



# Agriculture Across Ohio

## Prospective Planting Report

Ohio farmers intend to plant less corn and more soybeans in 2022 than they did last year. Ohio corn producers intend to plant 3.35 million acres this spring, down 6 percent from last year. Ohio soybean acreage is forecast at 5.10 million acres for 2022, up 4 percent from last year. Hay acreage for 2022 is

estimated at 860 thousand acres, down 1 percent from 2021. This includes alfalfa, grain, and all other types of hay intended to be harvested for dry hay.

Winter wheat acreage for 2022 harvest is estimated at 610,000 acres, up 5 percent from the previous year.

### Acres by Crop - Ohio and United States: 2020 - 2022

Commodity	Ohio			United States		
	2020	2021	2022	2020	2021	2022
Corn, all .....						
Planted ..... 1,000 acres	3,550	3,550	3,350	90,652	93,357	89,490
Hay, all .....						
Harvested ..... 1,000 acres	860	870	860	52,238	50,736	50,332
Oats .....						
Planted ..... 1,000 acres	55	45	45	3,009	2,550	2,547
Soybeans .....						
Planted ..... 1,000 acres	4,950	4,900	5,100	83,354	87,195	90,955
Wheat, winter .....						
Planted ..... 1,000 acres	530	580	610	30,450	33,648	34,236

## March 1 Grain Stocks

On March 1, 2022, Ohio corn stocks totaled 379 million bushels, approximately 16 percent above a year earlier. About 57 percent of the corn was stored on farms. The second quarter disappearance was 160 million bushels, compared with 156 million bushels a year earlier. Soybean stocks on March 1, 2022, were 140 million bushels. That was 17 percent higher than stocks a year earlier. Farm stocks of soybeans were 59.0

million bushels. The second quarter indicated disappearance was 78.6 million bushels, compared with 100 million bushels during the same period a year ago. Wheat stocks on March 1, 2022, were 41.4 million bushels, 27 percent above a year ago. About 99 percent of wheat stocks were stored off-farm. Third quarter indicated disappearance was 12.1 million bushels compared with 9.93 million bushels last year.

## March Hogs and Pigs

Ohio's total hog and pig inventory on March 1, 2022, was estimated at 2.60 million head, up 100,000 head from a year ago. Breeding hog inventory, at 190,000 head, was down 10,000 head from last March. Market hog inventory, at 2.41 million head, was up 5 percent from last year. The average pigs saved per litter for the December-February 2022 quarter was 11.50, compared to 10.40 last year.

The December 2021-February 2022 pig crop, at 31.7 million head, was down 1 percent from last year. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.90 million head, down 1 percent from previous year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 47 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 10.95 for the December 2021-February 2022 period, compared to 10.94 last year.

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2022, was 72.2 million head. This was down 2 percent from March 1, 2021, and down 3 percent from December 1, 2021. Breeding inventory, at 6.10 million head, was down 2 percent from last year, and down slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 66.1 million head, was down 2 percent from last year, and down 3 percent from last quarter.

United States hog producers intend to have 2.99 million sows farrow during the March-May 2022 quarter, down 2 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period one year earlier, and down 5 percent from the same period two years earlier. Intended farrowings for June-August 2022, at 3.03 million sows, are down 1 percent from the same period one year earlier, and down 7 percent from the same period two years earlier.

## Chickens and Eggs

All layers in Ohio totaled 35.9 million during February, down 1 percent from a year ago. Egg production totaled 826 million eggs, up slightly from last year. The rate of lay during February was 2,299 eggs per 100 layers. All layers in the U.S.

totalled 389.7 million during February, down 1 percent from a year ago. There were 21.4 million turkey poults hatched in the U.S. in February, up 3 percent from the previous year.

### Egg and Hatchery Production - Ohio and United States: February 2021 and 2022

Item	2021	2022	Percent Change
<b>Ohio</b>			
All layers.....thousand	36,155	35,906	-1
Eggs per hundred layers..... number	2,279	2,299	1
Eggs produced ..... million	824	826	0
<b>U.S.</b>			
All Layers.....thousand	394,594	389,678	-1
Eggs per hundred layers..... number	2,165	2,202	2
Eggs produced ..... million	8,542	8,582	0
Turkey Eggs in incubators, Mar 1 .....thousand	26,150	27,300	4
Turkey Poults hatched, Feb.....thousand	20,705	21,353	3

## February Agricultural Prices

Prices Received by Ohio farmers for the full month of February 2022 are listed in the table below. Some Ohio highlights were: February corn, at \$5.95 per bushel, increased \$0.39 from January and increased \$1.15 from last year; February soybeans, at \$14.90 per bushel, increased \$1.60 from

last month and increased \$2.20 from last year; February wheat, at \$7.90 per bushel, increased \$1.15 from January and increased \$2.00 from last year; February milk, at \$24.10 per cwt., increased \$0.50 from last month and increased \$6.30 from last year.

### Prices Received by Farmers<sup>1</sup> - Ohio and United States: February 2022 with Comparisons

Commodity	Ohio			United States		
	Feb 2021	Jan 2021	Feb 2022	Feb 2021	Jan 2021	Feb 2022
Corn ..... dollars/bu	4.80	5.56	5.95	4.75	5.57	6.10
Hay, alfalfa ..... dollars/ton	210.00	190.00	190.00	171.00	211.00	214.00
Hay, other ..... dollars/ton	160.00	150.00	150.00	139.00	144.00	146.00
Soybeans ..... dollars/bu	12.70	13.30	14.90	12.70	12.90	14.80
Wheat, winter ..... dollars/bu	5.90	6.75	7.90	5.96	7.69	8.52
Milk, all ..... dollars/cwt	17.80	23.60	24.10	17.10	24.20	24.70

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

## February Milk Production

Dairy herds in Ohio produced 427 million pounds of milk during February, down 3.4 percent from a year ago. Production per cow in Ohio averaged 1,720 pounds for February, 20 pounds above February 2021. The dairy herd was estimated at

248,000 head for February, down 12,000 head from a year earlier. The average price of milk sold in February by Ohio dairy producers was \$24.10 per cwt., \$6.30 more than the price in February 2021.

### Milk Cows, Production, and Price – Ohio: February 2021 and 2022

Item	2021	2022
Cows.....1,000 hd	260	248
Milk per cow..... lbs/month	1,700	1,720
Production..... mil lbs	442	427
Milk price, all..... dol/cwt	17.80	24.10
Fat test..... pct	4.05	4.11
Protein <sup>1</sup> ..... pct	3.26	3.29

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## Honey Production

Ohio honey production for 2021 totaled 1.02 million pounds, down 15 percent from 2020. This estimate included honey from producers with 5 or more colonies. Yields from Ohio’s 16,000 honey producing colonies averaged 64 pounds in 2021, down 11 pounds from the previous year. Ohio honey price averaged \$3.70 per pound, up 20 cents per pound from last year. Value of production totaled \$3.79 million, down 10 percent from 2020. Honey stocks totaled 389 thousand pounds, down 32 percent from 2020.

Nationally, honey production in 2021 totaled 126 million pounds, down 14 percent from 2020. There were 2.70 million colonies producing honey in 2021, down slightly from 2020. Yield per colony averaged 46.9 pounds, down 14 percent from the 54.5 pounds in 2020. 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 23.5 million pounds on December 15, 2021, down 41 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude those held under the commodity loan program.

United States honey prices increased 21 percent during 2021 to \$2.54 per pound, compared to \$2.10 per pound in 2020. 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 2020 crop reflect honey sold in 2020 and 2021. Some 2020 crop honey was sold in 2021, which caused some revisions to the 2020 crop prices.

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