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# HIGHLIGHTS IN THIS REPORT

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#### **Louisiana Milk Production**

Louisiana dairies produced an estimated 98 million pounds of milk during the April-June 2007 quarter, down 12 percent from the same period in 2006. The number of milk cows averaged 29,000 head during the quarter, down 9 percent from last year.



# **United States Milk Production**

Milk production in the 23 major states during June totaled 14.2 billion pounds, up 1.2 percent from June 2006. May revised production, at 14.9 billion pounds, was up 1.1 percent from May 2006. The May revision represented an increase of 7 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major states averaged 1,713 pounds for June, 16 pounds above June 2006.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major states was 8.29 million head, 19,000 head more than June 2006, and 2,000 head more than May 2007.

Milk production in the U.S. during the April - June quarter totaled 47.4 billion pounds, up 1.1 percent from the April - June quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.13 million head, 2,000 head fewer than the same period last year.

<b>Milk Production: Sel</b>	ected States, Apr	ril - June 2006 – 2007
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	April-June Milk Cows <sup>1</sup>		April-June Milk Production <sup>2</sup>		
Selected States	2006	2007	2006	2007	
	Thousands		Million Pounds		
Alabama	14	13	56	54	
Arkansas	20	17.5	71	60	
Louisiana	32	29	111	98	
Mississippi	23	21	94	90	
Oklahoma	74	69	313	295	
Tennessee	67	64	284	272	
Texas	333	347	1,891	1,900	
23 Major States <sup>3</sup>	8,255	8,285	42,976	43,529	
United States	9,128	9,126	46,930	47,435	

<sup>1</sup>Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

<sup>2</sup>Excludes milk sucked by calves.

<sup>3</sup> Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin.

## **U.S. Wheat Production**

Winter Wheat production is forecast at 1.56 billion bushels, down 3 percent from the June 1 forecast but up 20 percent from 2006. Based on July 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 41.6 bushes per acre, down 1.6 bushels from last month and 0.1 bushel below last year. Expected grain area totals 37.6 million acres, up 21 percent from last year but unchanged from the Acreage Report released on June 29, 2007. Harvest progress in the 18 major producing states was 40 percent complete by July 1. This was 22 percentage points behind last year and 14 points behind the 5-year average.

Harvest progress was behind normal in all Hard Red Winter states, except Montana. Heavy rains and flooding in Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas slowed harvest progress. Crop development in Colorado and Nebraska was slowed because of a cooler and wetter than normal spring. Wheat sprouting in the head is a concern in parts of Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas because of the continued rainfall. Crop development in Montana continued slightly ahead of last year and the 5-year average but the condition of the crop was being affected by hot temperatures and limited moisture. Some fields were lost in northeast Montana due to a hail storm the last week of June.

Yield forecasts are equal to or higher than the previous month in all states in the Soft Red Winter (SRW) growing area except Arkansas, Georgia, Indiana, New York, and South Carolina. Harvest was nearly complete in the southern portion of the growing area, and the April freeze appeared to have caused yields to be below normal, but higher than previously expected. Elsewhere, harvest was close to normal in most states in the northern portion of the growing area. In Missouri, heavy rains during the last part of June caused some lodging and reduced grain quality in the southwestern part of the state.

Wheat yield forecasts in the Pacific Northwest (PNW) were at or below the previous month. Growers in Oregon were just starting to harvest their crop while wheat in Washington and Idaho was starting to turn color. Crop development was close to the 5-year average in these areas.

	Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
		Ind		Ind		Ind
Selected States	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	1,000	Acres	Bushels		1,000 Bushels	
Arkansas	305	670	61.0	40.0	18,605	26,800
Colorado	1,900	2,250	21.0	39.0	39,900	87,750
Kansas	9,100	9,400	32.0	32.0	291,200	300,800
Louisiana	105	1/	53.0	1/	5,565	1/
Mississippi	73	330	59.0	61.0	4,307	20,130
Oklahoma	3,400	4,300	24.0	27.0	81,600	116,100
Texas	1,400	4,000	24.0	36.0	33,600	144,000
United States	31,117	37,588	41.7	41.6	1,298,081	1,561,907

# Winter Wheat - July 1, 2007

<sup>1</sup>Not available until September 28, 2007.

### 2006 Pecan Production Down

Production of all pecans in the United States in 2006 totaled 206.3 million pounds, down 26 percent from 2005. Production of improved varieties, at 151.1 million pounds, was down 34 percent from the previous year, while the native and seedling output totaled 55.2 million pounds, compared to the 51.6 million pounds the previous year.

The average price of all pecans in the United States was \$1.55 per pound, up \$0.10 cents from 2005.

The value of utilized production in the U.S. was \$320.1 million in 2006, down 21 percent from the previous year. New Mexico led all states in value of pecan production with \$85.1 million, Texas was second with \$75.3 million and Georgia was third with \$66.3 million.

	United States Pecans						
Variety		<b>Utilized Producti</b>	ion		<b>Price Per Pound</b>		
	2004	2005	2006	2004	2005	2006	
		1,000 Poun	ds		Dollars -		
Improved Varieties <sup>1</sup>							
Alabama	1,000	3,200	5,400	1.210	1.160	1.260	
Arizona	14,000	22,000	14,000	1.850	1.600	1.750	
Arkansas	1,000	1,100	1,150	1.400	1.400	1.330	
California	3,500	3,950	3,400	2.210	1.800	1.720	
Florida	400	300	200	1.500	1.400	1.800	
Georgia	42,000	72,000	36,000	1.770	1.320	1.640	
Louisiana	2,500	1,000	3,500	1.400	1.750	1.400	
Mississippi	700	800	2,000	1.300	1.900	1.300	
Missouri <sup>2</sup>		200	160		1.880	1.650	
New Mexico	39,000	65,000	46,000	2.280	1.700	1.850	
North Carolina	70	1,650	420	2.000	1.000	1.350	
Oklahoma	6,000	6,000	5,000	1.600	1.900	1.700	
South Carolina	800	1,500	900	1.800	1.090	1.790	
Texas	28,000	50,000	33,000	1.840	1.590	1.790	
United States	138,970	228,700	151,130	1.920	1.540	1.720	
Native and Seedling	150,570	220,700	131,130	1.720	1.040	1.720	
Alabama	100	800	600	0.840	0.840	0.970	
Arkansas	700	1,200	1,050	1.200	1.100	1.150	
Florida	100	700	300	0.950	0.850	1.500	
Georgia	3,000	8,000	6,000	1.240	0.800	1.210	
Kansas	1,800	3,200	2,000	1.750	1.300	1.300	
Louisiana	6,500	<b>4,000</b>	17,500	0.950	1.000	<b>0.900</b>	
	<b>0,300</b> 300	200	500	0.800	1.200		
Mississippi Missouri <sup>2</sup>						1.000	
North Carolina		2,400	940		1.240	1.350	
	30	350	80	1.500	0.800	1.000	
Oklahoma	22,000	15,000	12,000	1.350	1.200	1.150	
South Carolina	300	700	200	1.400	0.820	1.050	
Texas	12,000	15,000	14,000	1.270	1.090	1.160	
United States	46,830	51,550	55,170	1.280	1.080	1.090	
All Pecans	4 4 9 9	1 0 0 0	< 000	1 100	4.400		
Alabama	1,100	4,000	6,000	1.180	1.100	1.230	
Arizona	14,000	22,000	14,000	1.850	1.600	1.750	
Arkansas	1,700	2,300	2,200	1.320	1.240	1.240	
California	3,500	3,950	3,400	2.210	1.800	1.720	
Florida	500	1,000	500	1.390	1.020	1.620	
Georgia	45,000	80,000	42,000	1.730	1.270	1.580	
Kansas	1,800	3,200	2,000	1.750	1.300	1.300	
Louisiana	9,000	5,000	21,000	1.080	1.150	0.983	
Mississippi	1,000	1,000	2,500	1.150	1.760	1.240	
Missouri <sup>2</sup>		2,600	1,100		1.290	1.390	
New Mexico	39,000	65,000	46,000	2.280	1.700	1.850	
North Carolina	100	2,000	500	1.850	0.965	1.290	
Oklahoma	28,000	21,000	17,000	1.400	1.400	1.310	
South Carolina	1,100	2,200	1,100	1.690	1.000	1.660	
Texas	40,000	65,000	47,000	1.670	1.470	1.600	
United States	185,800	280,250	206,300	1.760	1.450	1.550	

**United States Pecans** 

<sup>1</sup>Budded, grafted, or top worked varieties.

<sup>2</sup> Estimates began in 2005.

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