



Agriculture Across Ohio

September 1 Crop Forecast

Warmer weather through August helped to dry out fields saturated from rains earlier in the summer, but crop conditions remained generally unchanged as Ohio crop yields are expected to remain well below last year. This report is based on conditions as of September 1, 2015. Some highlights of the crop production report are as follows:

- Ohio's average corn yield is forecast at 163 bushels per acre, down 13 bushels from 2014 and down 5 bushels from the August forecast. Total production is forecast at 531.4 million bushels, down 13 percent from a year ago.
- Soybean yield in Ohio is forecast at 48 bushels per acre, down 4.5 bushels from last year's record yield, but unchanged from last month. Total production is forecast at 239.5 million bushels, down 6 percent from last year.
- Nationally, corn production is forecast at 13.6 billion bushels, down 4 percent from last year's record production and down less than 1 percent from the

August forecast. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 167.5 bushels per acre, down 1.3 bushels from the August forecast and 3.5 bushels from 2014 average. If realized, this will be the second highest yield and third largest production on record for the United States. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 81.1 million acres, unchanged from the August forecast but down 2 percent from 2014.

- U.S. soybean production is forecast at 3.94 billion bushels, up slightly from August but down 1 percent from last year. Based on September 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 47.1 bushels per acre, up 0.2 bushels from last month but down 0.7 bushels from last year. Area for harvest in the United States is forecast at a record 83.5 million acres, unchanged from August but up less than 1 percent from last year.

Acres Planted by Crop, Ohio and United States: 2013 - 2015

Commodity	Ohio			United States		
	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015
Corn, all						
Planted1,000 acres	3,900	3,700	3,500	95,365	90,597	88,897
Corn, grain						
Harvested1,000 acres	3,730	3,470	3,260	87,451	83,136	81,101
YieldBushels	174.0	176.0	163.0	158.1	171.0	167.5
Production 1,000 bu	649,020	610,720	531,380	13,828,964	14,215,532	13,584,945
Soybeans						
Planted1,000 acres	4,500	4,850	5,000	76,840	83,701	84,339
Harvested1,000 acres	4,490	4,840	4,990	76,253	83,061	83,549
YieldBushels	49.5	52.5	48.0	44.0	47.8	47.1
Production 1,000 bu	222,255	254,100	239,520	3,357,984	3,968,823	3,935,277

July Agricultural Prices

Prices received by Ohio farmers for the full month of July 2015 are listed in the table below. Some Ohio highlights were: July corn, at \$4.02 per bushel, increased \$0.31 from June and decreased \$0.11 from last year; July soybeans, at \$10.30 per bushel, increased \$0.20 from last month and decreased \$3.00 from last year; July wheat, at \$4.80 per bushel, decreased \$0.72 from June and decreased \$0.84 from last year; July milk at \$17.10 per cwt., was unchanged \$0.00 from last month, and decreased \$6.80 from last year.

The July Prices Received Index (Agricultural Production), at 99, decreased 5.7 percent from June. At 86, the Crop Production Index decreased 2.3 percent. At 115,

the Livestock Production Index decreased 5.0 percent. Producers received lower prices for broilers, cattle, strawberries, and lettuce but higher prices for corn, cantaloupes, soybeans, and sweet corn. In addition to prices, the indexes are influenced by the monthly mix of commodities producers market. Increased monthly movement of wheat, grapes, hay, and cotton offset the decreased marketing of cattle, milk, oranges, and broilers.

The Prices Received Index is down 10 percent from the previous year. The Food Commodities Index, at 105, decreased 7.1 percent from the previous month and is down 13 percent from July 2014.

Prices Received by Farmers¹, July 2015

Commodity	Ohio			United States		
	Jul 2014	Jun 2015	Jul 2015	Jul 2014	Jun 2015	Jul 2015
Corn dollars/bu	4.13	3.71	4.02	4.06	3.58	3.80
Hay, alfalfa dollars/ton	175.00	175.00	190.00	217.00	178.00	169.00
Hay, other dollars/ton	110.00	105.00	125.00	133.00	127.00	129.00
Soybeans dollars/bu	13.30	10.10	10.30	13.10	9.58	9.96
Wheat, winter dollars/bu	5.64	5.52	4.80	5.99	5.20	5.15
Milk, all dollars/cwt	23.90	17.10	17.10	23.30	16.90	16.60
Milk cow replacements ² dollars/head	1,800.00		1,850.00	1,970.00		2,030.00

¹ Entire month weighted average price.

² Quarterly weighted average price for the months May to July

Red Meat Production

Commercial red meat production in Ohio totaled 23.7 million pounds in July, up 1.7 million pounds from July 2014.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.04 billion pounds in July, up 3 percent from the 3.91 billion pounds produced in July 2014.

Beef production, at 2.05 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.49 million head, down 4 percent from July 2014. The average live weight was up 26 pounds from the previous year, at 1,346 pounds.

Veal production totaled 6.9 million pounds, 11 percent below July a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 36,500 head, down 25 percent from July 2014. The average live weight was up 47 pounds from last year, at 322 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.97 billion pounds, up 10 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.40 million head, up 11 percent from July 2014. The average live weight was down 3 pounds from the previous year, at 280 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.9 million pounds, was down 7 percent from July 2014. Sheep slaughter totaled 187,100 head, 11 percent below last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, up 6 pound from July a year ago.

January to July 2015 commercial red meat production was 27.8 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2014. Accumulated beef production was down 4 percent from last year, veal was down 18 percent, pork was up 7 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

Wireless is Most Common Internet Access Method for Ohio Farms

Sixty-eight percent of Ohio farms have internet access, up 3 percentage points from 2013. Thirty percent of farms going online reported wireless as their primary access method, unchanged from two years ago. Access by satellite and access by cable both increased from two years ago. Dialup usage and DSL (Digital Subscriber Line) usage both decreased from 2013.

Nationally, 70 percent report having access to the Internet, up 3 percentage points from 2013. A DSL

connection is the most common method of accessing the Internet, with 30 percent of the farms in the United States using it, down from 35 percent in 2013. A wireless connection, at 29 percent, and a satellite connection at 21 percent, increased 5 and 4 percentage points, respectively. Other reported methods of accessing the Internet include cable modem service (12 percent), dial-up service (3 percent), and other or unknown (5 percent).

Poultry

All layers in Ohio totaled 31.8 million during July, up 2 percent from a year ago. Egg production totaled 766 million eggs, unchanged from last year. The rate of lay during July was 2,410 eggs per 100 layers. On August 1, in the East North Central Region, which includes Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Wisconsin, there were 7.2 million egg-

type eggs in incubators, up 9 percent from a year earlier. In the same region, there were 13.9 million broiler-type eggs in incubators, down 2 percent from the previous year. There were 22.9 million turkey poults hatched in the U.S. in July, down 6 percent from the previous year.

Egg and Hatchery Production, July 2015

Item	Unit	2014	2015	Percent Change
Ohio				
All layers	Thou	31,145	31,778	2
Eggs per hundred layers	Num	2,459	2,410	-2
Eggs produced	Mil	766	766	0
East North Central Region				
Eggs in incubators, Aug 1				
Egg-type	Thou	6,616	7,187	9
Broiler type	Thou	14,131	13,874	-2
U.S.				
All Layers	Thou	360,787	328,731	-9
Eggs per hundred layers	Num	2,357	2,333	-1
Eggs produced	Mil	8,503	7,669	-10
Turkey Eggs in incubators, Aug 1	Thou	27,759	26,941	-3
Turkey Poults hatched, Jul	Thou	24,405	22,898	-6

July Milk Production

Dairy herds in Ohio produced 468 million pounds of milk during July, up 0.9 percent from a year ago. The daily rate per cow was 56.8 pounds, up 0.5 pounds from July 2014. The dairy herd was estimated at 266,000 head for July,

unchanged from a year earlier. The average price of milk sold in July by Ohio dairy producers was \$17.10 per cwt., \$6.80 less than the price in July 2014.

Ohio Dairy Summary, July 2015

Item		2013	2014	2015
Cows	1,000 Hd	271	266	266
Milk per cow	Lb/day	53.2	56.3	56.8
Production	Mil lbs	447	464	468
Milk price, all	Dol/cwt	20.70	23.90	17.10
Fat test	Pct	3.68	3.63	3.60
Protein ¹	Pct	2.97	3.01	2.99

¹ FMO 33

Vegetable Report

Tomato processors contracted 4,200 acres in Ohio for 2015, a decrease of 200 acres from last year. Processing tomato production is forecast at 109,200 tons, down 29 percent from 2014. Production is down due to both lower

acreage contracted and a forecasted lower yield per acre. Nationally, contracted tomato production is forecast at 14.9 million tons up 2.2 percent from 2014. Contracted harvested acreage is up 5,600 acres to 307,700 acres nationwide.

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