- 1996 Corn Production Forecast Drops to 8.7 Million Bushels
- 1996 Sorghum Crop Forecast Slips; Minor Changes in Barley and Oats
- All Hay Production Expected To Decline 4 Percent from 1995
- 1995/96 Corn Exports Reduced, Ending Stocks Forecast Raised

1996/97 FEED GRAIN SUPPLY AND USE FORECASTS REDUCED
Output of U.S. feed grains in 1996 is projected at 250.2 million metric tons, down 4 percent from last month. This mainly reflects a reduction in corn production, along with lower sorghum and barley forecasts. Despite a small increase in carryin stocks, the forecast of feed grain supply is also down from last month. Compared with the previous year, 1996/97 supply is expected to be up nearly 4 percent, but this will not do much to relieve tight markets. Supply concerns dominate the outlook, with uncertainty likely to persist until the growing season ends.

With the reduction in prospective supply, both domestic use and export forecasts also declined. This is entirely due to corn, since expected use for each of the other feed grains was increased slightly. Projected ending stocks are down 5 million tons from July to 17.7 million, but still higher than the very low 13.5 million tons expected in 1995/96.

CORN CROP FORECAST DOWN 420 MILLION BUSHELS, WITH LOWER ACREAGE AND YIELDS
According to USDA's first survey-based forecast, 1996 corn production is projected at 8,695 million bushels. This is down nearly 5 percent from last month's projection, which was based on the June Acreage report and adjusted trend yields. The lateness of the crop clouds the outlook in many areas, where a normal or early frost could prevent full maturation. In general, concerns are focused on the eastern Corn Belt and parts of the northern tier States. Prospects in much of the western Corn Belt are favorable.

Corn plantings are now estimated at 79.6 million acres, down from 80.355 million reported in the June Acreage report. This would still rank as the highest since 1985, and slightly greater than 1992. The decline in area occurred in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin where adverse weather prevented planting. In Indiana and Ohio, farmers increased soybean plantings from earlier expectations.

Corn yields in 1996 are forecast at 118.7 bushels per acre, down from last month's adjusted trend yield of 123 bushels. Over much of the Corn Belt, July weather was very favorable for pollination with timely rainfall and cool temperatures. However, not only were many fields planted late, but the lack of heat has also slowed development this season. As of August 4, 72 percent of the crop had silked, compared with the average of 80 percent. By August 11, silking had advanced to 88 percent, but it was still a bit behind average. Crops in Indiana, Ohio, and Wisconsin are particularly late this year, with silking about 2 weeks behind normal.

Yield forecasts could move significantly in either direction in the next few weeks, depending on weather in the remainder of August and up through early October. At this time of year, there is typically a great deal of uncertainty about yields, especially given the pronounced volatility of recent crops. In
the last 4 years, final yield estimates were sharply higher than August forecasts in 2 years, and sharply lower in 2 years. The last time that changes between August and final estimates were small was for the 1991 crop.

## SORGHUM PRODUCTION FORECAST SLIPS, MINOR CHANGES FOR BARLEY AND OATS

Sorghum output in 1996 is forecast at 734 million bushels, down 24 million from last month's projections. Although planted acres were raised about 700,000 acres to 13.3 million, the first survey-based yield forecast of 61.1 bushels per acre was 5.6 bushels below the trend yield used last month. The jump in acres was almost all in Texas, where drought prompted a large shift out of cotton. Nationally, sorghum plantings are up 41 percent from last year, and the highest since 1986. Although production is forecast up 59 percent from 1995, it will fall far short of the 875 million bushels harvested in 1992.

Barley production is forecast at 387 million bushels, down 6 million from last month. Expected yields were trimmed slightly, from 58.2 to 57.4 bushels per acre. Weaker yield prospects in Colorado, Montana, Oregon, and Washington more than offset improvements in Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota.

Oats production is forecast at 158 million bushels, up 3 million this month. Forecast yields were increased by 1 bushel per acre to 59 bushels. Even with the increase, the crop will still be down slightly from 1995 's record low. Following a wet spring that delayed planting, harvesting is running behind average. South Dakota is expected to be the largest producing State in 1996, eclipsing North Dakota, which had been the largest in recent years.

## HAY PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES FOR 1996 ARE DOWN

Production of all hay in 1996 is forecast at 149 million tons, down 4 percent from 1995. Alfalfa and alfalfa hay mixtures in 1996 are forecast down 5 percent from 1995 and all other hay, down 2 percent from last year. Even with a slight increase in hay stocks on May 1, hay supplies in 1996 will be down 6 million tons from 1995, or slightly less than 4 percent. Since hay stocks are not available by type, separate estimates of alfalfa and other hays cannot be made. Forecast yields reflect generally unfavorable conditions in 1996, as it has been too dry in some areas and too wet in others. In the northern half of the U.S., the wet weather kept producers from harvesting the first cutting on time and adversely affected quality. In Texas, dry weather was especially hard on hay as yields and production were down. Other hay production was not only sharply down in Texas but also in Kentucky, Tennessee, California, and Alabama. Second-cutting alfalfa in the northern U.S. has been limited by dry conditions and insects. Quality is also likely down.

Roughage consuming animal units (RCAU) in 1996/97 are expected to decline 1 percent from 1995/96. Even with the decline, hay supplies per RCAU in 1996/97 are expected to be down 3 percent from the 2.24 tons per RCAU in 1995/96. The dry weather in Texas and the Southern Plains likely resulted in more hay being fed in the spring and early summer, because pastures and ranges have been poor. Prices received by farmers for hays have been above a year earlier. Other hay prices turned up in July from the June level, whereas alfalfa prices declined in July from June. Other hay usually has one cutting, but alfalfa has several depending upon the area of the country. Second-cutting alfalfa may be helping to increase supplies and lower prices.

## 1996/97 CORN USE ADJUSTED DOWN BASED ON LOWER CROP EXPECTATIONS

Total disappearance of $1996 / 97$ corn is projected at 8,555 million bushels, down 225 million from last month and 20 million from forecast use in 1995/96. Corn feed and residual use was cut 150 million bushels to 4,850 million, while the food, seed, and industrial use (FSI) forecast was trimmed 25 million to

1,655 million. All of the FSI reduction was in use for ethanol.
Corn exports were reduced 50 million bushels to 2,050 million. As with last year at this time, the scope for downward adjustments appears limited because of extremely heavy forward buying. As of August 1, outstanding sales of U.S. corn had reached 11.6 million tons, 10 percent higher than the same time a year earlier.

Small increases were made this month in forecast use of the other feed grains. Sorghum exports were raised 15 million bushels because of higher expected imports by Mexico. Feed and residual use of barley was raised 5 million bushels, and oats 10 million bushels due to the tightening supply of corn.

Ending stocks of corn in 1996/97 are projected at 523 million bushels, compared with 667 million last month. This is still very small and would result in a stocks-to-use ratio of 6.1 percent.

FEED AND RESIDUAL USE UP FROM 1995/96 BUT DOWN FROM LAST MONTH
Feed and residual use of the four feed grains plus wheat in 1996/97 is expected to total 150 million tons, down from 152 million last month, but 7 percent above the estimated $1995 / 96$ use. In 1995/96, feed and residual use is expected to total 140 million metric tons, down 15 percent from 1994/95. The higher prices for feed have caused some shifts in livestock production and feed and residual use per grain consuming animal unit (GCAU) in 1996/97 may equal 1.8 tons. In $1995 / 96,1.64$ tons/GCAU are expected to be used, up from the record low of 1.61 tons in 1988/89.

On July 1, cattle on feed in feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more in the seven States that report these data monthly were down 15 percent from the previous year. High grain prices and poor returns to the cattle feeding enterprise have caused this sharp reduction. Feeder cattle supplies outside feedlots were up 3 percent from a year ago on July 1. Cattle have been entering feedlots at heavier weights with more of the gain coming from grass. Cattle will continue to go on feed for a minimum number of days, as long as feed prices remain high. Feed use by feedlots is expected to be sharply lower than a year earlier during most of 1996/97.

Dairy cow numbers remain below a year earlier. Milk production per cow dropped below a year earlier this spring largely due to forage quality problems and unfavorable weather. High concentrate prices kept producers from increasing feeding rates to compensate for the lower quality forage. Grain and other concentrates fed on July 1, 1996, was 18.3 pounds, the same as in July 1995. With fewer cows, less grain is likely to be fed to dairy cows during the remainder of 1995/96 and probably into 1996/97.

## 1995/96 CORN EXPORT FORECAST REDUCED BY 50 MILLION BUSHELS; STOCKS UP

Projected ending stocks of corn in $1995 / 96$ were raised 52 million bushels this month to 374 million. Expected imports are up 2 million bushels while exports are down 50 million to 2,250 million bushels.

The export drop reflects a substantial amount of cancellations or "buy-backs" of export sales in recent weeks. Some buyers have been able to substitute new-crop corn at lower prices for earlier purchases of old crop. August and September are typically the slowest months of the year for U.S. exports, as buyers wait for seasonal price lows that generally occur at harvest time. In 1995, however, late-summer exports were unusually large as importers scrambled for coverage as U.S. crop prospects declined. In addition, there were unusual exports to China and shipments to other importers who had been buying corn from China and then had to turn to the United States.

In the final days in the $1995 / 96$ marketing year, corn supplies are extremely tight and some other cuts in use may occur due to surging prices and/or lack of availability. Despite strong market incentives, very little new-crop corn has moved into marketing channels so far. Although 1996 forecast corn production in Louisiana and Mississippi is more than double the year earlier, for example, wet conditions have slowed movement of the crop.

FARM PRICE FORECASTS INCREASED; SUMMER CORN MARKET CONTINUES VOLATILE
The forecast season average farm price of corn in $1995 / 96$ was placed at $\$ 3.25$ per bushel this month, up from \$3.15-3.25 a month ago. If realized, this would surpass the old record of $\$ 3.21$ of $1983 / 84$. Although most of the corn was sold earlier, late season record prices are pushing up the average. The preliminary price of corn received by farmers in July was $\$ 4.49$ per bushel, up from $\$ 4.22$ in June. The $1995 / 96$ sorghum price forecast was basically unchanged at $\$ 3.25$ per bushel. The price of sorghum in June was $\$ 3.84$, down sharply from the preliminary price of $\$ 4.21$, probably reflecting marketings of some low quality grain in Texas. The preliminary July price of sorghum was \$3.99.

Farm price projections for $1996 / 97$ were increased for all of the feed grains. Corn is up 25 cents at each end of the range to $\$ 3.15-3.55$ per bushel. Sorghum is 30 cents higher to $\$ 3.05-3.45$ per bushel. The farm price of all barley is up 25 cents at each end to $\$ 3.00-3.40$ per bushel, while oats is 20 cents higher to \$1.95-2.35. With the exception of oats, all could be at or near record highs.

Cash and futures prices for corn dropped dramatically in the last 2 weeks of July as crop expectations improved and high prices apparently choked off demand from some processors and feeders. At this time, newly harvested wheat became available, priced attractively relative to corn. The December futures contract declined about 60 cents per bushel in a 2 -week period, and this also prompted some foreign buyers to roll over contracts from old crop to new-crop corn. By early August, however, prices began to rebound as concerns grew about slow maturing crops and exporters and processors scrambled to fill needs.

The basis between farm and cash prices, which has been running at record levels for most of the year, softened in mid-July as market pries dropped. However, it began to surge again in August, as old crop supplies dried up and users tried to coax sales from farmers. Central Illinois cash prices retreated from a record high of $\$ 5.25$ per bushel July 11 to a low of $\$ 4.12$ a few days later. Since then, cash prices have shot back up, approaching $\$ 5.00$ again at the time of the August crop report.

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Table 1--Feed Grains: Marketing year supply and disappearance 1/

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Year/ } \\ & \text { Qtr. } \end{aligned}$ | Beg. stocks | Production | $-\begin{gathered} \text { Im- } \\ \text { ports } \end{gathered}$ | Supply | FSI | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feed \& } \\ & \text { resid. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Ex- } \\ \text { ports } \end{array}$ | Total disp. | End. stks. | Farm price |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CORN |  |  |  |  | ion | bushel |  |  |  | \$/bu |
| 1993/94 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep-Nov | 2,113 | 6,336 | 5 | 8,455 | 380 | 1,703 | 435 | 2,518 | 5,937 | 2.34 |
| Dec-Feb | 5,937 |  | 8 | 5,945 | 376 | 1,243 | 330 | 1,949 | 3,996 | 2.71 |
| Mar-May | 3,996 | --- | 6 | 4,002 | 418 | 955 | 270 | 1,642 | 2,360 | 2.67 |
| Jun-Aug | 2,360 | --- | 1 | 2,361 | 418 | 800 | 293 | 1,511 | 850 | 2.34 |
| Mkt. yr. | 2,113 | 6,336 | 21 | 8,470 | 1,591 | 4,700 | 1,328 | 7,620 | 850 | 2.50 |
| 1994/95 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep-Nov | 850 | 10,103 | 2 | 10,955 | 406 | 2,019 | 449 | 2,874 | 8,080 | 2.05 |
| Dec-Feb | 8,080 | --- | 4 | 8,084 | 406 | 1,496 | 590 | 2,493 | 5,592 | 2.18 |
| Mar-May | 5,592 | --- | 3 | 5,595 | 445 | 1,167 | 568 | 2,180 | 3,415 | 2.35 |
| Jun-Aug | 3,415 | --- | 1 | 3,416 | 434 | 854 | 570 | 1,858 | 1,558 | 2.59 |
| Mkt. yr. | 850 | 10,103 | 9.56 | 10,962 | 1,691 | 5,536 | 2,177 | 9,405 | 1,558 | 2.26 |
| 1995/96 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep-Nov | 1,558 | 7,374 | 4 | 8,935 | 409 | 1,760 | 660 | 2,830 | 6,106 | 2.78 |
| Dec-Feb | 6,106 | 仡 | 5 | 6,111 | 387 | 1,362 | 562 | 2,311 | 3,800 | 3.18 |
| Mar-May | 3,800 | --- | 5 | 3,805 | 406 | 1,071 | 610 | 2,086 | 1,718 | 3.83 |
| Jun-Aug | 1,718 | --- | 3 | 1,721 | 372 | 558 | 418 | 1,348 | 374 |  |
| Mkt. yr. | 1,558 | 7,374 | 17 | 8,949 | 1,575 | 4,750 | 2,250 | 8,575 | 374 | 3.25 |

Mkt. yr. $374 \quad 8,695 \quad 10 \quad 9,078 \quad 1,655 \quad 4,850 \quad 2,050 \quad 8,555 \quad 523 \quad 3.15-3.55$ SORGHUM

| 1993/94 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sep-Nov | 175 | 534 | 0 | 709 | 2 | 222 | 39 | 263 | 446 | 2.22 |
| Dec-Feb | 446 | --- | 0 | 446 | 2 | 108 | 60 | 170 | 276 | 2.59 |
| Mar-May | 276 | --- | 0 | 276 | 3 | 82 | 64 | 148 | 128 | 2.39 |
| Jun-Aug | 128 | --- | 0 | 128 | 2 | 41 | 38 | 81 | 48 | 2.10 |
| Mkt. yr. | 175 | 534 | 0 | 709 | 8 | 453 | 202 | 662 | 48 | 2.31 |
| 1994/95 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep-Nov | 48 | 649 | 0 | 697 | 2 | 209 | 64 | 274 | 422 | 1.91 |
| Dec-Feb | 422 | --- | 0 | 422 | 1 | 79 | 61 | 142 | 281 | 2.02 |
| Mar-May | 281 | --- | 0 | 281 | 2 | 66 | 54 | 122 | 159 | 2.18 |
| Jun-Aug | 159 | --- | 0 | 159 | 2 | 42 | 43 | 87 | 72 | 2.64 |
| Mkt. yr. | 48 | 649 | 0 | 697 | 7 | 395 | 223 | 625 | 72 | 2.13 |
| 1995/96 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep-Nov | 72 | 460 | 0 | 532 | 2 | 175 | 54 | 231 | 301 | 2.88 |
| Dec-Feb | 301 |  | 0 | 301 | 1 | 71 | 67 | 139 | 163 | 3.30 |
| Mar-May | 163 | --- | 0 | 163 | 2 | 54 | 36 | 92 | 70 | 4.00 |
| Jun-Aug | 70 | --- | 0 | 70 | 2 | (10) | 43 | 35 | 35 |  |
| Mkt. yr. | 72 | 460 | 0 | 532 | 7 | 290 | 200 | 497 | 35 | 3.25 |
| 1996/97 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mkt. yr. | 35 | 734 | 0 | 769 | 7 | 485 | 225 | 717 | 52 | 3.45 |

Table 1--Feed Grains: Marketing year supply and disappearance, (cont.) 1/


| 1993/94 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Jun-Aug | 113 | 207 | 17 | 337 | 32 | 84 | 1.5 | 118 | 219 | 1.35 |
| Sep-Nov | 219 | --- | 35 | 254 | 29 | 30 | 0.7 | 60 | 194 | 1.33 |
| Dec-Feb | 194 | --- | 31 | 225 | 27 | 51 | 0.5 | 79 | 147 | 1.42 |
| Mar-May | 147 | --- | 24 | 170 | 37 | 28 | 0.2 | 65 | 106 | 1.39 |
| Mkt. yr. | 113 | 207 | 107 | 427 | 125 | 193 | 3.0 | 321 | 106 | 1.36 |
| 1994/95 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jun-Aug | 106 | 229 | 20 | 355 | 32 | 103 | 0.2 | 135 | 220 | 1.19 |
| Sep-Nov | 220 | --- | 34 | 254 | 30 | 32 | 0.2 | 62 | 192 | 1.19 |
| Dec-Feb | 192 | --- | 23 | 215 | 28 | 38 | 0.4 | 66 | 149 | 1.21 |
| Mar-May | 149 | --- | 16 | 165 | 35 | 29 | 0.2 | 64 | 101 | 1.36 |
| Mkt. yr. | 106 | 229 | 93 | 428 | 124 | 202 | 1.0 | 327 | 101 | 1.22 |
| 1995/96 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jun-Aug | 101 | 162 | 28 | 290 | 32 | 78 | 0.4 | 110 | 180 | 1.48 |
| Sep-Nov | 180 | --- | 26 | 206 | 30 | 23 | 0.5 | 53 | 153 | 1.52 |
| Dec-Feb | 153 | --- | 18 | 171 | 27 | 30 | 0.3 | 58 | 113 | 1.94 |
| Mar-May | 113 | --- | 9 | 122 | 34 | 21 | 0.8 | 56 | 66 | 2.21 |
| Mkt. yr. | 101 | 162 | 81 | 343 | 123 | 152 | 2 | 277 | 66 | 1.68 |
| 1996/97 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mkt. yr. | 66 | 158 | 85 | 309 | 120 | 125 | 2 | 247 | 62 | 2.35 |

Totals may not add due to rounding.
1/ Corn and sorghum are on a September 1 to August 31 marketing year. Barley and oats are on a June 1 to May 31 marketing year.

Table 2--Feed and residual use of wheat and coarse grains

| Year <br> Beginning <br> September 1 | Corn | Sorg. | Barley | Oats | Feed Grains | Wheat | Total grains | Animal Units | Feed/ animal unit |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | - | -Million | metric | tons |  | - | Mil. | Tons |
| 1993/94 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep-Nov | 43.2 | 5.6 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 50.0 | -1.0 | 49.0 |  |  |
| Dec-Feb | 31.6 | 2.7 | 1.8 | 0.8 | 36.9 | 1.1 | 38.0 |  |  |
| Mar-May | 24.2 | 2.1 | 0.9 | 0.5 | 27.7 | -0.7 | 27.0 |  |  |
| Jun-Aug | 20.3 | 1.0 | 2.7 | 1.5 | 25.6 | 10.2 | 35.8 |  |  |
| Mkt. yr. | 119.4 | 11.5 | 5.9 | 3.4 | 140.2 | 9.6 | 149.8 | 84.0 | 1.78 |
| \% Change | -10.7 | -3.4 | 56.5 | 7.1 | -8.1 | 145.2 | -4.3 | 1.5 | -5.7 |
| 1994/95 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep-Nov | 51.3 | 5.3 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 57.8 | -0.8 | 57.0 |  |  |
| Dec-Feb | 38.0 | 2.0 | 1.1 | 0.6 | 41.7 | 0.7 | 42.4 |  |  |
| Mar-May | 29.6 | 1.7 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 32.3 | -0.8 | 31.5 |  |  |
| Jun-Aug | 21.7 | 1.1 | 2.4 | 1.2 | 26.4 | 8.4 | 34.8 |  |  |
| Mkt. yr. | 140.6 | 10.0 | 4.68 | 2.8 | 158.2 | 7.5 | 165.7 | 84.6 | 1.96 |
| \% Change | 17.8 | -12.6 | -20.9 | -15.8 | 12.8 | -21.6 | 10.6 | 0.7 | 9.8 |
| 1995/96 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep-Nov | 44.7 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 50.2 | -2.7 | 47.5 |  |  |
| Dec-Feb | 34.6 | 1.8 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 37.2 | 0.3 | 37.6 |  |  |
| Mar-May | 27.2 | 1.4 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 29.3 | -1.8 | 27.5 |  |  |
| Jun-Aug | 14.2 | -0.3 | 2.1 | 0.8 | 16.8 | 10.9 | 27.7 |  |  |
| Mkt. yr. | 120.7 | 7.4 | 3.4 | 2.0 | 133.5 | 6.8 | 140.3 | 85.4 | 1.64 |
| \% Change | -14.2 | -26.7 | -26.6 | -27.6 | -15.6 | -10.0 | -15.3 | 1.0 | -16.2 |

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$\begin{array}{llllllllll}\text { Mkt. yr. } & 123.2 & 12.3 & 4.9 & 2.3 & 142.8 & 6.8 & 149.6 & 83.6 & 1.79\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{llllllllll}\% & 2.1 & 67.2 & 42.7 & 14.2 & 6.9 & 0.0 & 6.6 & -2.1 & 9.1\end{array}$

Table 3--Grain shipments and rates

| $\begin{array}{r} 1993 / 94 \\ \text { Mkt. Yr. } \end{array}$ |  | ---------1994/95-----------Mkt. Yr. Sep-Jun Jun |  |  | $\begin{gathered} ----1995 / 96---- \\ \text { Sep-Jun Jun } \end{gathered}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Barge shipments 1/ <br> (Million ton/month) | 2.8 | 3.1 | 2.8 | 2.3 | 3.7 | 4.4 |
| Barge rate index $2 /$ <br> (Dec $1990=100$ ) | 93.6 | 160.8 | 153.6 | 143.4 | 164.6 | 93.7 |
| Railcar loadings 3/ (1,000 cars/week) | 25.3 | 28.5 | 28.2 | 28.4 | 28.1 | 22.4 |
| Rail rate index 2/ <br> (Dec $1984=100$ ) | 115.2 | 116.6 | 116.9 | 117.7 | 116.9 | 109.8 |

1/ Illinois \& Mississippi rivers. Includes soybeans and all grains. Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
2/ Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics
3/ Includes soybeans and all grains.
Source: Association of American Railroads.

Table 4--Cash feed grain prices

|  | Corn, No. 2, Yel, Ctrl. IL | Corn, No. 2, Yel, Gulf ports 1 / | Sorghum, <br> No. 2, Yel <br> Texas South <br> Panhandle 1 / | Sorghum, No. 2, Yel, Gulf ports 1 / | Barley, No. 2, feed, Duluth 2 / | Barley, No. 3 or better, Malting, Minn. 2 / | Oats, No. 2, Heavy white, Minn. 2 / |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mkt. yr. | \$/bu | \$/bu | \$/cwt | \$/cwt | \$/bu | \$/bu | \$/bu |
| 92/93 | 2.12 | 2.46 | 4.06 | 4.27 | 2.11 | 2.37 | 1.58 |
| 93/94 | 2.54 | 2.85 | 4.95 | 3/4.90 | 2.05 | 2.48 | 1.55 |
| 94/95 | 2.34 | 2.78 | 4.75 | 3/4.62 | 2.02 | 2.75 | 1.36 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Monthly: } \\ & \text { 1995: } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mar | 2.36 | 2.79 | 4.63 | 4.67 | 2.02 | 2.85 | 1.54 |
| Apr | 2.41 | 2.79 | 4.68 | 4.08 | 1.97 | NQ | 1.62 |
| May | 2.50 | 2.84 | 4.93 | 4.27 | 2.11 | NQ | 1.76 |
| Jun | 2.65 | 3.04 | 5.26 | 4.97 | 2.22 | 3.15 | 1.73 |
| 1996: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mar | 3.92 | 4.34 | 7.38 | 7.50 | 2.86 | NQ | 2.47 |
| Apr | 4.47 | 4.80 | 8.16 | 8.44 | 2.99 | NQ | 2.56 |
| May | 4.86 | 5.17 | 8.88 | 8.46 | 3.20 | 4.11 | 2.68 |
| Jun | 4.74 | 4.99 | 8.57 | 7.95 | 3.22 | 3.28 | 2.11 |

1/ Marketing year beginning September 1.
2/ Marketing year beginning June 1.
3/ Revised. NQ = No quote.
Table 5--Selected feed and feed by-product prices

|  | Soybean meal $44 \%$ slv. Decatur, IL $1 /$ | Cottonseed meal, 41\% slv. Memphis 1 / | Corn gluten feed, IL pts. 1 / | Corn gluten meal, IL pts. 1 / | Meat \& bone meal, Central U.S. $1 /$ | Dists.' dried grains, Lawrenceburg, IN $1 /$ | Wheat midlgs, Kansas City 1/ | Alfalfa farm price $2 / 3 /$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mkt. yr. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 92/93 | 180.80 | 159.22 | 95.95 | 284.60 | 220.93 | 122.84 | 69.69 | 78.20 |
| 93/94 | 181.82 | 168.36 | 88.62 | 286.61 | 206.81 | 123.79 | 81.51 | 89.30 |
| 94/95 | 151.77 | 112.64 | 82.77 | 221.95 | 170.51 | 106.70 | 65.04 | 92.10 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Monthly: } \\ & \text { 1995: } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mar | 145.70 | 100.30 | 82.10 | 215.60 | 180.75 | 93.75 | 73.90 | 89.00 |
| Apr | 151.00 | 98.10 | 77.40 | 206.25 | 160.60 | 93.50 | 55.75 | 89.40 |
| May | 148.10 | 92.75 | 78.50 | 196.50 | 159.60 | 98.00 | 49.70 | 95.30 |
| Jun | 149.10 | 108.75 | 79.90 | 208.10 | 161.60 | 98.90 | 63.61 | 91.60 |
| 1996: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mar | 215.70 | 195.60 | 122.00 | 341.25 | 216.50 | 145.00 | 128.90 | 89.10 |
| Apr | 237.90 | 206.25 | 127.40 | 336.50 | 212.90 | 156.60 | 148.00 | 94.50 |
| May | 232.30 | 191.25 | 138.40 | 343.10 | 220.20 | 186.50 | 114.70 | 102.40 |
| Jun | 227.90 | 192.20 | 122.10 | 315.00 | 231.80 | 190.00 | 127.80 | 96.90 |

1/ Marketing year beginning September 1.
2/ Marketing year beginning May 1.
3/ Includes monthly \& marketing year revisions from 1994/95.

Table 6--Corn: Food, and industrial uses

| Year | HFCS | ```Glucose and dex.``` | Starch | $---A l c$ <br> Fuel | Bev. <br> \& Mfg | Cereals \& other products | $\begin{gathered} \text { Total } \\ \text { F\&I } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Million bushels |  |  |  |  |
| 1993/94 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep-Nov | 98.5 | 55.8 | 56.4 | 112.2 | 27.7 | 29.4 | 380.1 |
| Dec-Feb | 95.3 | 49.6 | 52.7 | 119.3 | 29.9 | 29.1 | 375.8 |
| Mar-May | 118.0 | 56.7 | 56.3 | 112.4 | 24.9 | 29.7 | 398.2 |
| Jun-Aug | 131.8 | 60.8 | 57.3 | 114.3 | 23.2 | 29.7 | 417.1 |
| Mkt year | 443.6 | 222.9 | 222.7 | 458.3 | 105.8 | 118.0 | 1571.3 |
| 1994/95 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep-Nov | 104.6 | 58.8 | 57.3 | 134.4 | 21.2 | 29.4 | 405.8 |
| Dec-Feb | 100.5 | 51.5 | 55.0 | 141.5 | 28.6 | 29.1 | 406.2 |
| Mar-May | 123.8 | 58.4 | 56.2 | 137.7 | 24.2 | 29.7 | 430.1 |
| Jun-Aug | 135.6 | 62.3 | 57.3 | 119.1 | 26.7 | 29.7 | 430.8 |
| Mkt year | 464.6 | 231.1 | 225.7 | 532.8 | 100.7 | 118.0 | 1672.8 |
| 1995/96 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep-Nov | 110.1 | 60.7 | 55.8 | 121.1 | 32.3 | 29.4 | 409.4 |
| Dec-Feb | 105.1 | 52.9 | 51.5 | 120.8 | 28.0 | 29.1 | 387.4 |
| Mar-May | 130.8 | 60.7 | 54.9 | 91.8 | 20.0 | 29.7 | 388.1 |
| Jun-Aug | 139.0 | 60.7 | 57.7 | 61.3 | 21.3 | 29.7 | 369.8 |
| Mkt year | 485.0 | 235.0 | 220.0 | 395.0 | 101.6 | 118.0 | 1554.6 |
| 1996/97 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mkt year | 505.0 | 245.0 | 230.0 | 425.0 | 110.0 | 120.0 | 1635.0 |

Table 7--Wholesale corn milling product and by-product prices

|  | Corn meal, yellow, New York | Brewers' grits, Chicago | Sugar, destrose, Midwest | HFCS, 42\% tank cars, Midwest | Corn starch, fob Midwest |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | \$/cwt | \$/cwt | cents/lb | cents/lb | \$/cwt |
| Mkt. yr. 1/ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 92/93 | 13.39 | 9.68 | 24.50 | 13.30 | 10.70 |
| 93/94 | 14.49 | 10.98 | 25.44 | 14.63 | 12.61 |
| 94/95 | 13.22 | 10.67 | 25.62 | 12.27 | 12.43 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Monthly } \\ & \text { 1995: } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Apr | 13.17 | 10.62 | 25.50 | 11.80 | 12.65 |
| May | 13.22 | 10.67 | 25.50 | 11.80 | 12.89 |
| Jun | 13.59 | 11.04 | 25.50 | 11.80 | 13.22 |
| Jul | 13.85 | 11.30 | 25.50 | 11.70 | 13.64 |
| 1996: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Apr | 19.46 | 15.36 | 25.50 | 13.15 | 16.19 |
| May | 20.28 | 16.19 | 25.50 | 13.15 | 17.45 |
| Jun | 20.18 | 16.08 | 25.50 | 13.15 | 18.65 |
| Jul | 20.45 | 16.35 | 25.50 | 13.15 | 18.65 |

1/ Marketing year beginning September 1.

Table 8--U.S. feed grain exports by selected destinations 1/

| Country/region | ------1993/94------ |  | ------1994/95------ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1995 / 96 \\ & \text { Sep-May } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Mkt. yr. | Sep-May | Mkt. yr. | Sep-May |  |
| CORN |  |  |  |  |  |
| Japan | 12,322 | 9,905 | 15,849 | 11,718 | 11,782 |
| Taiwan | 5,077 | 4,122 | 6,027 | 4,571 | 4,601 |
| Former USSR | 2,909 | 2,821 | 140 | 140 | 27 |
| South Africa | 12 | 12 | 187 | 126 | 347 |
| Sub-Saharan Africa | 394 | 262 | 449 | 369 | 312 |
| EU | 1,765 | 1,568 | 2,836 | 2,354 | 2,696 |
| Egypt | 1,553 | 976 | 2,569 | 1,904 | 1,888 |
| Canada | 603 | 251 | 1,096 | 574 | 418 |
| China | 0 | 0 | 3,240 | 1,877 | 2,207 |
| East Europe | 48 | 48 | 112 | 67 | 188 |
| Algeria | 1,176 | 866 | 1,000 | 867 | 413 |
| S. Korea | 508 | 142 | 8,005 | 5,916 | 6,881 |
| Mexico | 1,468 | 699 | 2,985 | 2,408 | 4,807 |
| Others | 5,813 | 4,540 | 10,723 | 7,867 | 9,902 |
| Total | 33,649 | 26,212 | 55,218 | 40,758 | 46,467 |
| SORGHUM |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mexico | 2,972 | 2,343 | 2,557 | 2,001 | 1,202 |
| Japan | 1,640 | 1,362 | 2,050 | 1,713 | 1,385 |
| Others | 432 | 377 | 1,008 | 811 | 1,347 |
| Total | 5,044 | 4,081 | 5,615 | 4,525 | 3,934 |
|  | --- | 93/94--- | ------19 | 95------ | 1995/96 |
|  | Mkt. yr. |  | Mkt. yr. |  | Mkt. yr. |
| BARLEY |  |  |  |  |  |
| Saudi Arabia | 344 |  | 203 |  | 373 |
| Israel | 335 |  | 468 |  | 42 |
| Jordan | 251 |  | 51 |  | 0 |
| Others | 504 |  | 671 |  | 932 |
| Total | 1,433 |  | 1,392 |  | 1,347 |

1/ Totals may not add due to rounding. Source: Bureau of the Census
Table 9--U.S. imports by country of origin


