

**2009
CORN SITUATION
VICTORIA COUNTY**

Corn acreage decreased to 24,365 acres in 2009 due to the extended dry planting season. The season started with extremely dry conditions and insufficient moisture to germinate a crop for most all farmland until 0.68 inch of rain fell on March 15th and 1.44 inches fell on March 26, 2009. Earlier dry-planted corn finally germinated and in spite of the drought, aflatoxin levels were minimal at harvest. Yields averaged 65 bushels per acre with numerous yields at or below 50 bu/ac. Corn prices retreated from a high of near \$8.00/bushel in 2008 to around \$3.00 in 2009. With lower prices, profit margins were very tight as fuel, fertilizer, seed and herbicide prices remained high in 2009.

YEAR	COUNTY ACREAGE	AVERAGE YIELD BU/AC	AVERAGE PRICE \$/BU *	% OF COUNTY AG INCOME
2009	24,365	65	\$3.06	11%
2008	38,472	80	5.00	27
2007	36,640	107	3.00	28
2006	20,434	53	2.29	6
2005	27,316	95	2.23	12
2004	25,098	90	2.70	13
2003	29,075	65	2.07	10
2002	36,379	68	2.16 (a)	14
2001	28,567	115	1.95	16
2000	27,800	127	1.55	12
1999	18,020	120	2.10	8
1998	34,140	30	1.10 (a)	4
1997	18,600	65	2.38	10
1996	32,000	42	4.30	19
1995	29,942	115	3.40	21
1994	31,600	120	2.30	19
1993	25,938	82	2.41	14
1992	21,602	85	2.25	12
1991	11,800	85	2.32	5
1990	17,507	50	2.40	6
1989	25,000	35	2.30	8
1988	29,500	72	2.65	23
1987	26,820	65	1.65	14
1986	40,000	80	1.76	30
1985	38,439	55	2.28	23
1984	48,196	70	3.08	39
1983	22,000	90	3.50	24
1982	30,000	64	2.83	19
1981	26,000	80	-	18
1980	32,000	54	-	17
1979	30,000	60	-	16
1978	15,000	70	-	11
AVG	27,920	76	2.40	16

(a) High aflatoxin levels reduced the value of corn.

The above listed selling prices are an estimated average selling price over a two month period during harvest. Many farmers have sold their crops above or below this average price and the prices listed above and income below does not reflect any government payments*.

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Total County Agricultural Income	\$45,231,000
Income from Corn	\$4,846,000
Percent Income from Corn	11 %