



Agriculture Across Michigan

Winter Wheat Production

Michigan wheat growers anticipate higher yields in 2024 than they had last year. Michigan wheat growers expect to harvest 380,000 acres, down 180,000 acres from last year. Wheat production in the State is expected to be 32.3 million bushels. The yield forecast of 85 bushels is up 2 bushels per acre from last year's crop. 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 Michigan farms on May 1, 2024, were 290,000 tons, up 26 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 – Michigan and United States: 2023 - 2024

Commodity	Michigan		United States	
	2023	2024	2023	2024
Wheat, winter				
Planted1,000 acres	600	420	36,699	34,135
Harvested1,000 acres	560	380	24,683	25,198
Yield Bushels	83.0	85.0	50.6	50.7
Production 1,000 bu	46,480	32,300	1,247,748	1,277,695

March Agricultural Prices

Prices received by Michigan farmers for the full month of March 2024 are listed in the table below. Some Michigan highlights were: March corn, at \$4.33 per bushel, increased \$0.16 from February but decreased \$1.83 from last year; March soybeans, at \$12.20 per bushel, decreased \$0.10 from last month and decreased \$3.30 from last year; March milk, at \$21.30 per cwt., increased \$0.80 from last month and increased \$0.70 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 - Michigan and United States: March 2024 with Comparisons

Commodity	Michigan			United States		
	Mar 2023	Feb 2024	Mar 2024	Mar 2023	Feb 2024	Mar 2024
Beans, dry edible dollars/cwt	44.50	(D)	(D)	40.20	41.70	42.20
Corndollars/bu	6.16	4.17	4.33	6.67	4.36	4.36
Hay, alfalfadollars/ton	190.00	190.00	180.00	266.00	200.00	195.00
Hay, otherdollars/ton	135.00	140.00	130.00	177.00	170.00	161.00
Oatsdollars/bu	(D)	(D)	4.05	4.18	4.10	4.23
Soybeansdollars/bu	15.50	12.30	12.20	14.90	11.90	11.80
Wheat, winterdollars/bu	7.56	5.31	(D)	8.24	5.80	5.64
Milk, all dollars/cwt	20.60	20.50	21.30	21.00	20.60	20.70

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. ¹ Entire month weighted average price.

April Potato Stocks

Potato stocks in Michigan on April 1, 2024 were estimated at 4.10 million hundredweight (cwt), up 11 percent from last year's 3.70 million cwt. April's stocks represent 19 percent of the total production. Stocks include potatoes stored by both processors and growers.

Nationally, potatoes held in storage on April 1, 2024 totaled 142 million cwt, up 17 percent from April 1, 2023. Potatoes in

storage accounted for 32 percent of the 2023 production, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier. The indicated season to date disappearance, at 299 million cwt, was up 6 percent from the same period last year. Season to date shrink and loss, at 21.9 million cwt, was up 20 percent from the same time last year. Processors in the 8 States used 155 million cwt of potatoes for the season, up 3 percent from April 2023.

Meat Animals Cash Receipts

Michigan cattle and calves cash receipts totaled \$832.5 million in 2023, up 32 percent from 2022. Cattle and calf marketings totaled 519.7 million pounds, up 8 percent from 2022.

Michigan hog cash receipts totaled \$456.9 million in 2023, down 7 percent from 2022. All hog and pig marketings totaled 710.5 million pounds, up 2 percent from 2022.

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 – Michigan: 2022 and 2023

Item	2022	2023	Change
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(Percent)
Marketings			
Cattle and calves	481,025	519,680	8
Hogs and pigs	693,228	710,537	2
	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	
Cash receipts			
Cattle and calves	631,175	832,479	32
Hogs and pigs	490,113	456,876	-7

March Milk Production

Dairy herds in Michigan produced 1.03 billion pounds of milk during March, down 0.3 percent from a year ago. Production per cow in Michigan averaged 2,350 pounds for March, 30 pounds below March 2023. The dairy herd was

estimated at 439,000 head for March, up 4,000 head from a year earlier. The average price of milk sold in March by Michigan dairy producers was \$21.30 per cwt., \$0.70 more than the price in March 2023.

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

Item	2023	2024
Cows	435	439
Milk per cow	2,380	2,350
Production	1,035	1,032
Milk price, all	20.60	21.30
Fat test	4.11	4.22
Protein ¹	3.26	3.28

¹ FMO 33

Chickens and Eggs

All layers in Michigan totaled 16.5 million during March, down 2 percent from a year ago. Egg production totaled 423 million eggs, down 3 percent from last year. The rate of lay during March was 2,561 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 - Michigan and United States: March 2023 and 2024

Item	2023	2024	Percent Change
Michigan			
All layers thousand	16,897	16,523	-2
Eggs per hundred layers number	2,581	2,561	-1
Eggs produced million	436	423	-3
U.S.			
All Layers thousand	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, Mar thousand	23,619	21,670	-8

Michigan Fruit Production 2023

Michigan was the second largest apple producing State in the United States in 2023. Michigan apple production, at 1.34 billion pounds, was down 1 percent from the record high 2022 crop. The farm level value of utilized production was \$350 million.

Michigan tart cherry production was 133 million pounds, down 26 percent from 2022. The farm level value of utilized

production was \$22.6 million. Michigan remained the largest tart cherry producing State. The 2023 marketing year average price of \$0.173 per pound was down \$0.031 from 2022.

Blueberry production in Michigan was 87.5 million pounds, up 26 percent from 2022. Michigan growers harvested 16,900 acres in 2023. The farm level value of utilized production was \$120 million.

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