



Agriculture Across Ohio

Winter Wheat Production and Hay Stocks

Ohio wheat growers anticipate lower yields in 2024 than they had last year. Ohio wheat growers expect to harvest 450,000 acres, down 140,000 acres from last year. Wheat production in the State is expected to total 37.8 million bushels. The yield forecast is 84 bushels, down 6 bushels from last year's record yield.

U.S. winter wheat production is forecast at 1.28 billion bushels, up 2 percent from 2023. As of May 1, the United States yield is forecast at 50.7 bushels per acre, up 0.1 bushel from last year's average yield of 50.6 bushels per

acre. Area expected to be harvested for grain or seed totals 25.2 million acres, up 2 percent from last year.

Hay stocks on Ohio farms on May 1, 2024, were 300,000 tons, down 14 percent from this time last year.

All hay stored on United States farms as of May 1, 2024, totaled 21.0 million tons, up 47 percent from May 1, 2023. Disappearance from December 1, 2023 - May 1, 2024, totaled 55.7 million tons, down 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

Commodity	Ohio		United States	
	2023	2024	2023	2024
Wheat, winter				
Planted 1,000 acres	650	530	36,699	34,135
Harvested 1,000 acres	590	450	24,683	25,198
Yield Bushels	90.0	84.0	50.6	50.7
Production 1,000 bu	53,100	37,800	1,247,748	1,277,695

March Agricultural Prices

Prices Received by Ohio farmers for the full month of March 2024 are listed in the table below. Some Ohio highlights were: March corn, at \$4.32 per bushel, was unchanged from February but decreased \$1.96 from last year; March soybeans, at \$12.10 per bushel, decreased \$0.40 from last month and decreased \$3.20 from last year; March wheat, at \$5.43 per bushel, decreased \$0.05 from February and decreased \$1.50 from last year; March milk, at \$21.70 per cwt., increased \$0.60 from last month but decreased \$0.20 from last year.

Nationally, the March Prices Received Index 2011 Base (Agricultural Production), at 122.3, increased 1.5 percent from February but decreased 4.8 percent from March 2023.

At 100.1, the Crop Production Index was down 1.2 percent from last month and 16 percent from the previous year. The Livestock Production Index, at 144.6, increased 2.3 percent from February, and 4.7 percent from March last year. Producers received higher prices during March for cattle, hogs, broilers, and lettuce but lower prices for market eggs, strawberries, oranges, and wheat. In addition to prices, the volume change of commodities marketed also influences the indexes. In March, there was increased monthly movement for cattle, strawberries, milk, and calves and decreased marketing of cotton, soybeans, onions, and apples.

Prices Received by Farmers¹ - Ohio and United States: March 2024 with Comparisons

Commodity	Ohio			United States		
	Mar 2023	Feb 2024	Mar 2024	Mar 2023	Feb 2024	Mar 2024
Corndollars/bu	6.28	4.32	4.32	6.67	4.36	4.36
Hay, alfalfadollars/ton	200.00	185.00	185.00	266.00	200.00	195.00
Hay, otherdollars/ton	155.00	160.00	150.00	177.00	170.00	161.00
Soybeansdollars/bu	15.30	12.50	12.10	14.90	11.90	11.80
Wheat, winterdollars/bu	6.93	5.48	5.43	8.24	5.80	5.64
Milk, alldollars/cwt	21.90	21.10	21.70	21.00	20.60	20.70

¹ Entire month weighted average price.

Meat Animals Cash Receipts

Ohio cattle and calves cash receipts totaled \$907.8 million in 2023, up 4 percent from 2022. Cattle and calf marketings totaled 571.4 million pounds, down 15 percent from 2022.

Ohio hog cash receipts totaled \$919.2 million in 2023, down 12 percent from 2022. All hog and pig marketings totaled 1.43 billion pounds in 2023, down 3 percent from the previous year.

Nationally, cash receipts from marketings of cattle and calves increased 17 percent, from \$86.3 billion in 2022 to

\$101 billion in 2023. All cattle and calf marketings totaled 58.8 billion pounds in 2023, down 5 percent from 2022.

Nationally, cash receipts from hogs and pigs totaled \$27.2 billion during 2023, down 11 percent from 2022. Marketings totaled 43.9 billion pounds in 2023, up 4 percent from 2022.

Livestock Marketings and Receipts – Ohio: 2022 and 2023

Item	2022	2023	Change
	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Marketings			
Cattle and calves	670,200	571,400	-15
Hogs and pigs	1,479,487	1,429,569	-3
	<i>1,000 dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>	
Cash receipts			
Cattle and calves	873,996	907,780	4
Hogs and pigs	1,045,997	919,213	-12

March Milk Production

Dairy herds in Ohio produced 488 million pounds of milk during March, down 0.4 percent from a year ago. Production per cow in Ohio averaged 1,920 pounds for March, down 25 pounds from March 2023. The dairy herd

was estimated at 254,000 head for March, up 2,000 head from a year earlier. The average price of milk sold in March by Ohio dairy producers was \$21.70 per cwt., \$0.20 less than the price in March 2023.

Milk Cows, Production, and Price – Ohio: March 2023 and 2024

Item	2023	2024
Cows..... 1,000 hd	252	254
Milk per cow lbs/month	1,945	1,920
Production mil lbs	490	488
Milk price, all..... dol/cwt	21.90	21.70
Fat test pct	4.07	4.12
Protein ¹ pct	3.26	3.28

¹ FMO 33

Chickens and Eggs

All layers in Ohio totaled 39.0 million during March, down 2 percent from a year ago. Egg production totaled 991 million eggs, down 1 percent from last year. The rate of lay during March was 2,543 eggs per 100 layers. All layers in

the U.S. totaled 378.5 million during March, down 1 percent from a year ago. There were 21.7 million turkey poults hatched in the U.S. in March, down 8 percent from the previous year.

Egg and Hatchery Production - Ohio and United States: March 2023 and 2024

Item	2023	2024	Percent Change
Ohio			
All layersthousand	39,658	38,967	-2
Eggs per hundred layers..... number	2,530	2,543	1
Eggs produced million	1,003	991	-1
U.S.			
All Layersthousand	382,665	378,533	-1
Eggs per hundred layers..... number	2,413	2,455	2
Eggs produced million	9,233	9,294	1
Turkey Eggs in incubators, Apr 1.....thousand	26,389	24,139	-9
Turkey Poults hatched, Marthousand	23,619	21,670	-8

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