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Idaho Sugarbeet Production Expected to be Lowest Since 1984

Based on conditions as of August 1, sugarbeet production is expected to total 3.48 million tons from 117,000 harvested acres, down 40 percent from a year ago and the lowest production in Idaho since 1984. Expected harvested acreage for sugarbeets is at the lowest level since 1977. Sugarbeet yield of 29.7 tons per acre is down from last year's record high 34.4 tons per acre. Because of acreage increases, winter and spring wheat production in Idaho is expected to be up from 2007. Idaho's winter wheat yield of 73.0 bushels per acre is unchanged from last month and last year. Producers expect to harvest 810,000 acres of winter wheat with a total production of 59.1 million bushels, up 14 percent from last year. Idaho's spring wheat

yield is forecast at 65.0 bushels per acre, down 2 bushels per acre from the July 1 forecast, and down 3 bushels per acre from 2007. Production of 33.8 million bushels from 520,000 harvested acres is up 10 percent from last year. Barley production is forecast at 41.6 million bushels, down 5 percent from last year's 44.0 million bushels. Harvested acreage, at 520,000, is 30,000 acres less than last year. The expected yield of 80.0 bushels per acre is up 2 bushels an acre from last month and equal to last year's yield. Oat yield is forecast at 75 bushels an acre, down 2 bushels from last month, but up 14 bushels from last year. Oat production from 20,000 harvested acres is expected to total 1.5 million bushels, up 23 percent from a year ago. Dry bean production is expected to total 1.52 million cwt from 78,000 harvested acres, down 5 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 1,950 pounds per acre (clean basis), up 150 pounds from last year. Chickpeas, grown primarily in North Idaho, are included in the dry bean estimates. This year's chickpea planted acreage accounts for 38 percent of Idaho's dry beans, more than any other class. Alfalfa hay production is estimated to be 4.86 million tons, a 1 percent increase from 2007. The expected yield for alfalfa is 4.30 tons per acre, up from last year's 4.00 tons per acre. Other hay production is expected to total 759,000 tons, up 20 percent from last year. Yield for other hay is estimated at 2.30 tons per acre, up from last year's 2.10 tons per acre.

Harvested Acreage, Yield and Production, Idaho & U.S., 2007 and Forecasted August 1, 2008

STATE	UNIT	Area Harvested		Yield			Production	
		2007	2008	2007	Jul 1, 2008	Aug 1, 2008	2007	2008
		<i>Thousand Acres</i>					<i>Thousands</i>	
IDAHO								
Winter Wheat	Bu.	710	810	73.0	73.0	73.0	51,830	59,130
Spring Wheat	Bu.	450	520	68.0	67.0	65.0	30,600	33,800
Barley	Bu.	550	520	80.0	78.0	80.0	44,000	41,600
Oats	Bu.	20	20	61.0	77.0	75.0	1,220	1,500
Dry Beans ^{1/2/}	Lbs.	89	78	1,800	--	1,950	1,602	1,521
Alfalfa Hay	Tons	1,200	1,130	4.00	--	4.30	4,800	4,859
Other Hay	Tons	300	330	2.10	--	2.30	630	759
Sugarbeets	Tons	167	117	34.4	--	29.7	5,745	3,475
UNITED STATES								
Winter Wheat	Bu.	35,952	40,252	42.2	46.3	46.6	1,515,989	1,874,857
Spring Wheat	Bu.	12,947	13,751	37.0	36.8	36.4	479,047	500,988
Barley	Bu.	3,508	3,640	60.4	59.8	59.9	211,825	217,976
Oats	Bu.	1,505	1,443	60.9	64.4	62.3	91,599	89,897
Dry Beans ^{1/2/}	Lbs.	1,478.7	1,353.6	1,716	--	1,786	25,371	24,172
Alfalfa Hay	Tons	21,670	20,778	3.35	--	3.41	72,575	70,944
Other Hay	Tons	39,955	39,661	1.95	--	1.94	77,729	77,011
Sugarbeets	Tons	1,246.8	1,051.8	25.6	--	24.1	31,912	25,319
Durum Wheat	Bu.	2,112	2,583	33.9	34.8	33.5	71,686	86,573
Corn for Grain	Bu.	86,542	79,290	151.1	--	155.0	13,073,893	12,287,875

1/ Yield in pounds, production in 1,000 cwt. 2/ Excludes garden bean seed.

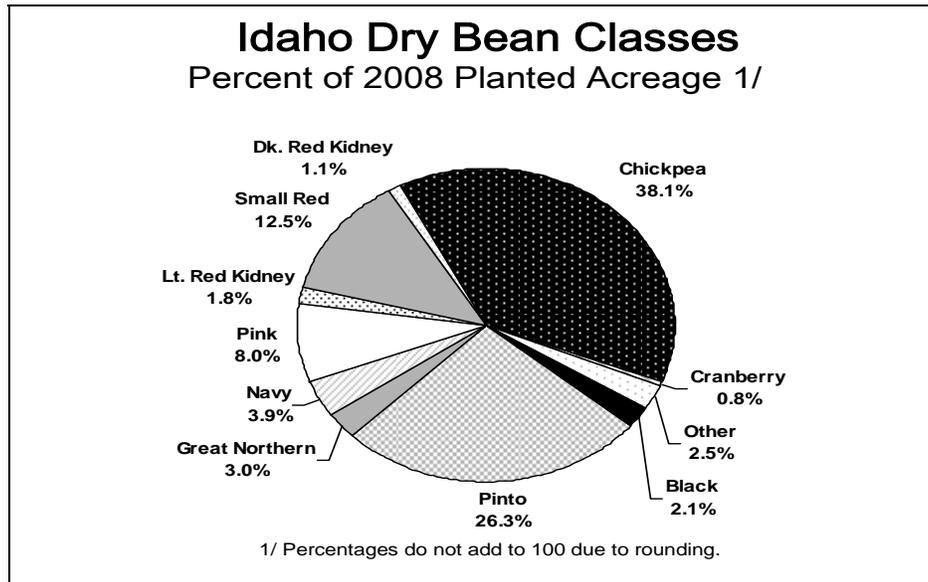
Idaho Dry Bean Production Down 5 Percent from 2007

Idaho's 2008 dry edible bean production is expected to decrease 5 percent from last year. Production is forecast at 1.52 million cwt, down from last year's 1.60 million cwt. Planted acreage, at 80,000, and harvested acreage, at 78,000, are down from last year's 90,000 acres planted and 89,000 acres harvested. Yields are expected to average 1,950 pounds per acre, 150 pounds per acre more than last year.

Acreage planted to Idaho's largest two classes decreased substantially from last year. Chickpea acreage declined 27 percent, but still accounts for the largest area with 30,500 acres. Pinto bean plantings decreased 16 percent from last year to 21,000 acres. Small red acreage, at 10,000 acres, more than doubled from last year's 4,500 acres. Planted acreage of pinks increased 5 percent from last year to 6,400. Navy bean planted acreage decreased 6 percent to 3,100 acres. Acreage planted to Great Northerns increased 20 percent from last year to 2,400 acres. Black bean planted acreage decreased 29 percent from last year to 1,700 acres. Light red kidney planted acreage is up 8 percent from last year at 1,400 acres, while dark red kidneys are unchanged from last year at 900 planted acres. Cranberry

planted acreage, at 600 acres, is down from last year's 900 acres. Planted acreage of other classes total 2,000 acres, down from the 2,100 acres for all other classes last year.

Nationally, dry edible bean production is expected to total 24.2 million cwt, down 5 percent from last year and slightly below 2006. Production is expected to be below last year in 11 of the 18 producing states, primarily due to reduced acreage. Planted acreage, at 1.40 million acres, decreased 8 percent from last year. Harvested acreage is forecast at 1.35 million acres, also down 8 percent from last year. Yields are expected to be 1,786 pounds per acre, an increase of 70 pounds from last year and 209 pounds more than two years ago. If realized, this will be the highest yield on record for the U.S. At the U. S. level, planted area of pinto beans is down 17 percent from last year. Blacks, chickpeas, light red kidneys, pinks, blackeyes, cranberries, and limas also declined in planted acreage from last year. Planted area increased from 2007 for great northerns, small reds, dark red kidneys, and small whites.



All Dry Beans Harvested, Yield, and Production -- Selected States and U. S., 2007 and Forecasted August 1, 2008 ^{1/}

State	Harvested		Yield ^{2/}		Production ^{2/}	
	2007	2008	2007	August 1, 2008	2007	2008
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>1,000 Cwt.</i>	
California	58.0	51.0	2,090	2,100	1,212	1,071
Colorado	46.0	51.0	1,600	2,000	736	1,020
Idaho	89.0	78.0	1,800	1,950	1,602	1,521
Michigan	195.0	185.0	1,600	1,650	3,120	3,053
Minnesota	145.0	140.0	1,800	1,800	2,610	2,520
Nebraska	107.0	115.0	2,260	2,200	2,418	2,530
North Dakota	665.0	575.0	1,590	1,650	10,574	9,488
Oregon	7.9	4.7	1,850	1,800	146	85
Washington	60.0	50.0	1,700	1,700	1,020	850
Wyoming	24.0	30.0	2,310	2,360	555	708
U.S. Total	1,478.7	1,353.6	1,716	1,786	25,371	24,172

^{1/} Excludes garden bean seed. ^{2/} Clean basis.

Mid-July Prices Received by Farmers

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

Nationally, the preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in July, at 161 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 3 points (1.9 percent) from June. Producers received higher prices for cattle, soybeans, broilers, and sweet corn, and lower prices for eggs, wheat, tomatoes, and cucumbers.

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

Commodity	Unit	Idaho			United States			
		July 2007	June 2008	July 2008 ^{1/}	July 2007	June 2008	July 2008	
							Price ^{1/}	% Parity
CROPS:								
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	140.00	168.00	200.00	137.00	172.00	177.00	--
Barley, All	Bu	3.44	3.77	3.68	3.46	4.75	4.61	49
Feed	Bu	3.45	4.90	4.65	3.27	5.53	4.68	--
Malting	Bu	3.44	3.73	3.65	3.49	4.50	4.57	--
Dry Beans	Cwt	22.70	32.60	33.00	28.50	33.00	38.20	55
Potatoes ^{2/}	Cwt	5.80	7.45	8.80	8.48	10.78	11.42	54
Fresh ^{3/}	Cwt	5.90	11.00	--	11.33	18.61	--	--
Processing	Cwt	5.70	5.90	--	6.53	6.54	--	--
Wheat, All	Bu	5.34	8.77	8.43	5.17	7.62	7.29	54
LIVESTOCK:								
Beef Cattle ^{4/}	Cwt	81.50	84.50	89.30	89.00	92.00	95.70	37
Cows ^{5/}	Cwt	51.50	53.70	57.40	51.50	54.30	56.40	--
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	90.40	94.20	98.80	93.00	96.40	100.00	--
Calves	Cwt	113.00	111.00	110.00	126.00	118.00	115.00	30
Lambs	Cwt	100.00	101.00	--	98.70	102.00	--	--
Milk, All ^{6/}	Cwt	19.80	18.50	17.50	21.60	19.30	19.40	39 ^{7/}

1/ Mid-Month. 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	June 2007	July 2007	June 2008		July 2008 Preliminary
			Preliminary	Revised	
Prices Received	137	139	162	158	161
Prices Paid	161	162	189	189	191
Ratio ^{1/}	85	86	86	84	84

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

U.S. Dairy Products June 2008 Highlights

Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 803 million pounds, 1.3 percent above June 2007 but 3.4 percent below May 2008.

Italian type cheese production totaled 333 million pounds, 1.8 percent below June 2007 and 3.4 percent below May 2008.

American type cheese production totaled 333 million pounds, 5.4 percent above June 2007 but 5.4 percent below May 2008.

Butter production was 120 million pounds, 9.0 percent above June 2007 but 16.0 percent below May 2008.

Dry Milk powders: (comparisons with June 2007)
Nonfat dry milk, human --- 132 million pounds, up 11.9 percent.

Skim milk powders --- 33.9 million pounds, up 106.3 percent.

Whey Products: (comparisons with June 2007)
Dry whey, total --- 92.5 million pounds, down 2.3 percent.
Lactose, human and animal --- 63.1 million pounds, up 0.2 percent.
Whey protein concentrate, total --- 34.3 million pounds, up 3.7 percent.

Frozen products: (comparisons with June 2007)
Ice cream, Regular (hard) --- 90.0 million gallons, up 3.4 percent.
Ice cream, Lowfat (total) --- 43.4 million gallons, up 6.8 percent.
Sherbet (hard) --- 5.56 million gallons, down 9.9 percent
Frozen Yogurt (total) --- 6.75 million gallons, up 5.6 percent.

Alfalfa Seed Acres Unchanged

Producers in Idaho harvested 15,000 acres of alfalfa seed in 2007, unchanged from the 2006 crop. Average yield, on a clean basis, was 690 pounds per harvested acre in 2007, up 20 pounds from the previous year. Production for 2007 totaled 10.4 million pounds, 3 percent above the 2006 crop. The average price received by growers for the 2007 crop increased \$14 per hundredweight from the previous year to \$149 per hundredweight, resulting in a farm level value of production of \$15.4 million.

Harvested acreage of red clover seed in Idaho totaled 1,300 acres during 2007, down 500 acres from 2006. Average clean yield was 540 pounds per acre, down 30 pounds per acre from the previous year. Production for 2007 totaled 702 thousand pounds, down 32 percent from 2007. The average price received by growers for the 2007 crop was \$127 per hundredweight, up \$17 per hundredweight from 2006. This resulted in a farm level value of production of \$892 thousand. This survey was completed in cooperation with the Idaho Alfalfa and Clover Seed Commission.

Alfalfa Seed Acreage, Yield, Production and Value, Selected States, 2007

State	Harvested Acreage	Yield (Pounds)	Production (1,000 Lbs)	Average Price (\$/Cwt)	Value of Production (\$1,000)
Idaho	15,000	690	10,350	\$149	\$15,422
Montana	12,200	360	4,390	\$134	\$5,883
Nevada	6,500	700	4,550	\$145	\$6,598
Washington	15,000	670	10,050	\$150	\$15,075

Idaho Red Clover Seed Acreage, Yield, Production and Value, 2000-2007

Year	Harvested Acreage	Yield (Pounds)	Production (1,000 Pounds)	Average Price (\$/Cwt)	Value of Production (\$1,000)
2000	3,500	520	1,820	\$104	\$1,893
2001	2,500	580	1,450	\$102	\$1,479
2002	1,200	580	696	\$100	\$696
2003	1,200	560	672	\$97	\$652
2004	1,600	410	656	\$102	\$669
2005	1,700	510	867	\$107	\$928
2006	1,800	570	1,026	\$110	\$1,129
2007	1,300	540	702	\$127	\$892

July 1 Cattle Inventory

All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2008, totaled 104.3 million head, slightly below the 104.8 million on July 1, 2007 and down 1 percent from the 105.2 million two years ago. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 42.4 million, was down slightly from both July 1, 2007 and July 1, 2006. Beef cows, at 33.2 million head, were down 1 percent from July 1, 2007 and 1 percent below two years ago. Milk cows, at 9.25 million, were up 1 percent from July 1, 2007 and two years ago. All heifers 500 pounds and over, at 16.5 million head, were down 1 percent from a year ago. Beef replacement heifers at 4.6 million head, were down 2 percent, and milk replacement heifers at 3.9 million head, were unchanged from July 1, 2007. Other heifers at 8.0 million head, were unchanged from last year. Steers weighing 500 pounds and over at 14.7 million head, were down 1 percent from last year. Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over at 2.1 million head, were unchanged from a year ago. Calves under 500 pounds at 28.6 million head were down slightly. All cattle and calves on feed for slaughter at 11.7 million head were down 5 percent from last year.