

## INCOME AND EXPENSE 2009

New Jersey commodity cash receipts from farm marketings totaled \$1.00 billion for the 2009 calendar year. This was \$25.2 million (9 percent) below the 2008 cash receipts of \$1.10 billion. Cash Receipts for all fruits and berries and vegetables were above 2008 levels. Cash receipts for field crops, livestock and livestock products, and the combined greenhouse, nursery, Christmas trees and sod were below last year.

**Field Crops:** Receipts for field crops in 2009 totaled \$88.8 million, down \$9.1 million from the previous year. Wheat cash receipts showed the largest percentage decrease from last year, at 44 percent, but all field crops except soybeans, sweet potatoes and other field crops showed declines in cash receipts from 2008. Corn cash receipts were down 25 percent, potato cash receipts were down 2 percent, hay cash receipts were down .1 percent. Soybean cash receipts increased 16 percent over last year, and sweet potato cash receipts also increased by 7 percent from 2008. Other field crops cash receipts increased 43 percent from last year.

**Vegetables:** All vegetable cash receipts, at \$240.5 million, were up 10 percent from the previous year's level of \$217.8 million. All lettuce increased by 81 percent to \$13.8 million from \$7.6 million in 2008, followed by collards at \$4.1 million, an increase of 55 percent over last year. Sweet corn, at \$22.8 million showed a 47 percent increase, while pumpkins at \$7.4 million increased by 40 percent over last year. Fresh tomatoes at \$33.9 million increased by 27 percent over last year, while escarole at \$3.3 million increased by 25 percent. Snap bean at \$5.1 million showed an increase of 20 percent, eggplant cash receipts came in at \$8.4 million, 17 percent above 2008, and cabbage, at \$8.8 million showed an increase of 13 percent. Kale was 7 percent above last year, at \$1.6 million. Cash receipts for miscellaneous vegetables (crops not published separately) and processing vegetables both increased by 4 percent over last year, at \$61.0 million and \$4.9 million, respectively.

Asparagus cash receipts were \$3.6 million, a decrease of 19 percent from last year. Squash cash receipts fell by 17 percent to \$10.4 million, while spinach at \$8.8 million decreased by 16 percent from last year. Cucumbers fell by 14 percent to \$11.3 million, while bell peppers declined 5 percent to \$31.4 million.

**Fruit:** All fruit cash receipts totaled \$158 million in 2009 compared to \$157 million in 2008, an increase of .6 percent. Blueberry cash receipts fell 20 percent from last year, totaling \$65.3 million. Cranberry cash receipts were \$30.0 million, up 10 percent from 2008 levels. Apple cash receipts increased 44 percent above 2008 levels, to \$17.2 million. Peach cash receipts totaled \$33.7 million, up 41 percent from last year.

**Livestock:** Livestock and livestock products cash receipts totaled \$133 million in 2009, a 22 percent decrease from the 2008 level of \$171 million. The largest component of the livestock and livestock products cash receipts total was from the equine industry, which excludes purse and stake payments. Equine cash receipts totaled \$66 million in 2009 compared to \$85 million in 2008, a decrease of 15 percent. Meat animal cash receipts, at \$6.4 million, were up 4 percent from the 2008 level of \$6.1 million.

Poultry and eggs fell 34 percent from last year, at \$30.3 million. Dairy products cash receipts totaled \$20.4 million in 2009, down 34 percent from the previous year. Other livestock cash receipts increased by .1 percent to \$8.8 million.

**Real Estate Values:** New Jersey farm real estate values, a measurement of the value of all land and buildings on farms, averaged \$13,100 per acre as of January 1, 2010, a decrease of 5.1 percent from last year. The Garden State ranked second among all states in farm real estate value per acre. Rhode Island's farm real estate value was ranked first, at \$13,600 per acre. Massachusetts' farm real estate value was ranked third, \$11,600 per acre, followed by Connecticut at \$11,500 per acre. Delaware's farm real estate value ranked fifth, at \$8,100 per acre followed by Maryland's ranking of sixth, at \$7,200 per acre.