

May 14, 2020 Board Meeting

- **2020 Crop Planting Intentions**

- As of March 1, WI farmers intended to plant 3.90 million acres of corn which is up 100,000 acres from 2019 planted acres.
 - US corn planted acres are estimated at 97.0 million acres, up 8 percent from last year.
- Soybean acres in WI are estimated at 1.95 million acres. This is a 200,000 acre increase from 2019. If realized, this would be Wisconsin's fourth largest planted acreage on record.
- US soybean planted acres are estimated at 83.5 million acres, down 1 percent from last year.

- **Milk Production**

- In March, WI milk production totaled 2.61 billion pounds. This was down less than 1 percent from the previous March.
- Milk production in the 23 major states totaled 18.3 billion pounds. This is 2.4 percent more than the previous year.
- As of May 1, 2020, WI had 7,168 milk cow herds. This is down 640 herds from May 2019.

- **Cheese Production**

- WI ranked # 1 in cheese production in 2020 with 3.4 billion pounds of cheese produced. WI produced 26 percent of the US cheese production.

- **March Prices Received**

- Milk price for March was \$18.10 per cwt up 80 cents from March 2019. The US price for March was \$18.00.
- Corn \$3.51 per bushel down 3 cents from March 2019.
- Soybeans \$8.30 per bushel down 31 cents from the previous March.
- Alfalfa hay \$180 per ton down \$23 from March 2019.

- **Crop Progress as of May 4, 2020**

- Corn planted was at 33 percent complete, and 5 days ahead the 5-year average. Corn emerged was 1 percent, 1 day ahead of the average.

- Soybeans planted was at 14 percent and 7 days ahead the 5-year average.
- Oats planted was at 56 percent.
- Topsoil moisture ratings are at 0 percent very short, 6 percent short, 79 percent adequate, and 15 percent surplus.
- **Chicken and Eggs**
 - Wisconsin egg production during March 2020 was 188 million eggs, up 11 percent from last year.
 - The average number of all layers on hand during March 2020 was 7.42 million, up 2 percent from last year.
- **Upcoming NASS Surveys**
 - June Agriculture Survey
 - Collecting data from May 29 until June 10.
 - The data is used to set the planted acres for 2020.
 - NASS will only be collecting data online, by mail or telephone. No data will be collected in person due to COVID-19.
 - Results will be released on Friday, June 30.