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Idaho Sugarbeet Acreage Lowest Since 1977

Planted acreage of sugarbeets is estimated at 131,000 acres, down 22 percent from the 169,000 acres planted in 2007. Acres of sugarbeets for harvest are expected to total 117,000, a decrease of 30 percent from last year's 167,000 acres harvested. This is the lowest planted and harvested acreage for sugarbeets in Idaho since 1977. Idaho's spring wheat seedings, at 540,000 acres, are up 15 percent from the 470,000 acres planted in 2007. Harvested acreage is set at 520,000 acres, an increase of 70,000 acres from last year. Winter wheat seedings of 870,000 acres increased 16 percent from the previous year. Harvested acres are expected to total 810,000 acres, down 30,000 acres from the June 1 forecast, but up 100,000 acres from 2007. Area

planted to durum wheat is unchanged from last year at 15,000 acres, with 15,000 acres also expected to be harvested for grain. Barley acreage planted is estimated at 540,000 acres, 5 percent less than last year's 570,000 acres. Harvested acreage is expected to total 520,000, down from 550,000 acres harvested in 2007. Acres seeded to oats totaled 70,000, unchanged from last year. Acres harvested for grain are estimated at 20,000, also unchanged from last year. The area planted to corn, at 330,000 acres, is up 20,000 acres from last year's record high. Corn to be harvested for grain is forecast at 105,000 acres, equal to last year's record high. Dry bean planted acreage is down 17 percent to 75,000 acres planted with 73,000 acres expected to be harvested. Estimates for dry bean acreage include garbanzo beans, which are grown primarily in North Idaho. Idaho farmers and ranchers are expected to harvest 1.46 million acres of all hay, down 3 percent from last year. Alfalfa hay harvested is at 1.13 million acres, down 6 percent from last year while other hay is estimated at 330,000 harvested acres, up 10 percent from 2007.

For the U.S., corn planted area for all purposes is estimated at 87.3 million acres, down 7 percent from last year. Despite the decrease, corn planted acreage is the second highest since 1946, behind last year's total of 93.6 million acres. Growers expect to harvest 78.9 million acres for grain, down 9 percent from 2007. Winter wheat planted area, at 46.6 million acres, is 4 percent above last year. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 40.3 million acres, up slightly from the June 1 forecast and up 12 percent from last year. Area planted to other spring wheat is estimated at 14.2 million acres, up 7 percent from 2007. Grain area is expected to total 13.8 million acres, up 6 percent from last year. Durum planted area for 2008 is estimated at 2.66 million acres, up 24 percent from last year. Area harvested for grain is expected to total 2.58 million acres, 22 percent above 2007. Barley growers seeded 4.13 million acres for 2008, up 3 percent from the 4.02 million acres seeded a year ago. Acres for harvest, at 3.64 million, are up 4 percent from the 2007 level. Oats planted totaled 3.47 million acres. This 8 percent decrease from the previous year will bring the oat crop to another record low level. Growers expect to harvest 1.44 million acres compared with 1.51 million in 2007. Area planted to sugarbeets totals 1.08 million acres, down 15 percent from 2007. Harvested area is forecast at 1.03 million acres, down 18 percent from 2007. Dry bean planted acreage, at 1.40 million acres, is down 8 percent from last year. Acres to be harvested are forecast at 1.34 million, down 9 percent from 2007. Producers expect to harvest 60.4 million acres of all hay in 2008, down 2 percent from 2007. Alfalfa hay harvested acreage is estimated at 20.8 million acres, down 4 percent from last year.

Small Grains: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, Idaho and United States 2007 and Forecasted July 1, 2008

STATE	Area Harvested		Yield			Production	
	2007	2008	Jul 1, 2007	Jun 1, 2008	Jul 1, 2008	2007	2008
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Bushels</i>			<i>1,000 Bushels</i>	
IDAHO							
Winter Wheat	710	810	73.0	73.0	73.0	51,830	59,130
Spring Wheat	450	520	68.0	--	67.0	30,600	34,840
Barley	550	520	80.0	--	78.0	44,000	40,560
Oats	20	20	61.0	--	77.0	1,220	1,540
UNITED STATES							
Winter Wheat	35,952	40,252	42.2	45.3	46.3	1,515,989	1,864,245
Spring Wheat	12,947	13,751	37.0	--	36.8	479,047	506,568
Barley	3,508	3,640	60.4	--	59.8	211,825	217,819
Oats	1,505	1,443	60.9	--	64.4	91,599	92,872

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Mid-June Prices Received by Farmers

Preliminary indications of prices received by Idaho farmers for the month of June showed increases from May for alfalfa hay, all barley, malting barley, dry beans, potatoes, all wheat, all cattle, and milk. Prices decreased for feed barley.

Nationally, the preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in June at 162 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 11 points (7.3 percent) from May. Producers received higher prices for corn, soybeans, milk, and lettuce. Lower prices were received for strawberries, cantaloupes, and wheat.

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

Commodity	Unit	Idaho			United States			
		June 2007	May 2008	June 2008 ^{1/}	June 2007	May 2008	June 2008	
							Price ^{1/}	% Parity
CROPS:								
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	140.00	165.00	168.00	137.00	177.00	172.00	--
Barley, All	Bu.	3.24	4.10	4.51	3.30	4.52	4.70	51
Feed	Bu.	3.38	5.43	4.60	3.50	4.99	4.18	--
Malting	Bu.	3.23	3.87	4.50	3.25	4.38	4.94	--
Dry Beans	Cwt.	25.00	33.70	34.70	24.40	35.70	38.60	56
Potatoes ^{2/}	Cwt.	6.05	6.45	7.40	7.75	9.16	10.37	50
Fresh ^{3/}	Cwt.	6.40	6.70	--	10.31	14.30	--	--
Processing	Cwt.	5.90	5.70	--	6.71	6.71	--	--
Wheat, All	Bu.	5.23	7.70	7.87	5.03	8.87	8.28	61
LIVESTOCK &								
Beef Cattle ^{4/}	Cwt.	80.70	83.60	84.60	88.80	91.10	91.60	36
Cows ^{5/}	Cwt.	49.60	52.30	53.00	50.10	53.90	53.80	--
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	90.50	93.50	94.60	93.20	95.90	95.90	--
Calves	Cwt.	111.00	109.00	112.00	124.00	119.00	120.00	32
Lambs	Cwt.	94.00	93.00	--	96.80	100.00	--	--
Milk, All ^{6/}	Cwt.	19.50	17.90	19.50	20.20	18.40	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	May 2007	June 2007	May 2008		June 2008 Preliminary
			Preliminary	Revised	
Prices Received	136	137	150	151	162
Prices Paid	161	161	184	186	189
Ratio ^{1/}	84	85	82	81	86

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

U.S. Dairy Products May 2008 Highlights

Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 828 million pounds, 0.5 percent above May 2007 and 2.3 percent above April 2008.

Italian type cheese production totaled 346 million pounds, 1.7 percent below May 2007 but 0.6 percent above April 2008.

American type cheese production totaled 347 million pounds, 4.5 percent above May 2007 and 3.0 percent above April 2008.

Butter production was 144 million pounds, 15.8 percent above May 2007 but 4.4 percent below April 2008.

Dry Milk Powders: (Comparisons with May 2007)
Nonfat dry milk, human --- 129 million pounds, up 11.8 percent.
Skim milk powders --- 45.5 million pounds, up 250.4 percent.

Whey Products: (comparisons with May 2007)
Dry whey, total --- 97.0 million pounds down 2.3 percent.
Lactose, human and animal --- 65.6 million pounds, down 3.4 percent.
Whey protein concentrate, total --- 36.5 million pounds, up 9.2 percent.

Frozen dessert: (comparisons with May 2007)
Ice cream, Regular (hard) --- 80.0 million gallons, down 7.2 percent.
Ice cream, Lowfat (total) --- 39.5 million gallons, up 1.0 percent.
Sherbet (hard) --- 5.56 million gallons, down 8.8 percent.
Frozen Yogurt (total) --- 6.72 million gallons, up 15.1 percent.

U.S. Hog Inventory Up 6 Percent

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2008, was 67.7 million head. This was up 6 percent from June 1, 2007, and up 1 percent from March 1, 2008.

Breeding inventory, at 6.07 million head, was down 1 percent from last year, and down 1 percent from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 61.6 million head, was up 7 percent from last year, and up 1 percent from last quarter.

The March-May 2008 U.S. pig crop, at 29.0 million head, was up 4 percent from 2007 and up 9 percent from 2006. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.09 million head, up 2 percent from 2007 and up 6 percent from 2006. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 51 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.38 for the March-May 2008 period, compared to 9.20 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.70 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.40 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 3.07 million sows farrow during the June-August 2008 quarter, down 2 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2007, but up 5 percent from 2006. Intended farrowings for September-November 2008, at 3.05 million sows, are down 4 percent from 2007, but up 3 percent from 2006.

June 1 Grain Stocks

Idaho's June 1 wheat stocks in all positions totaled 8.29 million bushels, down 13 percent from the 9.53 million bushels in storage June 1, 2007. Barley stocks in all positions June 1 totaled 11.3 million bushels, down 39 percent from last year's 18.3 million bushels.

Nationally, all wheat stored in all positions on June 1, 2008, totaled 306 million bushels, down 33 percent from a year ago. The March – May 2008 indicated disappearance is 404 million bushels, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier. Barley stocks in all positions on June 1, 2008, totaled 68.2 million bushels, down 1 percent from June 1, 2007. The March – May 2008 indicated disappearance is 42.2 million bushels, 12 percent below the same period a year earlier. Oats stored in all positions on June 1, 2008, totaled 66.8 million bushels, 32 percent above the stocks on hand June 1, 2007. Corn stocks in all positions on June 1, 2008, totaled 4.03 billion bushels, up 14 percent from June 1, 2007. The March – May 2008 indicated disappearance is 2.83 billion bushels, compared with 2.53 billion bushels during the same period last year.

Grain Stocks, All Positions - June 1, 2006-2008

POSITION YEAR	IDAHO				UNITED STATES			
	WHEAT	BARLEY	OATS	CORN	WHEAT	BARLEY	OATS	CORN
<i>1,000 Bushels</i>								
<u>ON-FARM</u>								
2006	4,600	5,900	*	*	111,010	30,770	25,190	2,350,500
2007	1,300	2,900	*	*	73,190	14,580	18,400	1,826,600
2008	1,300	1,200	*	*	25,635	9,950	16,100	1,970,900
<u>OFF-FARM</u> ^{1/}								
2006	11,708	21,044	177	2,793	460,180	77,161	27,376	2,011,199
2007	8,232	15,439	100	3,144	382,963	54,300	32,198	1,706,843
2008	6,986	10,060	138	3,539	279,983	58,275	50,704	2,057,117
<u>TOTAL</u>								
2006	16,308	26,944	*	*	571,190	107,931	52,566	4,361,699
2007	9,532	18,339	*	*	456,153	68,880	50,598	3,533,443
2008	8,286	11,260	*	*	305,618	68,225	66,804	4,028,017

1/ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors. *Data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Idaho Onion Acreage

Idaho growers expect to harvest 8,400 acres of onions in 2008, down 8 percent from last year. Onion acreage planted in Idaho is estimated at 8,600 acres which is also a decrease of 8 percent from 2007.

Nationally, onion growers expect to harvest 148,750 acres of onions in 2008, down 7 percent from last year. Spring onion growers harvested 29,000 acres, down 6 percent from last season. Summer, non-storage onion growers expect to harvest 19,600 acres, down 5 percent from a year ago. Storage onion growers plan to harvest 100,150 acres in 2008, down 7 percent from last season.

Onions: Planted and Harvested Acreage by Season, State, and United States, 2007-08 ^{1/}

Season and State	Planted Acreage		Harvested Acreage		2008 Planted As A Percent of 2007 Planted
	2007	2008	2007	2008	
Spring ^{2/}	33,800	31,200	31,000	29,000	92
Summer					
Non-Storage ^{2/}					
California	9,700	9,300	9,300	9,000	96
Nevada	2,800	2,700	2,800	2,700	96
New Mexico	6,300	5,500	6,100	5,400	87
Texas	1,100	800	1,000	700	73
Washington ^{3/}	1,500	1,800	1,500	1,800	120
Summer Non-Storage	21,400	20,100	20,700	19,600	94
Storage					
California ^{4/}	31,700	31,000	30,500	30,000	98
Colorado	9,000	8,000	7,700	7,200	89
IDAHO	9,300	8,600	9,100	8,400	92
Michigan	2,600	2,600	2,500	2,500	100
New York	13,000	11,700	12,300	11,000	90
Oregon					
Malheur	12,000	10,700	12,000	10,600	89
Other	9,100	8,800	8,800	8,800	97
Washington	21,000	19,000	21,000	19,000	90
Wisconsin	1,900	1,800	1,800	1,100	95
Other States ^{5/}	2,180	1,650	2,080	1,550	76
Summer Storage	111,780	103,850	107,780	100,150	93
Summer Total	133,180	123,950	128,480	119,750	93
United States	166,980	155,150	159,480	148,750	93

1/ Estimates for 2007 revised. 2/ Primarily fresh market. 3/Includes Walla Walla and other non-storage onions. 4/ Primarily dehydrated and other processing. 5/ OH and UT.