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DAIRY PRODUCTS

AGRICULTURAL PRICES

United States - Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 1.08 billion pounds, 1.0 percent above November 2017, but 4.3 percent below October 2018.

United States - The November Prices Received Index (Agricultural Production), at 88.1, increased 3.5 percent from October 2018. At 84.1, the Crop Production Index increased 5.0 percent. The Livestock Production Index, at 92.1, increased 0.9 percent. Producers received higher prices for lettuce, market eggs, cattle, and broilers, but lower prices for soybeans, milk, hogs, and lemons. Compared with a year earlier, the Prices Received Index is down 3.6 percent. The Crop Production Index increased 2.7 percent and the Livestock Production Index decreased 9.5 percent. In addition to prices, the indexes are influenced by the volume change of commodities producers market. Increased monthly movement of milk, corn, cattle, and cotton offset the decreased marketing of soybeans, grapes, lettuce, and wheat. The Food Commodities Index, at 93.8, increased 5.6 percent from the previous month, but decreased 6.9 percent from November 2017.

Italian type cheese production totaled 464 million pounds, 1.6 percent above November 2017, but 2.2 percent below October 2018.

The November Prices Paid Index for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW), at 109.0, is down 0.4 percent from October 2018, but up 1.8 percent from November 2017. Lower prices in November for feeder cattle, LP gas, herbicides, and complete feeds more than offset higher prices for feeder pigs, tractors, nitrogen, and supplements.

American type cheese production totaled 423 million pounds, 2.2 percent above November 2017, but 3.5 percent below October 2018.

The November Prices Received Index for agricultural production is 88.1 percent of its 2011 base, up 3.5 percent from the October 2018 index, but down 3.6 percent from the November 2017 index.

Butter production was 146 million pounds, 2.7 percent below November 2017, but 1.5 percent above October 2018.

Crop production: The November index, at 84.1, is 5.0 percent higher than October and 2.7 percent higher than November 2017. The vegetable & melon along with fruit & tree nut index increases more than

Dry milk products (comparisons in percentage with November 2017) Nonfat dry milk, human - 130 million pounds, down 7.7 percent. Skim milk powder - 30.4 million pounds, down 26.9 percent.

Whey products (comparisons in percentage with November 2017) Dry whey, total - 74.7 million pounds, down 8.6 percent. Lactose, human and animal - 97.9 million pounds, up 13.7 percent. Whey protein concentrate, total - 39.4 million pounds, down 2.9 percent.

Frozen products (comparisons in percentage with November 2017) Ice cream, regular (hard) - 51.9 million gallons, up 4.6 percent. Ice cream, lowfat (total) - 26.9 million gallons, down 3.9 percent. Sherbet (hard) - 2.37 million gallons, up 0.9 percent.

offset the grain & oilseed and other crop index decreases.

Grain and oilseed: The November index, at 62.2, is down 3.9 percent from October, but up 0.8 percent from November 2017. The oilseed index decrease more than offset the food grain index increase.

Feed grain: The November index, at 57.0, is unchanged from last month, but increased 8.0 percent from a year ago. The corn price, at \$3.41 per bushel, is unchanged from last month, but up 26 cents from November 2017. At \$5.54 per cwt, sorghum grain is 17 cents below October, but 16 cents above last November.

Food grain: At 76.5, the index for November is up 2.0 percent from the previous month and 1.7 percent from a year ago. The November price for all wheat, at \$5.23 per bushel, is 1 cent higher than October and 51 cents higher than November 2017.

Oilseed: At 67.1, the index for November decreased 2.5 percent from October and 8.8 percent from November 2017. The soybean price, at \$8.37 per bushel, is 21 cents lower than October and 85 cents lower than November a year earlier.

Fruit and tree nut: The November index, at 129.9, is up 0.1 percent from October, but down 3.1 percent from a year earlier. Price increase for strawberries more than offset decreases during November for lemons, apples, and grapes.

Vegetable and melon: At 142.9, the index for November increased 47 percent from the previous month and 32 percent from November 2017. Price increases during November for lettuce, cauliflower, and tomatoes more than offset price declines for cucumbers and carrots.

Other crop: The November index, at 89.5, is down 2.8 percent from the previous month, but up 9.4 percent from November 2017. The all hay price, at \$161.00 per ton, is \$1.00 lower than October, but \$23.00 higher than November 2017. At 73.0 cents per pound, the price for upland cotton is 0.7 cents higher than October and 5.7 cents higher than November 2017.

Livestock production: The index for November, at 92.1, increased 0.9 percent from the previous month, but decreased 9.5 percent from November last year. Prices for cattle, market eggs, milk, hogs, broilers,

calves, turkeys, and lambs are all lower than a year earlier.

Meat animal: At 93.1, the November index was unchanged from the previous month, but decreased 6.6 percent from a year earlier. At \$46.20 per cwt, the November hog price is \$4.10 lower than October and \$3.80 lower than a year earlier. The November beef cattle price of \$113.00 per cwt is \$3.00 higher than the previous month, but \$6.00 lower than November 2017.

Dairy: The index for November, at 84.6, is down 2.3 percent from the previous month and 6.5 percent from November a year ago. The November all milk price of \$17.00 per cwt is 40 cents lower than October and \$1.20 lower than November 2017.

Poultry and egg: At 103.8, the November index increased 8.5 percent from October, but decreased 9.4 percent from November 2017. The November market egg price, at 94.9 cents per dozen, is 25.4 cents higher than October, but 28.1 cents lower than November 2017. The November broiler price, at 48.0 cents per pound, is 2.0 cents higher than October, but 1.0 cent lower than a year ago. At 53.0 cents per pound, the November turkey price is 1.9 cents higher than the previous month, but 4.7 cents lower than November 2017.

ANNUAL CROP PRODUCTION 'DECEMBER AG SURVEY RESULTS'

Charleston, West Virginia - Winter wheat planted acres totaled 7,000 in 2018, down 1,000 acres from 2017. Area harvested for grain totaled 3,000 acres, down 1,000 acres from 2017. The average yield for 2018 was estimated to be 46.0 bushels per acre. This was down 23.0 bushels per acre from 2017. Production was estimated at 138,000 bushels, down 50 percent or 138,000 bushels from 2017. **Winter wheat seedings** for the 2019 crop are estimated at 6,000 acres, down 14 percent or 1,000 acres from 2018.

All hay area harvested in 2018 totaled 535,000 acres, down 32,000 acres from 2017. The average yield in 2018 was 1.72 tons per acre, down 0.06 ton per acre from 2017. Production totaled 922,000 tons, down 87,000 tons from 2017. **December On Farm Hay Stocks** were 770,000 tons, down 120,000 tons from the total of 890,000 tons in 2017.

Alfalfa hay area harvested totaled 15,000 acres in 2018, down 2,000 acres from 2017. Yields in 2018 averaged 2.50 tons per acre, down 0.2 ton per acre from 2017. Production totaled 38,000 tons, down 8,000 tons from 2017. New seedings of alfalfa in 2018 are estimated at 3,000 acres, up 1,000 acres from 2017.

All other hay area harvested totaled 520,000 acres in 2018, down 30,000 acres from 2017. Yields averaged 1.70 tons per acre, down 0.05 tons per acre from 2017. Production totaled 884,000 tons, down 79,000 tons from 2017.

Corn area planted for all purposes in 2018 totaled 46,000 acres, down 4,000 acres from 2017. Harvested area **for grain** totaled 33,000 acres, unchanged from 2017. The average yield of 152.0 bushels per acre was unchanged from 2017. Production was 5,016,000 bushels, unchanged from 2017.

Corn for silage area harvested was 11,000 acres in 2018, down 5,000 acres from 2017. Yields averaged 19.0 tons per acre, down 1.0 ton per acre from 2017. Silage production was estimated at 209,000 tons, down 111,000 tons from 2017.

Soybeans area planted totaled 28,000 acres in 2018, up 1,000 acres from 2017. Area harvested for soybeans totaled 27,000 acres, up 1,000 acres from 2017. The yield for soybeans in 2018 averaged 53.5 bushels per acre, down 0.5 bushels per acre from 2017. Production was estimated at 1,445,000 bushels, up 3 percent or 41,000 bushels from 2017.

Maple syrup number of taps in 2018 was 66,000, down 4,000 taps from 2017. Yield per tap was 0.121 gallons, down 0.036 gallons from 2017. Production totaled 8,000 gallons in 2018, down 27 percent or 3,000 gallons from 2017.

The total area planted to **principal crops** in West Virginia totaled 616,000 acres in 2018, down 36,000 acres from 2017. Area harvested totaled 609,000 acres, down 37,000 acres from 2017. Principal crops include acres planted to corn, soybeans, wheat, and acres harvested for all hay.

- 2019 Winter wheat seedings - 31.3 million acres, down 4% from 2018.
- 2018 Alfalfa seedings - 2.22 million acres, up less than 1% from 2017.
- Alfalfa hay production - 52.6 million tons, down 6%.
- All other hay production - 71.0 million tons, down 2%.
- All hay production - 124.0 million tons, down 4%.
- Corn planted for all purposes area - 89.1 million acres, down 1%.
- Corn for grain area harvested - 81.7 million acres, down 1%.
- Corn for grain production - 14.4 billion bushels, down 1%.
- Corn for grain yield - 176.4 bushels per acre, down 0.2 bushels per acre.
- Corn for silage harvested area - 6.11 million acres, down 4%.
- Corn for silage production - 121.0 million tons, down 5%.
- Corn for silage yield - 19.9 tons per acre, down 0.1 ton per acre.
- Soybean production - 4.54 billion bushels, up 3%.
- Soybean yield - 51.6 bushels per acre, up 2.3 bushels per acre.
- All tobacco production - 533.0 million pounds, down 25%.
- Oats production - 56.1 million bushels, up 13%.
- Maple syrup production - 4.16 million gallons, down 5%.
- Area planted to principal crops - 319.6 million acres, up less than 1%.
- Area harvested for principal crops - 300.6 million acres, down less than 1%.

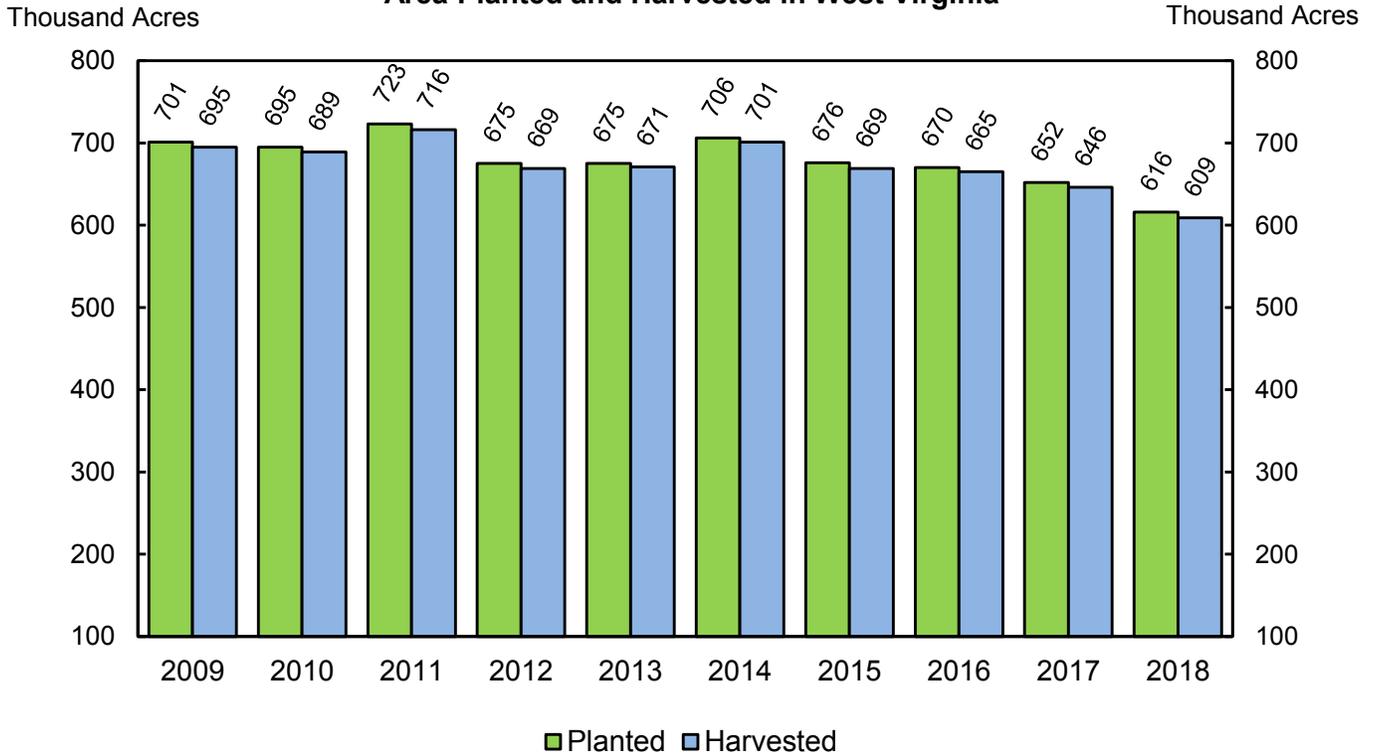
U.S. Stocks Totals As Of December 1, 2018

- Hay stocks on-farms - 79.1 million tons, down 6%.
- Corn stocks on-farms - 7.45 billion bushels, down 4%.
- Corn stocks off-farms - 4.50 billion bushels, down 7%.
- All wheat stocks on-farms - 504.0 million bushels, up 28%.
- All wheat stocks off-farms - 1.50 billion bushels, up 1%.
- Soybean stocks on-farms - 1.94 billion bushels, up 30%.
- Soybean stocks off-farms - 1.80 billion bushels, up 7%.
- Oats stocks on-farms - 25.4 million bushels, up 9%.
- Oats stocks off-farms - 41.8 million bushels, down 3%.

United States With Previous Year Comparisons

- All wheat production - 1.88 billion bushels, up 8%.
- Winter Wheat production - 1.18 billion bushels, down 7%.

PRINCIPAL CROPS
Area Planted and Harvested in West Virginia



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