



Agriculture Across Ohio

Winter Wheat Production

Ohio wheat growers expect a lower wheat yield than they did a month ago. Wheat production in the State is anticipated to be 37.4 million bushels, down 30 percent from last year due to fewer harvested acres and a lower anticipated yield. The yield forecast of 83 bushels per acre is down 7 bushels per acre from last year and down 1 bushel from last month. As of June 2, the 2024 Ohio winter wheat crop was 96 percent headed which was 13-percentage points ahead of last year and 18 points over the five-year average. The winter wheat crop condition was rated 71 percent good to excellent compared to 64 percent at the same time last year.

Nationally, winter wheat production is forecast at 1.29 billion bushels, up 1 percent from the May 1 forecast and up 4 percent from 2023. As of June 1, the United States yield is forecast at 51.4 bushels per acre, up 0.7 bushel from last month and up 0.8 bushel from last year's average yield of 50.6 bushels per acre. Montana, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin are expecting record high yields. As of June 2, forty-nine percent of the winter wheat acreage in the 18 major producing States was rated in good to excellent condition, 13 percentage points higher than at the same time last year. Nationally, 83 percent of the winter wheat crop was headed by June 2, five percentage points ahead of the 5-year average pace.

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 | 83.0 | 50.6 | 51.4 |
| Production 1,000 bu | 53,100 | 37,350 | 1,247,748 | 1,294,885 |

Red Meat Production

Commercial red meat production in Ohio totaled 26.4 million pounds in April 2024, up 24 percent from April 2023.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.64 billion pounds in April, up 10 percent from the 4.20 billion pounds produced in April 2023.

Beef production, at 2.30 billion pounds, was 11 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.73 million head, up 7 percent from April 2023. The average live weight was up 41 pounds from the previous year, at 1,395 pounds.

Veal production totaled 3.5 million pounds, 2 percent below April a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 17,500 head, down 20 percent from April 2023. The average live weight was up 59 pounds from last year, at 338 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.32 billion pounds, up 9 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.7 million head, up 10 percent from April 2023. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 290 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.4 million pounds, was up 4 percent from April 2023. Sheep slaughter totaled 188,800 head, 2 percent above last year. The average live weight was 119 pounds, up 2 pounds from April a year ago.

January to April 2024 commercial red meat production was 18.3 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2023.

Accumulated beef production was down slightly from last year, veal was down 9 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 2 percent.

Commercial Slaughter - Ohio: April 2023 and 2024

| Species | Number slaughtered | | Total live weight | | Average live weight | |
|---------|--------------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------|
| | 2023 | 2024 | 2023 | 2024 | 2023 | 2024 |
| | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 pounds) | (1,000 pounds) | (pounds) | (pounds) |
| Cattle | 6.2 | 6.6 | 8,233 | 8,704 | 1,336 | 1,325 |
| Calves | 3.4 | 2.8 | 775 | 1,060 | 227 | 377 |
| Hogs | 76.0 | 93.4 | 21,487 | 27,500 | 283 | 295 |
| Sheep | 4.3 | 5.6 | 713 | 861 | 165 | 154 |

April Agricultural Prices

Prices Received by Ohio farmers for the full month of April 2024 are listed in the table below. Some Ohio highlights were: April corn, at \$4.31 per bushel, decreased \$0.01 from March and decreased \$2.11 from last year; April soybeans, at \$12.10 per bushel, was unchanged from last month but decreased \$3.30 from last year; April wheat, at \$5.42 per bushel, decreased \$0.01 from March and decreased \$0.96 from last year; April milk, at \$21.30 per cwt., decreased \$0.40 from last month and decreased \$0.40 from last year.

Nationally, the April Prices Received Index 2011 Base (Agricultural Production), at 122.5, increased 0.2 percent from March but decreased 6.3 percent from April 2023. At 101.4,

the Crop Production Index was up 1.6 percent from last month but down 20 percent from the previous year. The Livestock Production Index, at 142.6, decreased 1.3 percent from March, but increased 5.6 percent from April last year. Producers received higher prices during April for hogs, broilers, strawberries, and broccoli but lower prices for market eggs, lettuce, oranges, and milk. In addition to prices, the volume change of commodities marketed also influences the indexes. In April, there was increased monthly movement for strawberries, milk, broilers, and lettuce and decreased marketing of corn, soybeans, cattle, and hay.

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

| Commodity | Ohio | | | United States | | |
|-------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|----------|----------|
| | Apr 2023 | Mar 2024 | Apr 2024 | Apr 2023 | Mar 2024 | Apr 2024 |
| Corn.....dollars/bu | 6.42 | 4.32 | 4.31 | 6.70 | 4.36 | 4.39 |
| Hay, alfalfadollars/ton | 200.00 | 185.00 | 185.00 | 288.00 | 195.00 | 195.00 |
| Hay, otherdollars/ton | 155.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 | 171.00 | 161.00 | 149.00 |
| Soybeansdollars/bu | 15.40 | 12.10 | 12.10 | 14.90 | 11.80 | 11.80 |
| Wheat, winterdollars/bu | 6.38 | 5.43 | 5.42 | 8.07 | 5.64 | 5.60 |
| Milk, alldollars/cwt | 21.70 | 21.70 | 21.30 | 20.60 | 20.70 | 20.50 |

¹ Entire month weighted average price.

Milk Production and Income

Cash receipts from marketings of milk by Ohio producers were \$1.20 billion in 2023, down 13.7 percent from 2022. The average price of milk sold was \$21.40 per cwt, down \$4.00 from 2022. Milk production in Ohio during 2023 was 5.66 billion pounds, compared with 5.53 billion pounds in 2022.

The milk cow herd averaged 253,000 head, up 3,000 from 2022. Milk per cow was 22,364 pounds, up from 22,104 in 2022. Ohio ranked twelfth among States in milk production in 2023.

Milk Production, Utilization, Marketings, and Value - Ohio: 2022 and 2023

| Item | 2022 | 2023 |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Production | | |
| Total milk produced on farms.....mil. Lbs. | 5,526 | 5,658 |
| Milkfat producedmil. Lbs. | 221.0 | 227.5 |
| Milkfat.....percent | 4.00 | 4.02 |
| Utilization | | |
| Milk used where produced | | |
| Fed to calvesmil. Lbs. | 25 | 25 |
| Used for milk, cream, and buttermil. Lbs. | 5 | 5 |
| Milk marketed by producersmil. Lbs. | 5,496 | 5,628 |
| Average return per 100 lbs. of milkdollars | 25.40 | 21.40 |
| Average return per pound milkfat.....dollars | 6.35 | 5.32 |
| Fluid gradepercent | 97 | 97 |
| Total cash receipts1,000 dol | 1,395,984 | 1,204,392 |
| Value | | |
| Value of milk used where produced ¹1,000 dol | 1,270 | 1,070 |
| Total value of milk produced1,000 dol | 1,403,604 | 1,210,812 |

¹ Includes value of milk fed to calves and milk used by farm households.

Chickens and Eggs

All layers in Ohio totaled 39.2 million during April, down 2 percent from a year ago. Egg production totaled 973 million eggs, down slightly from last year. The rate of lay during April was 2,481 eggs per 100 layers. All layers in the U.S. totaled

375.2 million during April, down 2 percent from a year ago. There were 21.3 million turkey poults hatched in the U.S. in April, up 1 percent from the previous year.

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

| Item | 2023 | 2024 | Percent Change |
|--|---------|---------|----------------|
| Ohio | | | |
| All layersthousand | 40,021 | 39,224 | -2 |
| Eggs per hundred layers number | 2,443 | 2,481 | 2 |
| Eggs produced million | 978 | 973 | 0 |
| U.S. | | | |
| All Layersthousand | 384,281 | 375,214 | -2 |
| Eggs per hundred layers number | 2,346 | 2,381 | 1 |
| Eggs produced million | 9,014 | 8,935 | -1 |
| Turkey Eggs in incubators, May 1thousand | 27,625 | 25,528 | -8 |
| Turkey Poults hatched, Aprthousand | 21,115 | 21,345 | 1 |

April Milk Production

Dairy herds in Ohio produced 481 million pounds of milk during April, up 1.7 percent from a year ago. Production per cow in Ohio averaged 1,885 pounds for April, up 10 pounds from April 2023. The dairy herd was estimated at 255,000 head for April, up 3,000 head from a year earlier. The average price

of milk cows in April was \$2,160 per head, up \$510 from a year ago. The average price of milk sold in April by Ohio dairy producers was \$21.30 per cwt., \$0.40 less than the price in April 2023.

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

| Item | 2023 | 2024 |
|--------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Cows 1,000 hd | 252 | 255 |
| Milk per cow lbs/month | 1,875 | 1,885 |
| Production mil lbs | 473 | 481 |
| Milk cow price dol/hd | 1,650 | 2,160 |
| Milk price, all dol/cwt | 21.70 | 21.30 |
| Fat test pct | 4.01 | 4.09 |
| Protein ¹ pct | 3.22 | 3.24 |

¹ FMO 33

Maple Syrup Production

Ohio maple syrup production was estimated at 96,000 gallons for the 2024 season. Ohio ranked eighth nationally in maple syrup production in 2024. Total Ohio maple syrup taps were 400,000, and the syrup yield was 0.240 gallons per tap.

The 2024 United States maple syrup production totaled 5.86 million gallons, up 17 percent from the previous season for comparable States. The number of taps totaled 17.1 million, up 5 percent from the 2023 total for comparable States. Yield per

tap was 0.342 gallon, up 0.035 gallon from the previous season for comparable States.

The 2023 United States average price per gallon was \$32.80, down \$1.70 from 2022. Value of production, at \$159 million for 2023, was down 23 percent from the 2022 season.

Estimates began for maple in 2024 for Connecticut, Indiana, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Ohio, and West Virginia.

Ohio Floriculture Sales Worth More Than \$233 Million

Ohio floriculture was worth more than \$233 million in 2023. Ohio floriculture producers sold more than \$233 million worth of floriculture commodities in 2023. This was down 4 percent from the \$243 million sold in 2022. There was 25.5 million square feet of greenhouse used to produce floriculture crops in 2023, up from the 25.2 million square feet used in 2022. Five hundred thirteen producers in Ohio

sold at least \$10,000 worth of floriculture products last year, up from 453 the previous year. The \$20,000 to \$39,999 and \$50,00 to \$99,999 sales classes accounted for most of the increase in producers. The complete set of data, which includes statistics on type, pot size and price of individual floricultural crops, can be found in the NASS Quick Stats database at quickstats.nass.usda.gov.

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