



# Farm Report

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

## OHIO WINTER WHEAT PRODUCTION FORECAST DOWN 32 PERCENT FROM 2011 U.S. WINTER WHEAT PRODUCTION UP 13 PERCENT

Based on a May 1 yield survey, Ohio winter wheat producers expect to harvest 33.4 million bushels in 2012, down 32 percent from the previous year. Producers are expecting to harvest 530 thousand acres for grain or seed from the 580 thousand acres seeded last fall. This is 320,000 acres less than was harvested in 2011. The average State yield is forecast at 63 bushels per acre, up 5 bushels from last year.

U.S. Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.69 billion bushels, up 13 percent from 2011. The area expected to be harvested for grain or seed totals 35.6 million acres, up 10 percent from last year. Based on May 1 conditions, the United States yield are forecast at 47.6 bushels per acre, up 1.4 bushels from last year.

Hay stocks on farms: All hay stored on farms May 1, 2012, totaled 21.4 million tons, down 4 percent from a year ago. Disappearance from December 1, 2011 - May 1, 2012 totaled 69.3 million tons, compared with 79.9 million tons for the same period a year ago.

This is the smallest disappearance since 1985. Compared with last year, hay stocks as a percent of production increased across much of the Northern Tier and in many eastern States. Mild temperatures coupled with limited snowpack left many pastures and ranges accessible to livestock herds for longer periods of time during the winter allowing producers to feed less hay. Similarly, beneficial rainfall throughout much of the spring and summer boosted pasture growth in many Atlantic Coast States, delaying the need for supplemental feedstuffs as winter approached.

Elsewhere, on-farm stocks declined from last year in a number Great Plains States, as prolonged drought conditions hampered pasture growth and forced many livestock producers to feed an increased amount of hay to their herds.

WINTER WHEAT PRODUCTION SELECTED STATES AND U.S. 2011 & 2012

State	Area for harvest		Yield		Production	
	2011	2012 <sup>1/</sup>	2011	2012 <sup>1/</sup>	2011	2012 <sup>1/</sup>
	(000) acres		Bu./acre		(000) bushels	
Arkansas	520	480	58.0	57.0	30,160	27,360
Colorado	2,000	2,250	39.0	41.0	78,000	92,250
Illinois	765	630	61.0	62.0	46,665	39,060
Indiana	400	330	62.0	63.0	24,800	20,790
Kansas	7,900	9,000	35.0	43.0	276,500	387,000
Missouri	680	700	50.0	51.0	34,000	35,700
Montana	2,190	2,120	41.0	40.0	89,790	84,800
<b>Ohio</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>58.0</b>	<b>63.0</b>	<b>49,300</b>	<b>33,390</b>
Oklahoma	3,200	4,300	22.0	36.0	70,400	154,800
Texas	1,900	3,350	26.0	31.0	49,400	103,850
United States	32,314	35,580	46.2	47.6	1,493,677	1,693,710

<sup>1/</sup> 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						
2010	1,018,337	237,804	229,095	569,975	46,000	107,180	2,208,391
2011	780,089	457,535	256,053	397,689	57,499	50,482	1,999,347
2012	1,032,252	428,263	233,195	-	-	-	-

<sup>1/</sup> 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, 2009-2011 AND MAY 1, 2010-2012

State	December 1			May 1		
	2009	2010	2011	2010	2011	2012
	1,000 Tons					
Indiana	1,360	1,200	1,300	198	225	165
Kentucky	4,905	4,392	3,840	1,006	799	775
Missouri	8,280	6,500	5,450	1,250	1,325	1,025
<b>Ohio</b>	<b>2,013</b>	<b>1,790</b>	<b>1,778</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>308</b>
Pennsylvania	2,400	1,950	1,950	680	340	450
U.S.	107,222	102,134	90,726	20,931	22,217	21,381

**OHIO 2011 BURLEY PRODUCTION DOWN 34 PERCENT FROM PREVIOUS YEAR**

Ohio burley tobacco growers harvested an estimated 1,600 acres in 2011, down 900 acres from the previous year. Total production of 3.4 million pounds represents a 34 percent decrease from the previous crop year. The average State yield in 2011 was estimated at 2,100 pounds per acre, up 50 pounds from the 2010 average.

January preliminary estimate and 17 percent below 2010. Harvested area is estimated at 325,040 acres, up slightly from the January preliminary estimate but down 4 percent from the previous year's estimate. Yield per acre averaged 1,841 pounds, down slightly from the January preliminary estimate and 287 pounds below 2010.

Revised United States tobacco production for 2011 totaled 598 million pounds, down less than 1 percent from the

TOBACCO: AREA HARVESTED, YIELD, PRODUCTION AND VALUE BY STATE AND UNITED STATES, 2010-2011

State	Area Harvested		Yield		Production		Value of Production	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	Acres		Acres		1,000 Pounds		1,000 dollars	
CT <sup>1/</sup>	2,600	2,070	1,582	1,494	4,112	3,092	-	-
GA	11,400	11,900	2,350	2,250	26,790	26,775	46,347	46,589
KY	85,200	77,500	2,133	2,221	181,760	172,140	309,468	332,993
MA <sup>1/</sup>	950	570	1,867	1,570	1,774	895	-	-
NC	168,300	162,300	2,095	1,550	352,625	251,565	589,085	422,380
<b>OH</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>1,600</b>	<b>2,050</b>	<b>2,100</b>	<b>5,125</b>	<b>3,360</b>	<b>8,354</b>	<b>5,678</b>
PA	8,500	9,700	2,349	2,129	19,965	20,655	33,445	35,314
SC	16,000	15,500	2,250	1,700	36,000	26,350	63,360	43,741
TN	22,300	22,000	2,051	2,062	45,740	45,363	91,140	97,859
VA	19,750	21,900	2,243	2,197	44,299	48,125	78,479	81,089
U.S.	337,500	325,040	2,128	1,841	718,190	598,320	1,279,920	1,084,039

1/ Withheld to avoid disclosure for individual operations.

## APRIL CORN AND WHEAT PRICES DOWN FROM MARCH

Ohio's April corn price of \$6.31 per bushel is down 21 cents from March and 49 cents below the previous April price of \$6.80 per bushel. The State's April soybean price of \$14.10 per bushel is up 60 cents from March, and \$1.20 above what was received at the same time last year. The April winter wheat price of \$6.48 per bushel was down 33 cents from March and 76 cents below the April 2011 average price of \$7.24.

The alfalfa hay price in April of \$209.00 per ton is up \$17.00 from March and \$40.00 per ton higher than the price received one year ago. Other hay at \$118.00 per ton is up \$7.00 from March and \$36.00 above the price received last year at this time. The April milk price of \$17.90 per cwt. is down 60 cents from March and \$3.70 lower than the April 2011 price of \$21.60 per cwt.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in April, at 177 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, decreased 7 points (3.8 percent) from March. The Crop Index is down 5 points (2.4 percent) and the Livestock Index decreased 7 points (4.4 percent). Producers received lower prices for broilers, corn, cattle, and eggs and higher prices for soybeans, onions, hay, and oranges. 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 movement of cattle, strawberries, milk, and broilers offset the decreased marketing of soybeans, corn, wheat, and cotton.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 1 point (0.6 percent) from April 2011. The Food Commodities Index, at 166, decreased 5 points (2.9 percent) from last month but is unchanged from April 2011.

### AGRICULTURAL PRICES, OHIO AND U.S., APRIL 2012

Commodity <sup>1/</sup>	Unit	OHIO			U.S.
		Apr. 2011	Mar. 2012	Apr. 2012	Apr. 2012
Winter Wheat	Bu \$	7.24	6.81	6.48	6.31
Corn	Bu \$	6.80	6.52	6.31	6.14
Soybeans	Bu \$	12.90	13.50	14.10	13.80
All Hay <sup>2/</sup>	Ton \$	115.00	143.00	150.00	190.00
Alfalfa hay	Ton \$	169.00	192.00	209.00	207.00
Other Hay	Ton \$	82.00	111.00	118.00	140.00
Apples	Lb \$	0.680	0.490	0.510	0.329
Milk sold to plants	Cwt \$	21.60	18.50	17.90	16.90

<sup>1/</sup> Monthly average except for current month. <sup>2/</sup> Mid-month price for all months.

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

	Corn		Wheat		Soybeans	
	2011/12	2012/13	2011/12	2012/13	2011/12	2012/13
	Million Bushels					
Beginning Stocks	1,128	851	862	768	215	210
Production	12,358	14,790	1,999	2,245	3,056	3,205
Imports	20	15	120	120	15	15
Total Supply	13,506	15,656	2,982	3,133	3,286	3,430
Domestic Use	10,955	11,875	1,189	1,248	1,761	1,780
Exports	1,700	1,900	1,025	1,150	1,315	1,505
Total Use	12,655	13,775	2,214	2,398	3,076	3,285
Ending Stocks, Total	851	1,881	768	735	210	145
CCC Inventory	-	-	-	-	-	-
Free Stocks	851	-	768	-	-	-
Average Price (\$bu.)	5.95-6.25	4.20-5.00	7.25	5.50-6.70	12.35	12.00-14.00

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

**OHIO HONEY PRODUCTION DOWN 11 PERCENT  
U.S. HONEY PRODUCTION DOWN 16 PERCENT**

In 2011, total bee colonies in Ohio totaled 15,000, down 3,000 from last year. Yield per colony averaged 66 pounds in 2011 and 62 pounds in 2010. Average price for Ohio honey was 226 cents per pound in 2011, down 2 cents per pound from 2010.

Honey production in 2011 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 148 million pounds, down 16 percent from 2010. There were 2.49 million colonies producing honey in 2011, down 7 percent from 2010. Yield per colony averaged 59.6 pounds, down 9 percent from the 65.6 pounds in 2010. 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 36.8 million pounds on December 15, 2011, down 18 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude those held under the commodity loan program.

Honey prices increased to a record high during 2011 to 172.9 cents per pound, up 7 percent from 161.9 cents per pound in 2010. 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 2010 crop reflect honey sold in 2010 and 2011. Some 2010 crop honey was sold in 2011, which caused some revisions to the 2010 crop prices.

HONEY PRODUCTION 2010 AND 2011

State	Honey producing colonies		Yield per colony		Production		Average price per pound <sup>1/</sup>	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	1,000		Pounds		1,000 Pounds		Cents	
California	410	370	67	48	27,470	17,760	155	161
Florida	200	180	69	61	13,800	10,980	156	165
Minnesota	128	120	66	53	8,448	6,360	155	159
North Dakota	510	460	91	71	46,410	32,660	150	166
<b>Ohio</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>1,116</b>	<b>990</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>226</b>
South Dakota	265	250	58	66	15,370	16,500	151	165
Texas	100	78	72	58	7,200	4,524	151	177
United States <sup>2/</sup>	2,692	2,491	65.6	59.6	176,462	148,357	161.9	172.9

1/ Prices weighted by sales. 2/ Total colonies multiplied by total yield may not exactly equal production.

