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**FEATURING:** Wheat Prod. Hay Stocks Ann. Egg/Milk Pr. Tobacco Ag. Prices Supply/Demand

## OHIO WINTER WHEAT PRODUCTION FORECAST DOWN 12 PERCENT FROM 2008 U.S. WINTER WHEAT PRODUCTION DOWN 20 PERCENT

Based on a May 1 yield survey, Ohio winter wheat producers expect to harvest 65.3 million bushels in 2009, down 12 percent from the previous year. Producers are expecting to harvest 990 thousand acres for grain or seed from the 1.12 million acres seeded last fall. This is 100,000 acres less than was harvested in 2008. The average State yield is forecast at 66 bushels per acre, down two bushels from last year.

U.S. Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.50 billion bushels, down 20 percent from 2008. Expected area for harvest as grain or seed totals 34.0 million acres, down 14 percent from last year. Based on May 1 conditions, the U.S., yield is forecast at 44.2 bushels per acre, down 3.0 bushels from the previous year.

Hay stocks on Ohio farms amounted to 325,000 tons on May 1 compared to 165,000 tons on hand at the same time the previous year. Disappearance from December 1, 2008 was 1.7 million tons compared to the previous year disappearance of 1.5 million tons.

Hay Stocks on U.S. Farms as of May 1, 2009 totaled 22.1 million tons, up 2 percent from a year ago. Disappearance from December 1, 2008-May 1, 2009 totaled 81.6 million

tons, compared with 82.5 million tons for the same period a year ago.

Hay stocks decreased from last year across most of the Great Plains and Rocky Mountain States. Texas and Oklahoma had the largest decreases due in part to lower hay production in 2008. In addition, dry weather last fall and winter resulted in poor pasture conditions which increased supplemental hay feeding. Hay stocks in North Dakota and Montana were down 44 and 42 percent, respectively, due to a combination of lower production and spring snow storms that prolonged the hay feeding season.

Meanwhile, in the eastern United States, higher production, milder winter weather, increased precipitation, and lower cattle inventories contributed to higher hay stocks on May 1. The largest increase was shown in Tennessee where stocks were 157 percent higher than a year earlier. Other notable increases were shown in Alabama and Kentucky, both up 150 percent from May 2008. Stocks in the western United States were also higher than a year ago as lower demand was noted in California, Oregon, and Washington.

WINTER WHEAT PRODUCTION SELECTED STATES AND U.S. 2008 & 2009

State	Area for harvest		Yield		Production	
	2008	2009 <sup>1/</sup>	2008	2009 <sup>1/</sup>	2008	2009 <sup>1/</sup>
	(000) acres		Bu./acre		(000) bushels	
<b>Ohio</b>	<b>1,090</b>	<b>990</b>	<b>68.0</b>	<b>66.0</b>	<b>74,120</b>	<b>65,340</b>
Indiana	560	430	69.0	69.0	38,640	29,670
Illinois	1,150	800	64.0	63.0	73,600	50,400
Missouri	1,160	750	48.0	51.0	55,680	38,250
Arkansas	980	430	57.0	54.0	55,860	23,220
Texas	3,300	2,400	30.0	27.0	99,000	64,800
Oklahoma	4,500	3,500	37.0	23.0	166,500	80,500
Kansas	8,900	8,500	40.0	40.0	356,000	340,000
Colorado	1,900	2,300	30.0	32.0	57,000	73,600
Montana	2,420	2,400	39.0	39.0	94,380	93,600
United States	39,614	33,995	47.2	44.2	1,867,903	1,502,074

1/ Preliminary.

WHEAT PRODUCTION BY CLASSES IN THE UNITED STATES<sup>1/</sup>

Year	Winter			Spring			Total
	Hard red	Soft red	White	Hard red	White	Durum	
	Thousand Bushels						
2007	955,555	352,026	191,660	450,070	29,553	72,224	2,051,088
2008	1,035,235	613,578	219,090	511,508	35,236	84,877	2,499,524
2009	871,394	422,313	208,367	-	-	-	-

1/ Wheat class estimates are based on the latest varietal acreage survey data available. The previous end-of-season class percentages are used through the forecast season, unless otherwise noted.

HAY STOCKS DECEMBER 1, 2006-2008 AND MAY 1, 2007-2009

State	December 1			May 1		
	2006	2007	2008	2007	2008	2009
	1,000 Tons					
Indiana	1,475	973	1,191	198	93	185
Kentucky	4,550	3,312	4,169	600	186	465
Missouri	5,415	6,662	7,744	625	900	2,050
<b>Ohio</b>	<b>2,155</b>	<b>1,653</b>	<b>1,992</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>325</b>
Pennsylvania	3,485	1,750	2,500	520	500	700
U.S.	96,400	104,089	103,658	14,990	21,585	22,065

**OHIO 2008 BURLEY PRODUCTION DOWN 3 PERCENT FROM PREVIOUS YEAR**

Ohio burley tobacco growers harvested and estimated 3,400 acres in 2008, down 100 acres from the previous year. Total production of 7.0 million pounds represents a 3 percent decrease from the previous crop year. The average State yield in 2008 was estimated at 2,050 pounds per acre, unchanged from the 2007 average.

Revised U.S. tobacco production for 2008 totaled 801 million pounds, down slightly from the January preliminary estimate but 2 percent above 2007. Harvested area is estimated at 354,490 acres, up slightly from the January preliminary estimate but down less than 1 percent from the previous year's estimate. Yield per acre averaged 2,258 pounds, down 2

pounds from the January preliminary estimate but 45 pounds above 2007.

Burley production, which accounted for 98 percent of all light air-cured tobacco, totaled 202 million pounds. This is up slightly from the January preliminary estimate but 7 percent below 2007. Producers of burley tobacco harvested 97,500 acres in 2008, down 8 percent from the previous year. Yields averaged 2,067 pounds per acre, 34 pounds above 2007. Kentucky, the leading producer of burley tobacco, produced 147 million pounds, approximately 73 percent of all burley grown in United States.

TOBACCO: AREA HARVESTED, YIELD, PRODUCTION AND VALUE BY STATE AND UNITED STATES, 2007-2008<sup>1/</sup>

State	Area Harvested		Yield		Production		Value of Production	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	Acres		Acres		Pounds		1,000 Pounds	
CT <sup>2/</sup>	2,900	2,600	1,733	1,352	5,025	3,516	22,496	13,841
GA	18,500	16,000	2,150	2,100	39,775	33,600	60,856	57,120
KY	89,200	87,800	2,209	2,345	197,040	205,850	341,268	382,593
MA <sup>2/</sup>	1,320	690	1,725	1,403	2,277	968	12,923	4,015
MO	1,600	1,500	2,330	2,240	3,728	3,360	6,151	5,880
NC	170,000	174,300	2,255	2,240	383,420	390,360	587,029	686,921
<b>OH</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>3,400</b>	<b>2,050</b>	<b>2,050</b>	<b>7,175</b>	<b>6,970</b>	<b>11,265</b>	<b>11,361</b>
PA <sup>3/</sup>	7,900	7,900	2,318	2,232	18,310	17,630	26,219	24,040
SC	20,500	19,000	2,250	2,100	46,125	39,900	69,188	69,426
TN	19,980	21,800	1,934	2,403	38,636	52,380	75,823	110,448
VA	20,600	19,500	2,240	2,357	46,142	45,970	71,206	82,296
CT & MA <sup>4/</sup>							44,811	
U.S. <sup>3/ 5/</sup>	356,000	354,490	2,213	2,258	787,653	800,504	1,329,235	1,482,437

1/ 2008 revised. 2/ Price and value includes CT Valley Broadleaf only. CT Valley Shade-grown is not included in State totals to avoid disclosure of individual operations. 3/ Price and value for 2007 and 2008 exclude Southern MD Belt tobacco to avoid disclosure of individual operations. 4/ Includes CT Valley Shade-grown only. CT and MA combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations. Price and value not available for 2008. 5/ Includes estimated 2008 value of production for CT and MA, CT Valley Shade-grown. Used 2007 CT and MA, CT Valley Shade-grown price to compute the 2008 value of production.

## APRIL CORN AND SOYBEAN PRICES UP FROM MARCH, WHEAT UNCHANGED

Ohio's April corn price of \$4.13 per bushel is up 8 cents from March but \$1.23 below the previous April price of \$5.36 per bushel. The State's April soybean price of \$10.50 per bushel is up 97 cents from March, but \$1.50 below what was received at the same time last year. The April winter wheat price of \$4.31 per bushel was unchanged from March but \$4.07 below the April 2008 average price of \$8.38. The alfalfa hay price in April of \$170.00 per ton is down from March and \$9.00 per ton lower than the price received one year ago. Other hay at \$103.00 per ton is down \$12.00 from March and \$16.00 below the price received last year at this time.

The April beef cattle price in Ohio of \$80.50 per cwt. is up \$1.70 per cwt. from March but \$2.30 per cwt. lower than the April 2008 average price. The steer and heifer price of \$84.50 per cwt. is up \$1.70 from March but \$2.10 per cwt. lower than the April 2008 average price. The April cow price of \$44.00 per cwt. is up \$1.60 from March but \$4.40 lower than it was last year at this time. Calves, at \$99.00 per cwt. are up \$2.50 from the previous month but 30 cents below the previous April price. Ohio's April hog price of \$41.90 per cwt. is down 20 cents from March but \$2.00 higher than was received the previous April. The April sow price of \$40.00 per cwt. is down 80 cents from the previous month, but \$23.20 more than was received at the same time last year. The April barrow and gilt price of \$42.10 per cwt. is down 10 cents from the

previous month, and \$1.00 lower than was received in April 2008.

The April milk price of \$13.20 per cwt. is up 50 cents from March but \$6.20 lower than the April 2008 price of \$19.40 per cwt. The April egg price of 75 cents per dozen is up 11 cents from March but 21 cents lower than the April 2008 price of 96 cents per dozen.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in April, at 131 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 5 points (4.0 percent) from March. The Crop Index is up 9 points (6.2 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 3 points (2.8 percent). Producers received higher prices for lettuce, cattle, soybeans, and onions and lower prices for strawberries, snap beans, apples, and cauliflower. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of strawberries, sweet corn, cattle, and lettuce offset decreased marketings of soybeans, corn, wheat, and hogs. The preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 15 points (10 percent) from April 2008. The Food Commodities Index, at 129, increased 7 points (5.7 percent) from last month but decreased 13 points (9.2 percent) from April 2008.

### AGRICULTURAL PRICES, OHIO AND U.S., APRIL 2009

Commodity <sup>1/</sup>	Unit	OHIO			U.S.
		Apr. 2008	Mar. 2009	Apr. 2009	Apr. 2009
Winter Wheat	Bu \$	8.38	4.31	4.31	5.16
Corn	Bu \$	5.36	4.05	4.13	3.87
Soybeans	Bu \$	12.00	9.53	10.50	9.89
Oats	Bu \$				2.16
All Hay <sup>2/</sup>	Ton \$	140.00	142.00	126.00	129.00
Alfalfa hay	Ton \$	179.00	183.00	170.00	133.00
Other Hay	Ton \$	119.00	115.00	103.00	117.00
Apples	Lb \$	0.400	0.440	0.460	0.208
Hogs	Cwt \$	39.90	42.10	41.90	43.40
Sows	Cwt \$	16.80	40.80	40.00	41.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt \$	43.10	42.20	42.10	43.50
All Beef	Cwt \$	82.80	78.80	80.50	82.80
Cows	Cwt \$	48.40	42.40	44.00	47.50
Steers & heifers	Cwt \$	86.60	82.80	84.50	87.70
Calves	Cwt \$	99.30	96.50	99.00	109.00
Sheep	Cwt \$	23.70	28.20	-	-
Lambs	Cwt \$	112.00	112.00	-	-
Milk sold to plants	Cwt \$	19.40	12.70	13.20	12.00
Milk for fluid use	Cwt \$	19.50	12.80	-	12.10
Milk of mfg. grade	Cwt \$	16.70	11.30	-	11.30
Eggs <sup>3/</sup>	Doz \$	0.960	0.640	0.750	0.771
<b>FEED PRICE RATIOS</b>					
Hog-corn ratio <sup>4/</sup>		7.44	10.40	10.15	11.21

1/ Monthly average except for current month. 2/ Mid-month price for all months. 3/ Fresh market (table ) eggs. 4/ Bushels of corn equal in value to 100 pounds of hogs live weight. 5/ Insufficient sales to establish a price. 6/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

MAY SUPPLY AND DEMAND <sup>1/</sup>

	Corn		Wheat		Soybeans	
	2008/09	2009/10	2008/09	2009/10	2008/09	2009/10
	Million Bushels					
Beginning Stocks	1,624	1,600	306	669	205	130
Production	12,101	12,090	2,500	2,026	2,959	3,195
Imports	15	15	125	115	12	12
Total Supply	13,740	13,705	2,930	2,810	3,176	3,337
Domestic Use	10,390	10,660	1,251	1,273	1,806	1,847
Exports	1,750	1,900	1,010	900	1,240	1,260
Total Use	12,140	12,560	2,261	2,173	3,046	3,107
Ending Stocks, Total	1,600	1,145	669	637	130	230
CCC Inventory	0	0	0	0	-	-
Free Stocks	1,600	-	669	-	-	-
Average Price (\$bu.)	4.10-4.30	3.70-4.50	6.85	4.70-5.70	9.85	8.45-10.45

1/ From World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates, ERS, FAS, USDA.

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