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Michigan August 1 Crop Forecast

Michigan farmers anticipate record corn, wheat, and dry bean yields in 2024, according to Marlo D. Johnson, Regional Director of USDA NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office.

Michigan field crops were planted in a timely fashion in 2024. Precipitation and heat units have been plentiful which have aided in crop progress. More than ample rainfall has caused drowned out spots in some low lying spots of fields, but crops have responded well to above average precipitation. There have been few stresses due to dry conditions in 2024. At the time of the survey, reproductive phases of major field crops were at or above their 5-year averages. Michigan farmers were optimistic about yields in 2024.

Highlights of the August 1 Crop Production report follow:

- Michigan's average corn yield is forecast at 177 bushels per acre, 9 bushels above last year. Total production is forecast at 336 million bushels, down 3 percent from last year. Production is down on fewer planted acres.
- Soybean yield is forecast at 49 bushels per acre, up 3 bushels from last year. Total production is forecast at 107 million bushels, up 14 percent from last year. Total production is up due to higher anticipated yields and more acres planted.
- Winter Wheat yield is estimated at 89 bushels per acre, up 6 bushels from last year. Total production is forecast at 32.5 million bushels, down 30 percent from last year due to fewer acres harvested.
- Producers of dry beans are expecting their crop to yield 2,550 pounds per acre, up 110 pounds from last year. Production is expected to be 6.32 million hundredweight, up 25 percent from last year due to a higher anticipated yield and more acres.
- Michigan's 2024 apple production forecast is 1.20 billion pounds, down 10 percent from last year's record high. The Michigan peach production forecast is 7,500 tons, down 33 percent from last year. The Michigan apple crop had a very good Spring with only slight reductions in crop potential due to spring frosts and freezes. The Michigan peach crop was reduced on some farms due to spring frosts and freezes with some farmers anticipating no crop, while other farmers anticipate a normal crop. Crop size is largely site to site dependent with colder or lower sites having a reduced or absent crop.

Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production by Crop – Michigan and United States: 2023 - 2024

Commodity	Michigan		United States	
	2023	2024	2023	2024
Beans, dry				
Planted1,000 acres	210.0	250.0	1,180.0	1,532.0
Harvested1,000 acres	208.0	248.0	1,156.9	1,488.5
YieldPounds	2,440	2,550	2,067	2,056
Production1,000 cwt	5,066	6,324	23,910	30,600
Corn, all				
Planted1,000 acres	2,400	2,250	94,641	90,748
Corn, grain				
Harvested1,000 acres	2,060	1,900	86,513	82,710
YieldBushels	168.0	177.0	177.3	183.1
Production1,000 bu	346,080	336,300	15,341,595	15,146,590
Hay, alfalfa				
Harvested1,000 acres	550	550	15,634	15,627
YieldTons	2.50	3.30	3.19	3.35
Production1,000 tons	1,375	1,815	49,916	52,369
Hay, other				
Harvested1,000 acres	230	230	37,187	35,904
YieldTons	1.70	2.40	1.85	2.07
Production1,000 tons	391	552	68,853	74,450
Oats				
Planted1,000 acres	50	55	2,555	2,348
Harvested1,000 acres	25	33	831	900
YieldBushels	66	63	69	75.1
Production1,000 bu	1,650	2,079	57,045	67,600
Soybeans				
Planted1,000 acres	2,040	2,190	83,600	87,100
Harvested1,000 acres	2,030	2,180	82,356	86,271
YieldBushels	46.0	49.0	50.6	53.2
Production1,000 bu	93,380	106,820	4,164,677	4,589,190
Sugarbeets				
Planted1,000 acres	133.0	135.0	1,137.4	1,107.0
Harvested1,000 acres	132.0	134.0	1,127.3	1,086.0
YieldTons	33.9	36.5	31.2	32.9
Production1,000 tons	4,475	4,891	35,226	35,708
Wheat, winter				
Planted1,000 acres	600	410	36,699	33,480
Harvested1,000 acres	560	365	24,683	25,593
YieldBushels	83	89	51	53.2
Production1,000 bu	46,480	32,485	1,247,748	1,360,922