

# NASS

## Agriculture Counts

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**Editor's note:** This is a monthly column from the Pennsylvania Ag Statistics Service (PASS), a field office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture (PDA). The Website is [www.usda.gov/nass/](http://www.usda.gov/nass/).

### LAST CHANCE TO HELP YOUR COUNTY

The number of farms in each county is very important, especially to cooperative extension. As they defend their budgets, they need to know how many agricultural places are in each county and a count of what is being raised by county. They also need to know how many are large, medium, and even small hobby farms so they can serve you better.

If you still have that green or tan Census of Agriculture form in your mail pile, now is the time to fill it out and send it in! This is your last chance to increase the count of farms in your county by completing the form and sending it back.

During the rest of August, we will also be calling some of those that have not yet sent in the form. We are trying to do our best to get the most accurate counts for every county in Pennsylvania.

Every response is important because the numbers that come from the Ag Census will be used for the next five years as part of the decisions that affect Pennsylvania agriculture and you.

If you have questions about the census or need a census form, call (888) 4AG-STAT or (888) 424-7828.

### Crop Forecasts

Aug. 1 field crop forecasts are based on the June Acreage report combined with results of the monthly Ag Yield survey conducted throughout the growing season. We have yet to measure how the crop conditions may have changed during August.

Stay tuned for the Sept. 11 crop report for the corn and beans update! Small grain forecasts differ for spring versus fall planted crops.

Wheat and barley production in Pennsylvania is expected to be below last year, with wheat down 33 percent and barley down 12 percent. Oat production is expected to be 8 percent above 2002. The large decline for wheat is entirely because of lower yields because acreage is the same as 2002.

As of Aug. 1, average yields are expected as follows: 66 bush-

els for oats, 60 bushels for barley, and 42 bushels per acre for wheat.

At 115 bushels, average corn yields in Pennsylvania are above last year by 47 bushels as of Aug. 1. Combined with more harvested acreage, production is forecast at 103.5 million bushels, 75 percent above 2002.

Soybean production in Pennsylvania is expected to be 60 percent above last year. The forecasted 40 bushel average yield is 14 bushels above 2002 while acreage is up by 15,000 acres.

Dry alfalfa production in Pennsylvania is forecast at 2.17 million tons as of Aug. 1. A higher expected average yield of 3.1 tons combined with more acreage harvested to make the production forecast 23 percent above than last year.

Dry other hay production in Pennsylvania is forecast at 2.28 million tons as of Aug. 1. A higher expected average yield of 1.9 tons combined with slightly more harvested acreage will make the forecast 27 percent above 2002.

Tobacco, both Maryland and Pennsylvania types, anticipate increased production compared to last year. Maryland-type production is up 3 percent because of higher yields from the same number of acres. Pennsylvania-type is up 14 percent because of increased acres harvested with the same yields expected as 2002.

Apples are forecast at 440 million pounds in Pennsylvania, 19 percent above last year. Pear output, at 4,100 tons, is expected to be up 8 percent from last year. Grape production of 70,000 tons is up 32 percent from 2002. Peach production is forecast at 70 million pounds, 17 percent above last year.

### Mushrooms

U.S. Agaricus mushroom sales totaled 831 million pounds for 2002-2003, virtually unchanged from the previous year.

Pennsylvania accounted for 56 percent with 461 million pounds. California ranked second with 128 million pounds or 15 percent.

The 2002-2003 U.S. Agaricus crop was estimated at \$852 million in sales, with Pennsylvania sales at \$366 million. Nationwide, Brown mushrooms, including Portabello and Crimini varieties, accounted for 110.7 million pounds, 17 percent above previous year. The value of sales for Brown mushrooms was \$140 million, 19 percent above 2001-2002.

In 2002-2003, there were 126 Agaricus growers nationwide with 77 of those in Pennsylvania. The previous year showed 128

growers nationally with 78 in Pennsylvania.

The 14-page report has additional data about Specialty mushrooms and Certified Organic mushrooms. See [www.usda.gov/nass/](http://www.usda.gov/nass/); use the SEARCH button to find the "Mushrooms" report released on August 15, 2003.

### Aquaculture

For 2002, Pennsylvania producers of aquaculture products reported sales totaling \$9.1 million, 3 percent above the previous year. Only those with more than \$1,000 in gross receipts were included in the summary.

Sales of food fish comprised 81 percent of the total sales with the remainder of the sales made up of sport and game fish, baitfish, crustaceans, mollusks, ornamental fish, and other animal aquaculture (tadpoles and frogs).

There were \$4.6 million from trout sales, 8 percent below 2001. Trout makes up 50 percent of total aquaculture sales in Pennsylvania. For 2002, this ranks Pennsylvania as the fifth largest state for trout sales behind Idaho with \$30.5 million, North Carolina with \$6.8 million, Washington with \$5.4 million, and California with \$5.1 million.

Washington jumped from fifth to third place with a 53 percent increase in sales from 2001.

Pennsylvania is no longer a leading state for trout distributed for restoration, conservation, and recreational purposes. These are fish raised primarily by or for state and federal hatcheries.

The value of these trout in Pennsylvania dropped by 45 percent from \$10.6 million last year. This happened because state hatcheries were temporarily closed to address water quality issues. Nationwide, these distributed fish were valued at \$60.3 million in 2002. The top states are valued as follows: California with \$8.4 million, Pennsylvania at \$5.9 million, Colorado at \$5.5 million, Washington at \$5.1 million, and Oregon at \$4.9 million.

The 20-page trout report has additional data about trout sales by size, losses, etc. See [www.usda.gov/nass/](http://www.usda.gov/nass/); use the SEARCH button to find the "Trout" report released on Feb. 28, 2003.

### Red Meat Production In July Monthly Record

Washington, D. C.  
August 22, 2003

Report Supplied By USDA/NASS  
Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.05 billion pounds in July, a new monthly high and up 1 percent from the 4.02 billion pounds produced in July 2002.

July 2002 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays. July 2003 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.44 billion pounds, was slightly above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.29 million head, up 3 percent from July 2002. The average live weight was down 23 pounds from the previous year, at 1,225 pounds.

Veal production totaled 14.8 million pounds, 12 percent below July a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 84,900 head, down 11 percent from July 2002. The average live weight was 3 pounds below last year, at 288 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.58 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.10 million head, slightly above July 2002. The average live weight was 2 pounds above the previous year, at 262 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 15.7 million pounds, was down 4 percent from July 2002. Sheep slaughter totaled 239,200 head, 8 percent below last year. The average live weight was 131 pounds, up 5 pounds from July a year ago.

January to July 2003 commercial red meat production was 27.1 billion pounds, up slightly from 2002. Accumulated beef production was down slightly from last year, veal was up 2 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 10 percent.

### Oklahoma Feeder Cattle Weekly

Oklahoma City, OK  
August 27, 2003

Report Supplied By USDA

OKLAHOMA NATIONAL STOCK-YARDS, Weekly Cattle Summary — Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers steady to 2.00 higher with good demand. Unweaned calves steady to 5.00 lower. Weaned calves mostly steady and comprised bulk of calf supply. Demand light for unweaned calves, good for weaned calves. Hot dry weather taking a toll on the fleshy calf market. Feedlot demand bolstered by continued good movement of slaughter cattle from feedlots last week.

Receipts this week 11,865; last week 8451; last year 6735. Supply consisted of 64% yearlings and few calves over 600 lbs; 31% calves; 5% cows and bulls. Heifers comprised 23% of feeder & calf supply.

Prices follow with weighted average weight and price in parenthesis.

**FEEDER STEERS:** Medium and Large 1: CALVES: 350-400 lbs (377 lbs) 108.00-117.00 (113.35); 400-450 lbs (420 lbs) 106.00-113.00 (109.22); 450-500 lbs (478 lbs) 101.00-109.50 (105.69); 500-550 lbs (534 lbs) 95.00-107.00 (102.56); 550-600 lbs (574 lbs) 93.50-105.50 (99.81); 600-650 lbs (618 lbs) 92.00-101.00 (95.21); 650-700 lbs (675 lbs) 94.00-99.00 (97.21). **YEARLINGS:** 550-600 lbs thin (577 lbs) 102.50-109.00 (105.55); 600-700 lbs (650 lbs) 100.00-106.50 (103.57); 700-750 lbs (718 lbs) 99.00-103.00 (100.11); 750-800 lbs (768 lbs) 96.75-98.75 (97.73); 800-850 lbs (813 lbs) 91.00-98.00 (96.08); 860 lbs 90.50. load ML 2's Brahma cross 865 lbs 92.25.

**FEEDER HEIFERS:** Medium and Large 1: CALVES: 350-400 lbs (374 lbs) 104.00-110.00 (106.34); 400-450 lbs (414 lbs) 94.00-107.50 (101.80); 450-500 lbs (472 lbs) 86.00-98.00 (92.03); 500-600 lbs (550 lbs) 87.50- 95.00 (91.14); 600-650 lbs (613 lbs) 92.00-93.50 (92.56). **YEARLINGS:** 500-600 lbs (550 lbs) 94.50-97.00 (95.08); 600-700 lbs (650 lbs) 93.00-98.25 (95.88); 700-750 lbs (723 lbs) 91.00-95.25 (92.84); 750-800 lbs (762 lbs) 88.00-91.00 (89.58); 840 lbs 86.50.



## FARM MACHINERY AUCTION

### SAT., SEPT. 6, 2003

#### 9:00 AM

This is a life long collection of Mr. Austin H. Moser.

Located on King Road near Boonsboro MD. From I-70 take exit 35 (route 66) South 6 miles to Alternate Route 40. Go East 1/2 mile to Route 34 on right, go 1/2 mile to King Road on left, farm will be first lane on left.

### 5 TRACTORS

Oliver 880 with narrow front; Oliver 1800 diesel tractor with wide front; Allis Chalmers D 17 wide front with 3-point hitch selling separately; Massey Ferguson 65 diesel wide front with loader; John Deere 40 tractor with loader.

### MACHINERY

New Idea 201 manure spreader; Woods C80 brush hog; 2 Wooden bale wagons; Harrow; 3-point Boom; Hay elevator; Grain elevator; Allis Chalmers sickle bar mower; 3-pt. Spin seeder; IH 37 baler with thrower; Ford 241 disc; 348 White 3 bottom auto reset plow; PT9 Hesston 9' haybine.

### VEHICLES

GMC 1 1/2 ton truck, approximate year 1950, with livestock racks; 1975 Chev Malibu, 1984 Chev pick-up; 1974 Ford 2-ton truck with livestock bed; All vehicles sold as-is.

### MACHINERY FOR PARTS AND SCRAP

Gehl chopper; JD 55 combine; Three JD drills; Several other pieces for parts and scrap.

### TOOLS AND COLLECTIBLES

Jacks; Barrel pumps; Fence stretchers; Push plow; Bench drill press; Manual tire changer; Old hay fork; Bench grinder; Bolts; Nails; Shovels; Digging iron; Log chains; Forks; Ropes; Lots of wrenches; Sledge hammers; Mowen scythe; Old wagon jack; Funnels; Vise; Hammers; Saws; Fencing wire; Milk can; Grease; Guns; Gas cans; Clinton chain saw; Tractor bumper; Extension cords; Tire chains; Plastic pipe; Ladders; Fence posts; Chicken crate; Milkers; Wheel barrows; Many other items too numerous to mention.

Machinery and vehicles to be sold approximately 12:00 Noon.

**TERMS:** Cash or approved check, nothing removed until settled for. Not responsible for accidents. ID required.

Lunch Rights Reserved

Auctioneer: C. Floyd Davis

Clerks: Drury and Drury

Owner: Austin H. Moser

## KLING'S FALL MACHINERY CONSIGNMENT SALE AT LANDISBURG, PA. SAT., OCT. 4TH, 2003

Call now to consign your items, good usable farm equipment, road worthy vehicles, ATV's in good condition, tools, and new or like-new building supplies. (No tires, new or used, and no junk) The best consignments will receive several weeks advertising. Items for this auction will be accepted September 20th through October 3rd, call 717-789-3883 before bringing your items. Sale managed and held by Kling's Auctions, Inc. Pa. Lic. #000500 Office 789-3883 or Fax Your List to 789-4226

## NOTICE Change of Location

Restaurant Equipment  
September 15 @ 10 AM  
Has Changed to  
112 S. Sporting Hill Rd.  
Mechanicsburg, PA 17570  
Detail listing on page B20

Look for next week for corrected Ad & listing.

B.J. Jennings AU-003910  
Phil Grosh AU-005053



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## PUBLIC AUCTION

### ANTIQUES, FURNITURE HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, GLASSWARE FRIDAY SEPT. 5, 2:00 P.M.

Located at Gibney's Auction Center, RT 1 at the PA/MD line. Rising Sun, MD 21911 (Cecil County) Beside Sylmar Flea Market

Terms - cash or good check

5% buyers prem Consignors Welcome!

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