Harvesting the Numbers

Wheat Straw – Small Bales
Sept. 2013: Midwest $2.50 - $5.00 per bale
(perfect for stuffing scarecrows)

Fresh Market
Pumpkin Production
IL .................. 45%
CA .................. 15%
OH .................. 14%
PA .................. 10%
NY .................. 8%
MI .................. 7.5%

Source: USDA

2012 Corn Production
(million pounds)
Grain Corn 603,697
Sweet Corn 9,031
Popcorn 996
Candy Corn 35

In 2012, the US produced 9 billion pounds of apples worth $3.1 billion. Of these, 2/3 were sold for fresh marketing and 1/3 for processing, 40% into juice and cider.

Most Popular
Gala .................. 23%
Red Delicious ........ 19%
Fuji .................. 16%
Granny Smith ....... 13%
Yellow Delicious ..... 10%

Sources:
- AMS Market News supermarket featuring for 2012
- USDA NASS

October is PORK Month

2,211,000,000*

*Pounds of pork produced in the U.S. in October 2012, 9.5% of 2012 annual production. (Source: NASS)

Where is it Produced?*
IA ................. 26.7%
NC ................ 10.0%
IL .................. 9.6%
MN ................. 9.3%
MO .................. 7.4%

Butts, bone-in ............ 11.7%
Butts, boneless roast .... 10.6%
Picnics, bone-in .......... 10.0%
Butt pork steaks .......... 9.9%

Pork shoulder cuts, perfect for slow cooking for pulled pork sandwiches, enjoy the most active supermarket featuring of the year in October, as the air chills and leaves begin to fall. As a percentage of annual featuring, October was the peak month for these four shoulder cuts:

Source: AMS Market News supermarket featuring for 2012