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Idaho Winter Wheat Production Up 17 Percent

Idaho's 2008 winter wheat production is forecast at 60.5 million bushels, 17 percent higher than last year, and 11 percent above the 2006 crop. Based on May 1 conditions, yield is estimated at 72.0 bushels per acre, down 1 bushel from last year. Acres expected to be harvested are set at 840,000 acres, an increase of 130,000 acres from 2007.

Idaho's May 1 hay stocks totaled 300,000 tons, down 6 percent from May 1, 2007. Hay production during 2007 was down 5 percent from the previous year.

Nationally, winter wheat production is forecast at 1.78 billion bushels, up 17 percent from 2007. Based on May 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 44.3 bushels per acre, 2.1 bushels per acre above last year. Expected area for harvest as grain or seed totals 40.2 million acres, up 12 percent from last year. Hard Red Winter production is up 5 percent from a year ago to 1.01 billion bushels. Soft Red production is up 54 percent and totals 551 million bushels. White production totals 215 million bushels, up 10 percent from a year ago. Of the White production total, 23.2 million bushels are Hard White and 192 million bushels are Soft White.

Nationally, all hay stored on farms May 1, totaled 21.6 million tons, up 44 percent from the previous year. Hay stocks increased significantly in Texas and Oklahoma where weather conditions during the 2007 growing season nearly doubled hay production and improved pasture conditions throughout the year.

Winter Wheat: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production
Selected States and United States, 2006-2007 and Forecasted May 1, 2008

State	Area Harvested			Yield			Production		
	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>			<i>Bushels</i>			<i>1,000 Bushels</i>		
Arkansas	305	700	840	61.0	41.0	53.0	18,605	28,700	44,520
California	250	240	320	58.0	80.0	70.0	14,500	19,200	22,400
Colorado	1,900	2,350	2,100	21.0	40.0	32.0	39,900	94,000	67,200
Delaware	45	55	78	67.0	68.0	66.0	3,015	3,740	5,148
Georgia	120	230	350	49.0	40.0	54.0	5,880	9,200	18,900
Idaho	710	710	840	77.0	73.0	72.0	54,670	51,830	60,480
Illinois	910	890	1,160	67.0	57.0	63.0	60,970	50,730	73,080
Indiana	460	370	530	69.0	57.0	66.0	31,740	21,090	34,980
Kansas	9,100	8,600	9,400	32.0	33.0	38.0	291,200	283,800	357,200
Kentucky	320	250	450	71.0	49.0	66.0	22,720	12,250	29,700
Maryland	125	170	215	68.0	68.0	64.0	8,500	11,560	13,760
Michigan	650	540	710	73.0	65.0	69.0	47,450	35,100	48,990
Mississippi	73	330	425	59.0	56.0	57.0	4,307	18,480	24,225
Missouri	910	880	1,120	54.0	43.0	52.0	49,140	37,840	58,240
Montana	1,920	2,190	2,600	43.0	38.0	34.0	82,560	83,220	88,400
Nebraska	1,700	1,960	1,850	36.0	43.0	44.0	61,200	84,280	81,400
New York	95	85	120	61.0	52.0	55.0	5,795	4,420	6,600
North Carolina	420	500	700	59.0	40.0	51.0	24,780	20,000	35,700
Ohio	960	730	1,000	68.0	63.0	64.0	65,280	45,990	64,000
Oklahoma	3,400	3,500	4,500	24.0	28.0	33.0	81,600	98,000	148,500
Oregon	730	735	760	53.0	55.0	60.0	38,690	40,425	45,600
Pennsylvania	150	155	190	59.0	58.0	58.0	8,850	8,990	11,020
South Carolina	123	135	170	50.0	31.0	50.0	6,150	4,185	8,500
South Dakota	1,150	1,980	1,750	36.0	48.0	44.0	41,400	95,040	77,000
Tennessee	190	260	490	64.0	41.0	58.0	12,160	10,660	28,420
Texas	1,400	3,800	3,400	24.0	37.0	29.0	33,600	140,600	98,600
Virginia	155	205	250	68.0	64.0	64.0	10,540	13,120	16,000
Washington	1,800	1,690	1,720	66.0	64.0	63.0	118,800	108,160	108,360
Wisconsin	230	270	300	78.0	69.0	68.0	17,940	18,630	20,400
Other States	816	1,442	1,824	44.3	43.5	44.0	36,139	62,749	80,209
United States	31,117	35,952	40,162	41.7	42.2	44.3	1,298,081	1,515,989	1,777,532

Mid-April Prices Received by Farmers

Preliminary indications of prices received by Idaho farmers for the month of April showed increases for alfalfa hay, malting barley, and potatoes. Prices decreased for all barley, feed barley, dry beans, all wheat, beef cattle, cows, steers and heifers, calves, and all milk.

For the U.S., the Preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in April, at 144 percent, based on 1990-92=100, decreased 2 points (1.4 percent) from March. Producers received higher commodity prices for corn, lettuce, onions, and soybeans. Lower prices were received for eggs, strawberries, cattle, and wheat.

Prices Received by Farmers for Selected Commodities, April 2007-April 2008

Commodity	Unit	Idaho			United States			
		April 2007	March 2008	April 2008	April 2007	March 2008	April 2008	
							Price ^{1/}	% Parity
CROPS:								
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	124.00	155.00	161.00	127.00	143.00	157.00	--
Barley, All	Bu.	3.25	4.02	3.97	3.07	4.17	4.53	51
Feed	Bu.	3.43	5.08	5.05	3.20	4.22	4.28	--
Malting	Bu.	3.18	3.87	3.90	3.02	4.16	4.62	--
Dry Beans	Cwt.	22.70	32.20	31.40	24.50	32.40	34.10	52
Potatoes ^{2/}	Cwt.	7.05	6.50	6.75	8.71	8.37	8.75	44
Fresh ^{3/}	Cwt.	6.90	6.10	--	13.03	11.42	--	--
Processing	Cwt.	5.80	5.50	--	6.56	6.15	--	--
Wheat All	Bu.	5.03	10.60	10.00	4.89	10.60	10.10	78
LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS:								
Beef Cattle ^{4/}	Cwt.	85.50	82.10	79.40	93.70	87.70	85.10	34
Cows ^{5/}	Cwt.	48.60	49.30	46.80	49.20	51.20	49.90	--
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	97.20	92.50	89.70	99.80	92.70	90.10	--
Calves	Cwt.	111.00	108.00	106.00	125.00	119.00	115.00	32
Lambs	Cwt.	87.00	91.00	--	97.10	98.00	--	--
Milk All ^{6/}	Cwt.	15.50	17.60	16.80	16.60	18.10	18.00	40 ^{7/}

1/ Mid-month price. 2/ Average price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stock, processing, seed and livestock feed. 3/ Fresh market prices only, includes table stock prices. 4/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined. 5/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. 6/ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies. 7/ Seasonally adjusted price as percentage of parity price.

United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	March 2007	April 2007	March 2008		April 2008 Preliminary
			Preliminary	Revised	
Prices Received	131	133	150	146	144
Prices Paid	159	160	176	178	181
Ratio ^{1/}	82	83	85	82	80

1/ Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid by farmers.

Idaho Onion Acreage Intentions

Onion acreage planted in Idaho is expected to be 8,600 acres, down 8 percent from the 2007 acreage of 9,300 and down 11 percent from the 2006 acreage of 9,700. Producers in Malheur County, Oregon are expected to plant 9,900 acres, down 14 percent from last year. Combined onion acreage for Idaho and Malheur County decreased 11 percent from last year to 18,500 acres. Total storage acreage in Washington is estimated to be 19,000 acres, down 10 percent from last year.

National, summer storage planted acres are down 6 percent from last year to 140,050 acres. California acreage, which is primarily dehydrated or otherwise processed, is down 1 percent from 2007. Despite some minor problems with rain during planting, good growing conditions are currently being reported. In Colorado, although mountain snow pack is currently 126 percent of average Statewide, mandated well restrictions, labor shortages, low prices, and disease problems are a major concern. In Idaho, snow pack supplies are near normal and water availability is not a concern. In Oregon, spring conditions have been favorable throughout the State. In Washington, thrips remain a major concern in the Columbia Basin. Irrigation supplies look promising

Onions: Area Planted by Season, State, and United States, 2006-2007 & Intended 2008

Season and State	Acres			2008 as a Percent of 2007
	2006	2007	2008	
Spring ^{1/}	40,800	33,800	31,600	93
Summer ^{1/}				
Non-storage				
California	9,800	9,700	9,000	93
Nevada	2,600	2,800	2,900	104
New Mexico	6,000	6,300	5,500	87
Texas	1,000	1,100	800	73
Washington ^{2/}	1,500	1,500	1,900	127
Summer Non-Storage Total	20,900	21,400	20,100	94
Storage				
California ^{3/}	33,100	31,700	31,500	99
Colorado	10,000	9,000	8,500	94
Idaho	9,700	9,300	8,600	92
Michigan	2,700	2,600	2,100	81
New York	14,100	13,000	12,400	95
Oregon				
Malheur	11,700	11,500	9,900	86
Other	8,400	9,100	8,500	93
Washington	20,000	21,000	19,000	90
Wisconsin	2,100	1,900	1,800	95
Other States ^{4/}	2,280	2,180	1,750	80
Summer Storage Total	114,080	111,280	104,050	94
Summer Total	134,980	132,680	124,150	94
United States	175,780	166,480	155,750	94

1/ Primarily fresh market. 2/ Includes Walla Walla and other non-storage onions. 3/ Primarily dehydrated and other processing. 4/ 2006-2008-- OH and UT.

U.S. Dairy Products March 2008 Highlights

Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 834 million pounds, 0.7 percent below March 2007 but 6.3 percent above February 2008.

Italian type cheese production totaled 358 million pounds, 1.2 percent below March 2007 but 6.9 percent above February 2008.

American type cheese production totaled 340 million pounds, 0.3 percent above March 2007 and 6.5 percent above February 2008.

Butter production was 154 million pounds, 11.5 percent above March 2007 and 5.2 percent above February 2008.

Dry Milk Powders: (comparisons with March 2007)

Nonfat dry milk, human --- 134 million pounds, up 18.9 percent.

Skim milk powders --- 34.4 million pounds, up 301.4 percent.

Whey products: (comparisons with March 2007)

Dry whey, total --- 96.4 million pounds, down 2.0 percent.

Lactose, human and animal --- 64.0 million pounds, down 1.9 percent.

Whey protein concentrate, total --- 35.8 million pounds, up 2.2 percent.

Frozen products: (comparisons with March 2007)

Ice cream, Regular (hard) --- 73.7 million gallons, down 5.5 percent.

Ice cream, Lowfat (total)--- 32.2 million gallons, down 3.8 percent.

Sherbet (hard) --- 5.15 million gallons, down 8.6 percent.

Frozen Yogurt (total) --- 5.97 million gallons, up 4.7 percent.

