	-5

## February Agricultural Prices

Prices Received by Ohio farmers for the full month of February 2021 are listed in the table below. Some Ohio highlights were: February corn, at \$4.80 per bushel, increased \$0.41 from January and increased \$0.66 from last year; February soybeans, at \$12.40 per bushel, increased \$1.20 from

last month and increased \$3.10 from last year; February wheat, at \$5.87 per bushel, increased \$0.10 from January and increased \$0.18 from last year; February milk, at \$17.80 per cwt., increased \$0.10 from last month but decreased \$1.60 from last year.

### Prices Received by Farmers<sup>1</sup> - Ohio and United States: February 2021 with Comparisons

Commodity	Ohio			United States		
	Feb 2020	Jan 2020	Feb 2021	Feb 2020	Jan 2020	Feb 2021
Corn ..... dollars/bu	4.14	4.39	4.80	3.78	4.24	4.75
Hay, alfalfa ..... dollars/ton	220.00	210.00	210.00	168.00	171.00	175.00
Hay, other ..... dollars/ton	160.00	150.00	160.00	140.00	137.00	143.00
Soybeans ..... dollars/bu	9.30	11.20	12.40	8.60	10.90	12.70
Wheat, winter ..... dollars/bu	5.69	5.77	5.87	4.98	5.55	5.96
Milk, all ..... dollars/cwt	19.40	17.70	17.80	18.90	17.50	17.10

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

## February Milk Production

Dairy herds in Ohio produced 442 million pounds of milk during February, down slightly from a year ago. Production per cow in Ohio averaged 1,700 pounds for February, 60 pounds below February 2020. February 2020 had 29 days while February 2021 had 28 days. The dairy herd was

estimated at 260,000 head for February, up 7,000 head from a year earlier. The average price of milk sold in February by Ohio dairy producers was \$17.80 per cwt., \$1.60 less than the price in February 2020.

### Milk Cows, Production, and Price – Ohio: February 2020 and 2021

Item	2020	2021
Cows.....1,000 hd	253	260
Milk per cow..... lbs/month	1,760	1,700
Production..... mil lbs	445	442
Milk price, all..... dol/cwt	19.40	17.80
Fat test..... pct	4.01	4.05
Protein <sup>1</sup> ..... pct	3.19	3.26

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## Honey Production Up 19 Percent

Ohio honey production for 2020 totaled 1.20 million pounds, up 19 percent from 2019. This estimate included honey from producers with 5 or more colonies. Yields from Ohio’s 16,000 honey producing colonies averaged 75 pounds in 2020, up 8 pounds from the previous year. Ohio honey price averaged \$3.85 per pound, up 39 cents per pound from last year. Value of production totaled \$4.62 million, up 33 percent from 2019. Honey stocks totaled 576 thousand pounds, up 30 percent from 2019.

Nationally, honey production in 2020 totaled 148 million pounds, down 6 percent from 2019. There were 2.71 million colonies producing honey in 2020, down 4 percent from 2019. Yield per colony averaged 54.5 pounds, down 2 percent from the 55.8 pounds in 2019. 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 39.7 million pounds on December 15, 2020, down 3 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude those held under the commodity loan program.

United States honey prices increased 2 percent during 2020 to \$2.03 per pound, compared to \$1.99 per pound in 2019. 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 2019 crop reflect honey sold in 2019 and 2020. Some 2019 crop honey was sold in 2020, which caused some revisions to the 2019 crop prices.

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