



Agriculture Across Ohio

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The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will spend the next several months gathering production practices information from farmers and ranchers across the nation through the Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS). The results of this survey will serve as a baseline for numerous federal policies and programs that affect U.S. farms and farm families.

NASS conducts ARMS jointly with USDA's Economic Research Service. In an effort to obtain the most accurate data, the federal agencies will reach out to nearly 41,000 producers nationwide, including approximately 900 in Ohio, between January and April. The survey asks producers to provide data

on their operating expenditures, production costs, and household characteristics.

As with all NASS surveys, information provided by respondents is confidential by law. NASS safeguards the confidentiality of all responses, ensuring no individual respondent or operation can be identified.

The economic data gathered in ARMS will be published in the annual *Farm Production Expenditures* report on August 4, 2016. All NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov. For more information on NASS surveys and reports, please call the Great Lakes Regional Field Office at (800) 453-7501.

Ohio Vegetable Report

Ohio produced 4.19 million hundredweight (cwt) of fresh market vegetables in 2015, a 9 percent decrease from 2014. The value of fresh market vegetables, at the farm level, was \$135.5 million, a 6 percent increase from 2014.

2016 Release Schedule for 2015 County Estimates

Commodity	Anticipated Release Date
Oats	December 10, 2015
Winter Wheat	December 10, 2015
Corn for Grain	February 18, 2016
Soybeans	February 18, 2016
Dry Edible Beans	April 21, 2016
Sugar Beets	July 21, 2016
Cattle & Calves	May 9, 2016

December Milk Production

Dairy herds in Ohio produced 458 million pounds of milk during December, unchanged from a year ago. The daily rate per cow was 55.5 pounds, up 0.3 pounds from December 2014. The dairy herd was estimated at 266,000 head for December, down 2,000 head from a year earlier. The average price of milk sold in December by Ohio dairy producers was \$17.80 per cwt., \$4.00 less than the price in December 2014.

Ohio Dairy Summary, December 2015

Item		2013	2014	2015
Cows	1,000 Hd	267	268	266
Milk per cow	Lb/day	54.2	55.2	55.5
Production	Mil lbs	449	458	458
Milk price, all	Dol/cwt	22.80	21.80	17.80
Fat test	Pct	3.98	3.91	3.89
Protein ¹	Pct	3.21	3.17	3.16

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Ohio Cattle Inventory

All cattle and calves in Ohio as of January 1, 2016 were 1,240 thousand head, unchanged from last year. Ohio highlights from the January 1 report follow:

- Beef cow numbers increased 1 percent to 284,000. Beef replacement heifers increased 10 percent to 55,000 head.

- Milk cows were down 1 percent to 266,000 head. Heifers for milk cow replacement decreased 4 percent to 120,000 head.
- The 2015 calf crop was 470,000 head, up 2 percent from 2014.

Cattle inventory, January 1, 2015-16

Class	Ohio		United States	
	2015	2016	2015	2016
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>
All cattle and calves	1,240	1,240	89,143	91,988
Cows	550	550	38,609	39,646
Beef	282	284	29,302	30,331
Milk	268	266	9,307	9,315
Replacement heifers	225	225	19,261	19,822
Beef	50	55	6,086	6,285
Milk	125	120	4,710	4,824
Other	50	50	8,464	8,713
Steers 500 pounds and over	195	195	15,630	16,320
Bulls 500 pounds and over	25	25	2,109	2,142
Calves under 500 pounds	245	245	13,534	14,057
Cattle on feed	170	160	13,025	13,177

December Agricultural Prices

Prices received by Ohio farmers for the full month of December 2015 are listed in the table below. Some Ohio highlights were: December corn, at \$4.01 per bushel, was up \$0.14 from November and increased \$0.11 from last year; December soybeans, at \$9.06 per bushel, was up \$0.23 from

last month and decreased \$1.54 from last year; December wheat, at \$4.38 per bushel, was up \$0.14 from November and decreased \$1.70 from last year; December milk at \$17.80 per cwt., was down \$1.80 from last month, and decreased \$4.00 from last year.

Prices Received by Farmers¹, December 2015

Commodity	Ohio			United States		
	Dec 2014	Nov 2015	Dec 2015	Dec 2014	Nov 2015	Dec 2015
Corndollars/bu	3.90	3.87	4.01	3.79	3.60	3.65
Hay, alfalfadollars/ton	175.00	200.00	200.00	180.00	150.00	150.00
Hay, otherdollars/ton	120.00	120.00	110.00	122.00	127.00	129.00
Soybeansdollars/bu	10.60	8.83	9.06	10.30	8.68	8.76
Wheat, winterdollars/bu	6.08	4.24	4.38	6.14	4.66	4.49
Milk, alldollars/cwt	21.80	19.60	17.80	20.40	18.20	17.20

¹ Entire month weighted average price.

Sheep and Goat Inventory

All sheep and lamb inventory in Ohio on January 1, 2016, was estimated at 120,000 head, a decrease of 1 percent from 2015. The breeding sheep inventory, at 96,000 head, was unchanged from last year. Market sheep and lambs totaled 24,000 head, a decrease of 1,000 from last year. The 2015 Ohio lamb crop was 97,000 head, down 1,000 from the previous year.

The number of sheep and lambs shorn in Ohio, 81,000 head, was down 2,000 from the previous year. Ohio shorn wool production in 2015 was 490,000 pounds, unchanged from 2014. The average price paid for wool in Ohio was \$0.74 per pound, an increase of \$0.15 from the previous year. The total value of wool was \$363,000, 26 percent above the 2014 value.

As of January 1, 2016, there were 9,500 milk goats in Ohio, down 500 from a year earlier. The Ohio meat and other goat inventory was 44,000 head, 2,000 below the January 1, 2015, inventory.

Goat inventory, January 1, 2015-16

Class	Ohio		United States	
	2015	2016	2015	2016
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>
Angora	(NA)	(NA)	160	150
Milk	10.0	9.5	365	375
Meat and other	46.0	44.0	2,125	2,095

(NA) Not available.

Sheep inventory, January 1, 2015-16

Class	Ohio		United States	
	2015	2016	2015	2016
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>
All sheep and lambs	121	120	5,280	5,320
Breeding sheep and lambs	96	96	3,935	3,965
Ewes	73	73	3,110	3,125
Rams	6	6	175	175
Replacement lambs	17	17	650	665
Total market sheep and lambs	25	24	1,345	1,355
Previous year's lamb crop	98	97	3,440	3,440

Chickens and Eggs

All layers in Ohio totaled 31.6 million during December, up 2 percent from a year ago. Egg production totaled 771 million eggs, up 1 percent from last year. The rate of lay during December was 2,437 eggs per 100 layers. On January 1, in the East North Central Region, which includes Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Wisconsin, there were 9.3 million egg-type

eggs in incubators, unchanged from a year earlier. In the same region, there were 14.5 million broiler-type eggs in incubators, up 2 percent from the previous year. There were 22.5 million turkey poults hatched in the U.S. in December, down 9 percent from the previous year.

Egg and Hatchery Production, December 2015

Item	Unit	2014	2015	Percent Change
Ohio				
All layers	Thou	31,062	31,643	2
Eggs per hundred layers	Num	2,450	2,437	-1
Eggs produced	Mil	761	771	1
East North Central Region				
Eggs in incubators, Jan 1				
Egg-type	Thou	9,258	9,303	0
Broiler type	Thou	14,160	14,462	2
U.S.				
All Layers	Thou	365,691	345,094	-6
Eggs per hundred layers	Num	2,388	2,333	-2
Eggs produced	Mil	8,731	8,052	-8
Turkey Eggs in incubators, Jan 1	Thou	29,281	26,885	-8
Turkey Poults hatched, Dec	Thou	24,660	22,538	-9

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