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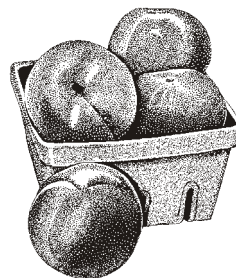
WINTER WHEAT UNCHANGED FROM JUNE FORECAST

Based on conditions July 1, Indiana's 2008 winter wheat crop is expected to total 35.5 million bushels, 68 percent above last year's estimate of 21.1 million bushels. The expected yield of 67 bushels per acre is unchanged from the June 1 forecast. If realized, this would be 10 bushels above 2007's yield of 57 bushels per acre. Intended acreage for harvest as grain, at 530,000 acres, up 43 percent from a year earlier. As of July 20, wheat harvest was 94 percent complete. This compares with 98 percent last year and 96 percent for the average.

United States winter wheat production is forecast at 1.86 billion bushels. This is up 3 percent from last month and 23 percent above 2007. The U.S. yield is forecast at 46.3 bushels per acre, up 1.0 bushel from last month and 4.1 bushels from last year. The area expected to be harvested for grain totals 40.3 million acres, unchanged from the *Acreage* report released on June 30, 2008 but up 12 percent from last year.

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ACRES FOR HARVEST, YIELD AND PRODUCTION INDIANA AND UNITED STATES: 2007 - 2008

	Acres for Harvest			Yield Per Acre		Production			Unit
	2007	2008	08/07	2007	2008	2007	2008	08/07	
	Thousands		Percent			Thousands		Percent	
Indiana:									
Winter Wheat	370	530	143	57.0	67.0	21,090	35,510	168	Bu
United States:									
Winter Wheat	35,952	40,252	112	42.2	46.3	1,515,989	1,864,245	123	Bu
Peaches	---	---	---	---	---	1,128,740	1,097,150	97	Tons
Fall Potatoes	1,129.7	1,040.4	92	397	1/	448,407	1/	---	Cwt

1/ The first forecast of fall potato production will be released November 10, 2008.

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INDIANA MILK PRODUCTION DOWN 2 PERCENT

Indiana's milk production totaled 274 million pounds during June 2008, down 2 percent from a year earlier. The number of milk cows on farms totaled 166,000 head, down 1 percent from a year earlier.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,737 pounds for June, 25 pounds above June 2007. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.46 million head, 1,000 head more than May 2008, and 158,000 head more than June 2007.

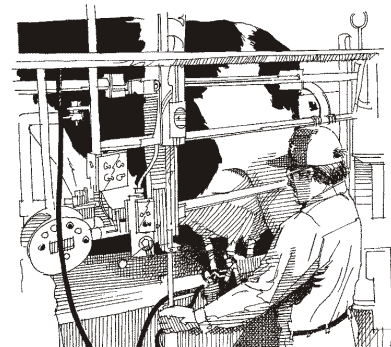
Milk production in the 23 major States during June totaled 14.7 billion pounds, up 3.4 percent from production in these same States in June 2007.

MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION INDIANA, AND SELECTED STATES, JUNE 2007-2008

State	Milk Cows ^{1/}		Milk Per Cow ^{2/}		Milk Production ^{2/}		
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007
	<u>Thousand Head</u>		<u>Pounds</u>		<u>Million Pounds</u>		<u>Percent</u>
INDIANA	167	166	1,675	1,650	280	274	98
Illinois	103	102	1,550	1,565	160	160	100
Iowa	214	216	1,675	1,650	358	356	99
Kentucky	90	92	1,170	1,110	105	102	97
Michigan	334	348	1,905	1,840	636	640	101
Minnesota	460	463	1,565	1,590	720	736	102
Ohio	276	282	1,550	1,580	428	446	104
Wisconsin	1,247	1,252	1,620	1,640	2,020	2,053	102
23 State Total	8,302	8,460	1,712	1,737	14,216	14,697	103

^{1/} Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

^{2/} Excludes milk sucked by calves.



PROCESSING VEGETABLE ACREAGE

The 2008 contracted tomato acreage for Indiana is estimated at 7,800 acres, down 8 percent from a year ago. The contracted tonnage for Indiana tomatoes, at 241,610 tons, is 18 percent below the 2007 contracted tonnage. The 2008 Indiana contracted snap beans for processing at 6,700 acres, is 26 percent above the 5,300 acres contracted during 2007.

(snap beans, sweet corn, cucumbers for pickles, green peas, and tomatoes). This is down slightly from last year. Acreage increases for sweet corn, cucumbers for pickles, and green peas more than offset declines in snap beans and tomatoes. Green pea contracted production, at 426,830 tons, down 2 percent from 2007. Contracted tomato production is forecast at 12.2 million tons, down 3 percent from 2007.

Nationally, vegetable processors have contracted 1.20 million acres to be planted to the 5 major vegetable crops

PROCESSING VEGETABLES: PROSPECTIVE PLANTING BY CROP INDIANA & UNITED STATES, 2006 - 2008

Crop	Planted Area				Contract Change 08/07
	2006 Total	2007		2008 Contract Intentions	
		Total	Contract		
	<u>Acres</u>				<u>Percent</u>
Indiana					
Snap Beans	5,600	5,300	5,300	6,700	126
Cucumbers for Pickles	1,600	1,500	1,500	1,500	100
Tomatoes	8,000	8,500	8,500	7,800	92
United States					
Snap Beans	211,920	213,270	208,600	195,050	94
Sweet Corn	394,400	380,100	380,100	394,400	104
Cucumbers for Pickles	107,400	98,600	86,190	91,900	107
Green Peas	211,700	213,800	213,800	223,700	105
Tomatoes	300,700	319,300	316,300	294,000	93



PRODUCTION OF DAIRY PRODUCTS

U.S. butter production during May 2008 was 144 million pounds, 15.8 percent above May 2007 but 4.4 percent below April 2008. American type cheese production totaled 347 million pounds for the month, 4.5 percent above May 2007 and 3.0 percent above April 2008. Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 828 million pounds, 0.5 percent above May 2007 and 2.3 percent above April 2008. Creamed cottage cheese production was 29.7 million pounds, and lowfat cottage cheese in the U.S. totaled 36.1 million pounds.

The Nation's dairy plants produced 80.0 million gallons of hard ice cream during May 2008, down 7.2 percent from the same period last year. Hard lowfat ice cream output totaled 14.0 million gallons, down 2.1 percent from the May 2007 level. Hard sherbet production was 5.56 million gallons for the month, down 8.8 percent from the previous year. Total frozen yogurt production was 6.72 million gallons, up 15.1 percent from May 2007.

**PRODUCTION OF DAIRY PRODUCTS
UNITED STATES, MAY 2008 WITH COMPARISONS 1/**

Product	May 2007	April 2008	May 2008	Percent of	
				May 2007	Apr 2008
	<u>Million Pounds</u>			<u>Percent</u>	
Butter	124.0	150.1	143.6	116	96
American Cheese <u>2/</u>	332.5	337.4	347.4	105	103
All Cheese	824.6	810.2	828.4	100	102
Cottage Cheese, Curd	40.7	36.9	40.0	98	108
Cottage Cheese, Cream	32.0	26.7	29.7	93	111
Cottage Cheese, Lowfat	36.9	34.5	36.1	98	105
Sour Cream	95.0	83.2	93.9	99	113
	<u>Million Gallons</u>			<u>Percent</u>	
Frozen Products					
Ice Cream (Hard)	86.2	76.0	80.0	93	105
Lowfat Ice Cream (Hard)	14.3	14.2	14.0	98	99
Sherbet (Hard)	6.1	5.7	5.6	91	98
Frozen Yogurt	5.8	6.2	6.7	115	108

1/ Percents may not calculate due to rounding.

2/ Includes Cheddar, Colby, Monterey, and Jack.



CROP PROGRESS

Hot, dry conditions placed stress on major field crops with some northern areas getting relief in the form of weekend rain showers. Winter wheat harvest made good progress followed by baling of straw. Double cropped soybeans were being planted further north than usual. Earlier planted corn fields began to enter the critical pollination stage. Some corn acreage was sprayed with fungicides. Detasseling began in many seed corn fields.

There were 6.1 days suitable for field work. Sixty-three percent of the corn acreage is reported to be in good to excellent condition compared with 48 percent last year at this time. Thirty-eight percent of the corn acreage has silked compared with 80 percent last year and 67 percent for the 5-year average. Thirty-nine percent of the soybean acreage is blooming compared with 65 percent last year and 57 percent for the 5-year average. Soybean condition is rated as 58 percent good to excellent compared with 45 percent last year at this time.

Ninety-four percent of the winter wheat acreage has been harvested compared with 98 percent last year and 96 percent for the 5-year average. By area, 88 percent has been harvested in the north, 94 percent in the central region and 99 percent in the south. The second cutting of alfalfa hay is 62 percent complete compared with 87 percent last year and 76 percent for the 5-year average.

Major activities during the week included: scouting fields, spraying herbicides and fungicides, baling hay and straw, detasseling seed corn, mowing roadsides and ditches, attending county fairs, hauling grain to market, and tending to livestock.

Pasture condition is rated as 21% excellent, 45% good, 23% fair, 8% poor and 3% very poor. Livestock are in mostly good condition with some heat related stress being reported.

2007 APPLE UTILIZATION

Indiana's 2007 apple harvest totaled 33.0 million pounds, down 40 percent from the 2006 crop. Utilized production at 30.0 million was down 38 percent from the year before. A total of 20.0 million pounds or 67 percent of utilized production was used for fresh market, while 10.0 million pounds were used in processed products. Indiana farmers received an average price of 32.3 cents per pound for their apples, 2.4 cents more than a year earlier. The total value of the utilized crop decreased 33 percent to 9.7 million dollars.

United States utilized apple production for 2007 is revised to 9.07 billion pounds, down 7 percent from 2006. Utilized

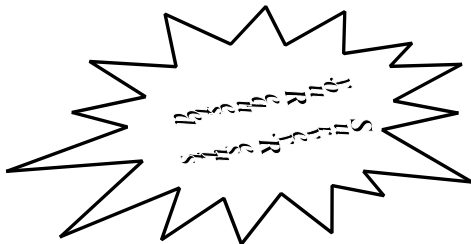
apple production in Washington decreased 6 percent to 5.20 billion pounds from 2006. Michigan's utilized production decreased 10 percent from 2006, while utilized production in New York increased 4 percent from 2006. In Washington, growers harvested apples from lower yielding, younger trees. Low summer precipitation levels in Michigan reduced fruit sizes but fruit quality remained high. In New York, hailstorms damaged some of the crop, however, apple numbers and quality were high. A severe frost decimated orchards in the Southeast and Iowa, Missouri, Illinois, and Kentucky. Reports of tree damage and total crop loss were common in these States.

**APPLE PRODUCTION, UTILIZED PRODUCTION, PRICE AND VALUE
SELECTED STATES AND U.S., 2006 - 2007**

State	Total Production		Utilized Production		Price Per Pound		Value of Utilized Production	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	Million Pounds		Million Pounds		Cents		1,000 Dollars	
Indiana	55.0	33.0	48.5	30.0	29.9	32.3	14,498	9,679
Illinois	52.5	5.0	44.8	4.9	34.8	75.6	15,582	3,703
Kentucky	6.9	0.6	6.3	0.4	37.7	51.8	2,376	207
Michigan	880.0	770.0	855.0	770.0	14.7	16.8	125,275	129,000
New York	1,260.0	1,310.0	1,250.0	1,300.0	20.1	22.0	250,905	285,855
Ohio	102.0	55.6	101.0	55.6	34.6	43.5	34,977	24,159
Washington	5,550.0	5,200.0	5,550.0	5,200.0	25.4	33.6	1,407,632	1,745,620
United States	9,871.7	9,113.9	9,775.5	9,069.9	22.9	28.4	2,236,112	2,579,714

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