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Dairy Products, Production by Selected States and U. S.

Item and area	February 2019	January 2020	February 2020	Change from last year
	(1,000 pounds)			(percent)
Cheese				
American types ¹	391,027	437,451	415,025	6.1
Cheddar				
California	26,539	27,674	22,138	-16.6
Idaho	32,609	41,076	37,305	14.4
Minnesota	44,369	49,892	47,873	7.9
Wisconsin	57,954	61,823	55,700	-3.9
United States	280,816	319,240	301,625	7.4
Blue and Gorgonzola	6,482	7,120	6,917	6.7
Brick and Muenster	14,184	15,444	15,019	5.9
Cream and Neufchatel	60,192	79,982	61,975	3.0
Feta	10,434	10,193	9,416	-9.8
Gouda	2,710	4,559	4,818	77.8
Hispanic	27,287	27,247	26,971	-1.2
Mozzarella				
California	122,552	132,175	122,175	-0.3
Wisconsin	87,469	89,021	86,100	-1.6
United States	347,234	381,983	353,648	1.8
Parmesan	35,654	38,288	36,581	2.6
Provolone	29,682	31,236	29,727	0.2
Ricotta	18,614	22,354	19,135	2.8
Romano	3,822	4,728	4,261	11.5
Other Italian types	6,076	6,809	5,890	-3.1
Total Italian				
California	134,235	143,613	133,320	-0.7
Wisconsin	133,913	140,637	132,343	-1.2
United States	441,082	485,398	449,242	1.8
Swiss	26,489	28,525	26,366	-0.5
All other cheese	11,459	14,596	12,320	7.5
Total Cheese				
California	200,731	213,085	199,828	-0.4
Idaho	71,563	85,349	73,649	2.9
New Mexico	71,202	83,893	76,163	7.0
Wisconsin	260,992	277,120	260,509	-0.2
United States	991,346	1,110,515	1,028,069	3.7

¹Includes Cheddar, Colby, Monterey Jack.

January Milk Prices

The Wisconsin all milk price for February 2020 was \$19.10 per hundredweight (cwt). This was 30 cents lower than last month's price but \$2.80 higher than last February's price.

The U.S. all milk price for February was \$18.90 per cwt, 20 cents lower than Wisconsin's price and 70 cents lower than last month's U.S. price. All of the 24 major milk producing states had a lower price when compared with January. Wisconsin had the smallest decrease, down 30 cents, while Florida had the largest decrease, down \$1.70 from January.

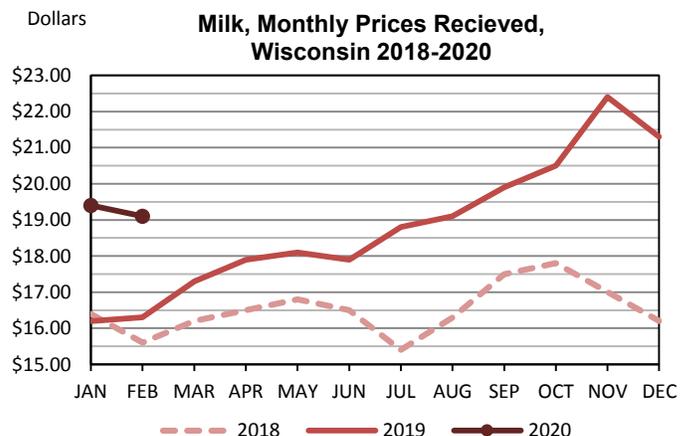
The Chicago Mercantile Exchange* (CME) 40-pound block cheese price closed at \$1.3300 per pound on March 31, while barrels were \$1.2050 per pound. The CME butter price was \$1.3350 per pound.

For the week ending March 21, 2020, the Agricultural Marketing Service* U.S. weekly 40-pound block cheese price averaged \$1.7745 per pound, and 500 pound barrels adjusted to 38 percent moisture averaged \$1.5552 per pound. The U.S. butter price was \$1.7351 per pound.

Milk Prices¹

Selected states	February 2019		January 2020		February 2020	
	Price	Fat	Price	Fat	Price	Fat
	per cwt.	test	per cwt.	test	per cwt.	test
	(dollars)	(percent)	(dollars)	(percent)	(dollars)	(percent)
Milk for all uses						
California	16.50	4.03	19.40	3.97	18.60	3.93
Idaho	16.10	4.07	18.60	4.16	17.90	4.09
Iowa	16.80	4.06	20.50	4.11	19.90	4.11
Michigan	15.80	3.87	18.40	3.90	17.70	3.89
Minnesota	16.70	4.15	20.30	4.21	19.80	4.17
New Mexico	15.00	3.80	18.00	3.94	17.00	3.91
New York	17.70	3.98	19.80	3.99	19.10	3.98
Pennsylvania	17.90	3.95	20.20	3.99	19.40	3.98
Texas	17.00	4.25	19.90	4.32	19.40	4.31
Wisconsin	16.30	3.98	19.40	3.96	19.10	3.97
United States	16.80	4.01	19.60	4.03	18.90	4.01

¹Before deduction for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.



Prospective Plantings

The *Prospective Plantings* report provides the first official, survey-based estimates of U.S. farmers' 2020 planting intentions. NASS's acreage estimates are based primarily on surveys conducted during the first two weeks of March from a sample of approximately 80,000 farm operators across the United States with more than 2,100 from Wisconsin. Actual plantings will depend upon weather, economic conditions and the availability of production inputs at the time producers make their final planting decisions.

Wisconsin

Wisconsin farmers intend to plant 3.90 million acres of **corn** for all purposes in 2020. This is up 100,000 acres from 2019.

Producers intend to plant 1.95 million acres of **soybeans** in Wisconsin this year. This is a 200,000 acre increase from 2019. If realized, this would be Wisconsin's fourth largest planted acreage on record.

Farmers in Wisconsin expect to harvest 1.35 million acres of **all hay** for the 2020 crop year. This is 50,000 acres more than harvested in 2019.

Wisconsin farmers intend to plant 280,000 acres of **oats** for all purposes. This is 15,000 acres more than in 2019.

Planted acres of **winter wheat**, at 160,000 acres, are down 35,000 acres from last year.

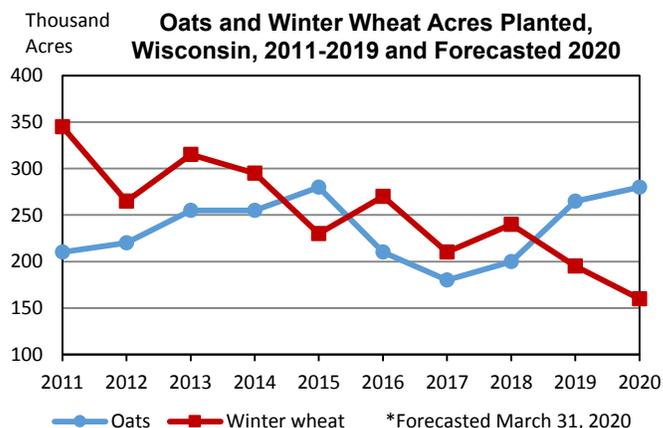
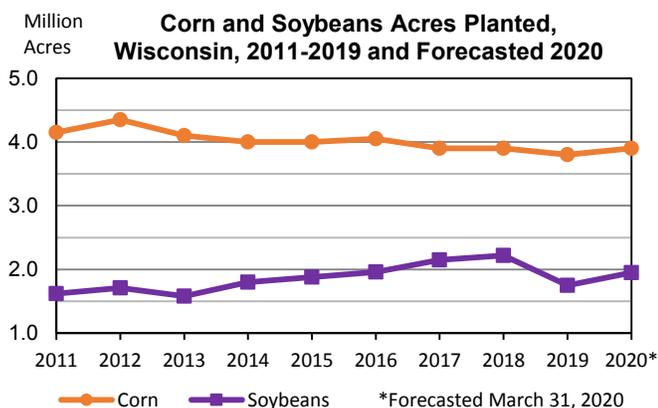
Farmers in Wisconsin intend to plant 30,000 acres of **barley**, up 6,000 acres from 2019.

United States

Corn planted area for all purposes in 2020 is estimated at 97.0 million acres, up 8 percent or 7.29 million acres from last year. Compared with last year, planted acreage is expected to be up or unchanged in 38 of the 48 estimating States.

Soybean planted area for 2020 is estimated at 83.5 million acres, up 10 percent from last year. Compared with last year, planted acreage is expected to be up or unchanged in 22 of the 29 estimating States.

All wheat planted area for 2020 is estimated at 44.7 million acres, down 1 percent from 2019. This represents the lowest all wheat planted area since records began in 1919. The 2020 winter wheat planted area, at 30.8 million acres, is down 1 percent from last year and down slightly from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 21.7 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 5.69 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.42 million acres are White Winter. Area expected to be planted to other spring wheat for 2020 is estimated at 12.6 million acres, down 1 percent from 2019. Of this total, about 11.9 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. Durum planted area for 2020 is expected to total 1.29 million acres, down 4 percent from the previous year.



Area Planted – Wisconsin and United States: 2018-2020

Crop	Wisconsin				United States			
	2018	2019	2020 ¹	'20 as % of '19	2018	2019	2020 ¹	'20 as % of '19
	(1,000 acres)			(percent)	(1,000 acres)			(percent)
Barley	25	24	30	125	2,548	2,721	2,921	107
Corn, all	3,900	3,800	3,900	103	88,871	89,700	96,990	108
Hay, all ²	1,360	1,300	1,350	104	52,839	52,425	53,283	102
Oats	200	265	280	106	2,746	2,810	3,012	107
Soybeans	2,220	1,750	1,950	111	89,167	76,100	83,510	110
Wheat, winter ³	240	195	160	82	32,542	31,159	30,775	99

¹ Intended plantings in 2020 as indicated by reports from farmers. ² Intended area harvested in 2020 as indicated by reports from farmers. ³ Includes area planted in preceding fall.

Grain Stocks

Wisconsin

Corn stored in all positions in Wisconsin on March 1, 2020, totaled 294 million bushels. This was down 10 percent from the previous March's total stocks of 327 million bushels. Of the total stocks, 56 percent were stored on-farm. The indicated quarterly disappearance from December-February 2020 totaled 90.5 million bushels, 17 percent below the 109 million bushels from the same period last year.

Soybeans stored in all positions in Wisconsin on March 1, 2020, totaled 62.4 million bushels. This is the second largest March stocks on record, down 12 percent from the previous record of 71.2 million bushels on hand March 1, 2019. Of the total stocks, 32 percent were stored on-farm. Indicated disappearance for December-February 2020 was 17.9 million bushels, 9 percent below the 19.8 million bushels from the same period last year.

Oats stored in all positions in Wisconsin on March 1, 2020, totaled 5.03 million bushels, down 28 percent from the 6.97 million bushels on hand March 1, 2019. Of the total stocks, 32 percent were stored on-farm.

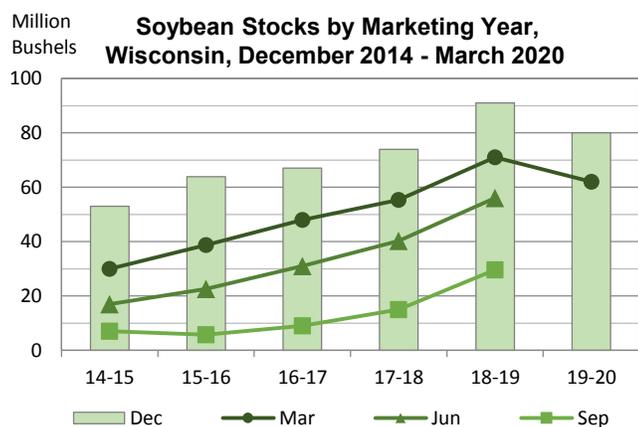
United States

Corn stocks in all positions on March 1, 2020 totaled 7.95 billion bushels, down 8 percent from March 1, 2019. Of the total stocks, 4.45 billion bushels were stored on farms, down 13 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 3.50 billion bushels, are up slightly from a year ago. The December 2019 - February 2020 indicated disappearance is 3.45 billion bushels, compared with 3.32 billion bushels during the same period last year.

Soybeans stored in all positions on March 1, 2020 totaled 2.25 billion bushels, down 17 percent from March 1, 2019. Soybean stocks stored on farms are estimated at 1.01 billion bushels, down 20 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 1.24 billion bushels, are down 15 percent from last March. Indicated disappearance for the December 2019 - February 2020 quarter totaled 1.00 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

All wheat stored in all positions on March 1, 2020 totaled 1.41 billion bushels, down 11 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 339 million bushels, down 8 percent from last March. Off-farm stocks, at 1.07 billion bushels, are down 12 percent from a year ago. The December 2019 - February 2020 indicated disappearance is 428 million bushels, 3 percent above the same period a year earlier.

Oats stored in all positions on March 1, 2020 totaled 47.1 million bushels, 6 percent below the stocks on March 1, 2019. Of the total stocks on hand, 17.0 million bushels were stored on farms, down 6 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks totaled 30.2 million bushels, down 6 percent from the previous year. Indicated disappearance during December 2019 - February 2020 totaled 6.76 million bushels, 60 percent below the same period a year ago.



Grain Stocks by Position, March 1, Wisconsin and United States

Position and Grain	Wisconsin			United States		
	March 1, 2019	March 1, 2020	'20 as % of '19	March 1, 2019	March 1, 2020	'20 as % of '19
	<i>(1,000 bushels)</i>		<i>(percent)</i>	<i>(1,000 bushels)</i>		<i>(percent)</i>
On-farm						
Corn	190,000	165,000	87	5,131,000	4,454,000	87
Oats	1,700	1,600	94	18,050	16,970	94
Soybeans	21,000	20,000	95	1,270,000	1,011,500	80
Wheat	(D)	(D)	(X)	367,870	338,690	92
Off-farm ¹						
Corn	136,961	128,519	94	3,482,206	3,498,508	100
Oats	5,270	3,430	65	32,232	30,178	94
Soybeans	50,195	42,410	84	1,457,069	1,241,777	85
Wheat	36,434	31,871	87	1,225,201	1,073,677	88
Total all positions						
Corn	326,961	293,519	90	8,613,206	7,952,508	92
Oats	6,970	5,030	72	50,282	47,148	94
Soybeans	71,195	62,410	88	2,727,069	2,253,277	83
Wheat	(D)	(D)	(X)	1,593,071	1,412,367	89

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (X) Not Applicable. ¹Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors.

Prices Received by Farmers

The January 2020 average price received by farmers for **corn** in Wisconsin was \$3.66 per bushel. This was up 10 cents from December and 24 cents above the previous January.

The January **soybean** price, at \$8.63 per bushel, was up 15 cents from December and 15 cents above the previous January.

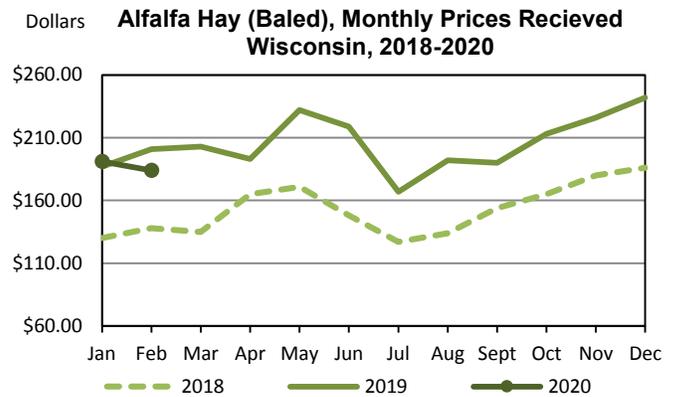
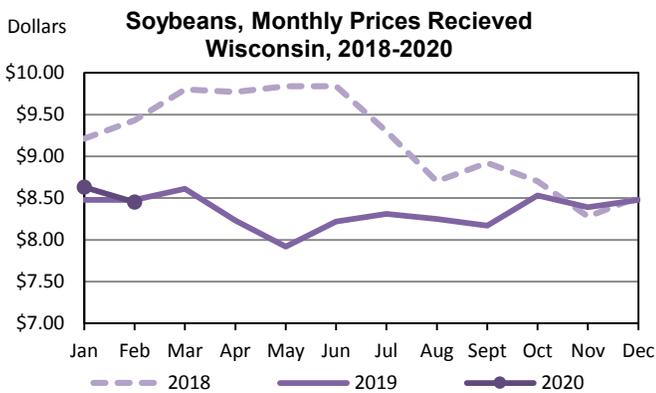
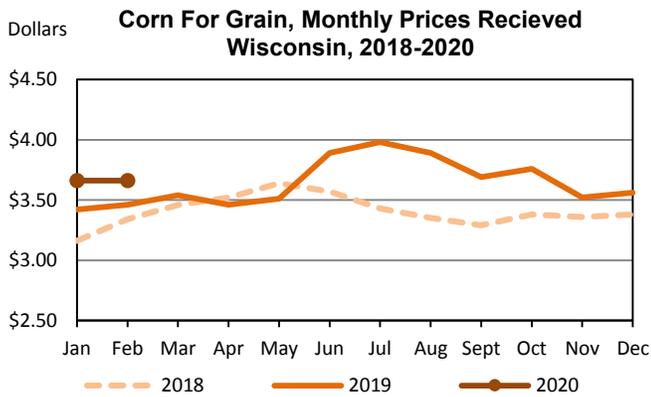
The January **oat** price was \$2.97 per bushel, 10 cents above the December price but 27 cents below January 2019.

All hay prices in Wisconsin averaged \$183.00 per ton in January, down \$46.00 from December but \$2.00 above January 2019. The **alfalfa hay** price averaged \$191.00 per ton in January, down \$51.00 from December but \$4.00 above the previous January. The **other hay** price averaged \$144.00, down \$38.00 from December and \$14.00 below the January 2019 price.

Prices Received by Farmers

<u>WISCONSIN</u>		January 2019	December 2019	January 2020
<i>(dollars)</i>				
Corn	bu	3.42	3.56	3.66
Hay, all baled	ton	181.00	229.00	183.00
Alfalfa	ton	187.00	242.00	191.00
Other	ton	158.00	182.00	144.00
Oats	bu	3.24	2.87	2.97
Soybeans	bu	8.48	8.48	8.63
<u>UNITED STATES</u>		January 2019	December 2019	January 2020
<i>(dollars)</i>				
Corn	bu	3.56	3.71	3.79
Hay, all baled	ton	167.00	158.00	155.00
Alfalfa	ton	179.00	175.00	171.00
Other	ton	150.00	133.00	134.00
Oats	bu	2.67	3.19	2.93
Soybeans	bu	8.64	8.70	8.84
Calves	cwt	169.00	159.00	168.00
Cattle, all beef	cwt	121.00	118.00	122.00
Cows ¹	cwt	54.20	59.30	61.40
Steers & Heifers	cwt	124.00	120.00	125.00
Hogs, all	cwt	44.60	47.30	47.80
Barrows & Gilts	cwt	45.00	47.70	48.60
Sows	cwt	32.30	33.40	25.70
Eggs (market) ²	doz	0.797	0.715	0.453

¹ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. ² Mid-month price. Also referred to as table eggs.



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