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Idaho Yield for Small Grains Down

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The average yield per acre for small grains grown in Idaho are down from last year. The winter wheat yield, at 73.0 bushels per acre, is down 4.0 bushels from last year. Winter wheat production totals 51.8 million bushels from 710,000 harvested acres, down 5 percent from last year's 54.7 million bushels. The 2007 winter wheat production is estimated to be 68 percent white and 32 percent red. Spring wheat yield, at 68.0 bushels per acre, is down 5.0 bushels from a year ago. Idaho's spring wheat production totals 30.6 million bushels from 450,000 harvested acres, down 11 percent from 2006's 34.3 million bushels. The spring wheat crop is estimated to be 48 percent white and 52 percent hard red. Yield for durum wheat is estimated to be 83.0 bushels per acre, down 6 bushels from last year. Durum wheat production in Idaho totals 1.25 million bushels from 15,000 harvested acres, down 7 percent from last year. All wheat production in Idaho declined 7 percent from 2006 to 83.7 million bushels. Barley yield is estimated at 80.0 bushels per acre, down 4.0 bushels from last year. Barley production totals 44.0 million bushels from 550,000 harvested acres, 3 percent more than last year's production of 42.8 million bushels, but 16 percent below production in 2005. Idaho's oat production totals 1.22 million bushels from 20,000 harvested acres. Production is down 15 percent from last year. This is the second lowest oat production on record in Idaho since 1890.

Nationally, all wheat production for 2007 totals 2.07 billion bushels, up 14 percent from 2006. Winter wheat production is estimated at 1.52 billion bushels, up 17 percent from last year. The U.S. yield is 42.2 bushels per acre, up 0.5 bushel from last year's final yield. Winter wheat area harvested for grain, at 36.0 million acres, is up 16 percent from the previous year. Other spring wheat production is estimated at 479 million bushels, up 4 percent from last year. Harvested area is 12.9 million acres, down 7 percent from 2006. The U.S. yield is 37.0 bushels per acre, up 3.8 bushels from last year. Durum wheat production for 2007 totals 71.7 million bushels, up 34 percent from the previous year. Grain area harvested is 2.11 million acres, up 16 percent from last year, and yield is estimated at 33.9 bushels per acre, up 4.4 bushels from 2006. Barley production is estimated at 212 million bushels, up 18 percent from last year. Average yield per acre, at 60.4 bushels, is down 0.7 bushel from 2006. The area harvested for grain is estimated at 3.51 million acres, 19 percent above a year ago. The 2007 oat production is estimated at a record low 91.6 million bushels, down 2 percent from last year. Harvested area, at 1.51 million acres, is 4 percent below last year. This is the smallest oat acreage harvested for grain on record, continuing a steady downward trend.

Small Grains: Area Harvested, Yield and Production, Idaho and U.S. 2006-2007

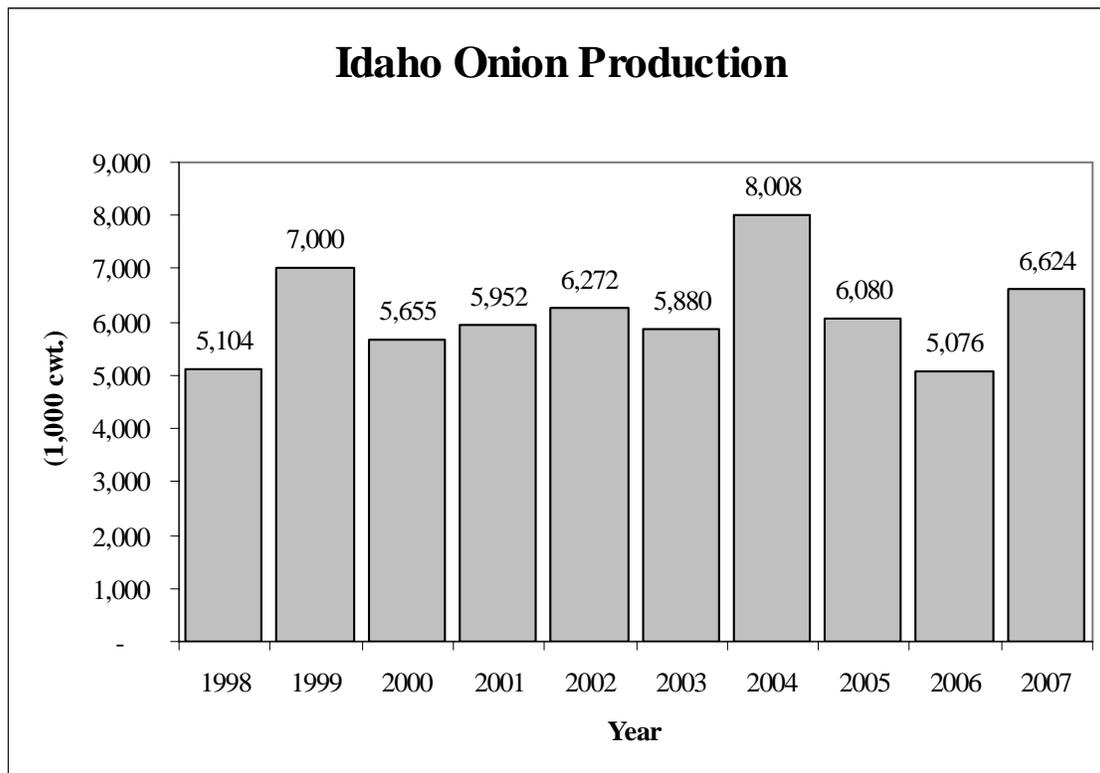
CROP	UNIT	HARVESTED ACREAGE		YIELD		PRODUCTION		2007 AS A PERCENT OF 2006
		2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	
IDAHO:		Thousand Acres		Bushels		Thousand Bushels		Percent
All Wheat	Bu.	1,195	1,175	75.6	71.2	90,315	83,675	93
Winter Wheat	Bu.	710	710	77.0	73.0	54,670	51,830	95
Spring Wheat	Bu.	470	450	73.0	68.0	34,310	30,600	89
Durum Wheat	Bu.	15	15	89.0	83.0	1,335	1,245	93
Oats	Bu.	20	20	72.0	61.0	1,440	1,220	85
Barley	Bu.	510	550	84.0	80.0	42,840	44,000	103
UNITED STATES:								
All Wheat	Bu.	46,810	51,011	38.7	40.5	1,812,036	2,066,722	114
Winter Wheat	Bu.	31,117	35,952	41.7	42.2	1,298,081	1,515,989	117
Spring Wheat	Bu.	13,878	12,947	33.2	37.0	460,480	479,047	104
Durum Wheat	Bu.	1,815	2,112	29.5	33.9	53,475	71,686	134
Oats	Bu.	1,566	1,505	59.8	60.9	93,638	91,599	98
Barley	Bu.	2,951	3,508	61.1	60.4	180,165	211,825	118

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IDAHO ONION PRODUCTION

Onion production in Idaho is expected to be 6.62 million cwt, a 30 percent increase from 2006's production of 5.08 million cwt. The yield for Idaho is forecast to be 720 cwt, up 180 cwt from last year's yield. Compared to last year, there were more favorable conditions and no major disease problems reported. Onion acreage harvested in Idaho is estimated to be 9,200 acres, 200 acres less than last year. As of October 1st, 89 percent of the state's onions had been harvested, which is above the five-year average of 73 percent. Malheur County is expected to have an onion production of 8.33 million cwt, a 37 percent increase from last year. The yield for Malheur County is estimated at 700 cwt and the acreage harvested is estimated at 11,900 acres.

Nationally, summer storage onion production is forecast at 54.1 million hundredweight (cwt), up 5 percent from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 105,680 acres, down 4 percent from 2006. The yield, at 512 cwt per acre, is up 46 cwt from last year. In California, after planting, early mild temperatures and timely rainfall helped the crop to progress well initially. However, cool temperatures in the San Joaquin region slowed crop development, delaying harvest up to several weeks. In Colorado, restrictions on irrigation water and labor shortages led to lower acreage this year. Hail damage and disease outbreaks during the season further reduced acreage and negatively impacted yield. Malheur and Other Oregon producers expect higher yields this season due to less damage from thrip and the yellow spot virus. In Washington, harvest is underway and quality of the storage onion crop is reported to be very good.



September 1 Grain Stocks

Idaho's September 1 wheat stocks in all positions totaled 59.8 million bushels, down 19 percent from the 74.2 million bushels in storage September 1, 2006. On-farm storage of 23.0 million bushels is down 34 percent from the 35.0 million bushels in storage a year ago. Off-farm stocks, of 36.8 million bushels, are down 6 percent from a year ago. Barley stocks in all positions September 1 totaled 42.4 million bushels, down 19 percent from last year's 52.5 million bushels. On-farm stocks totaled 20.0 million bushels, down 20 percent from a year ago when 25.0 million bushels were in storage. Off-farm stocks totaled 22.4 million bushels, down 19 percent from 2006's 27.5 million bushels.

Nationally, all wheat stocks in all positions September 1, 2007, totaled 1.72 billion bushels, down 2 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 495 million bushels, down 13 percent from last September. Off-farm stocks, at 1.22 billion bushels, are up 4 percent from a year ago. Barley stocks in all positions on September 1, 2007, totaled 189 million bushels, down 11 percent from September 1, 2006. On-farm stocks are estimated at 106 million bushels, 6 percent below a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 83.1 million bushels, are 17 percent below September 2006. Oats stored in all positions on September 1, 2007, totaled 88.3 million bushels, 12 percent below the stocks on September 1, 2006. Of the total stocks on hand, 53.7 million bushels are stored on farms, 12 percent lower than a year ago. Off-farm stocks totaled 34.7 million bushels, 12 percent below the previous year. Corn stocks in all positions on September 1, 2007, totaled 1.30 billion bushels, down 34 percent from September 1, 2006. Of the total stocks, 460 million bushels are stored on farms, down 39 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 844 million bushels, are down 31 percent from a year ago.

Mid-September Prices Received by Farmers

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

Nationally, the Preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in September, at 142, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 2 points (1.4 percent) from August. Higher prices were received for wheat, lettuce, eggs, and cattle. Lower prices were received for hogs, corn, strawberries, and onions.

Prices Received by Farmers for Selected Commodities, September 2006 - September 2007

Commodity	Unit	Idaho			United States			
		September 2006	August 2007	September 2007 ^{1/}	September 2006	August 2007	September 2007	
							Price ^{1/}	% Parity
CROPS:								
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	123.00	140.00	137.00	111.00	137.00	135.00	--
Barley, All	Bu.	2.70	3.73	4.05	2.53	3.54	4.27	56
Feed	Bu.	2.36	3.82	5.35	2.31	3.59	4.99	--
Malting	Bu.	2.87	3.70	3.75	2.73	3.52	3.82	--
Dry Beans	Cwt.	20.80	25.30	25.50	18.80	25.80	24.90	43
Potatoes ^{2/}	Cwt.	5.10	5.95	5.90	6.12	6.87	6.47	37
Fresh ^{3/}	Cwt.	7.00	6.20	--	10.10	10.47	--	--
Processing	Cwt.	4.70	5.80	--	5.14	5.48	--	--
Wheat, All	Bu.	3.85	5.30	7.31	4.06	5.64	7.16	65
LIVESTOCK & PRODUCTS:								
Beef Cattle ^{4/}	Cwt.	82.40	86.10	86.90	90.00	91.70	93.30	43
Cows ^{5/}	Cwt.	45.70	48.50	49.50	47.10	51.60	50.30	--
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	92.80	94.30	97.40	95.20	95.80	98.10	--
Calves	Cwt.	122.00	115.00	117.00	136.00	129.00	128.00	41
Lams	Cwt.	88.00	99.00	--	98.30	98.60	--	--
Milk, All ^{6/ 7/}	Cwt.	12.40	19.60	20.30	13.00	21.60	21.80 ⁸	53

1/ Mid-Month. 2/ Average prices 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, other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies. 7/ Including milk diverted to manufacturing. 8/ Fat test percent: all milk 3.64.

United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990 - 92 = 100	August 2006	September 2006	August 2007		September 2007 Preliminary
			Preliminary	Revised	
Prices Received	119	119	139	140	142
Prices Paid	149	149	158	158	159
Ratio ^{1/}	80	80	88	89	89

U.S. Dairy Products August 2007 Highlights

Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 795 million pounds, 0.1 percent below August 2006 and 0.1 percent below July 2007.

Italian type cheese production totaled 334 million pounds, 0.2 percent above August 2006 but 0.4 percent below July 2007.

American type cheese production totaled 312 million pounds, 1.8 percent below August 2006 and 3.1 percent below July 2007.

Butter production was 110 million pounds, 23.6 percent above August 2006 but 4.9 percent below July 2007.

Dry Milk Powders: (comparisons with August 2006)

Nonfat dry milk, human --- 103 million pounds, up 40.7 percent.

Skim milk powders --- 17.9 million pounds, down 30.1 percent.

Whey products: (comparisons with August 2006)

Dry whey, total --- 94.6 million pounds, up 3.4 percent.

Lactose, human and animal --- 62.5 million pounds, down 2.7 percent.

Whey protein concentrate, total --- 30.1 million pounds, down 14.0 percent.

Frozen products: (comparisons with August 2006)

Ice cream, Regular (hard) --- 82.5 million gallons, down 7.7 percent.

Ice cream, Lowfat (total) --- 38.9 million gallons, up 6.7 percent.

Sherbet (hard) --- 4.86 million gallons, up 1 percent.

Frozen Yogurt (total) --- 5.68 million gallons, down 17.4 percent.

U.S. Hog Inventory Up 3 Percent

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2007 was 64.6 million head. This was up 3 percent from both September 1, 2006 and June 1, 2007.

Breeding inventory, at 6.14 million head, was up 1 percent from last year and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 58.5 million head, was up 3 percent from both last year and last quarter.

The June-August 2007 pig crop, at 27.5 million head, was up 4 percent from each of the last two years. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.99 million head, up 3 percent from 2006 and up 2 percent from 2005. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.19 for the June-August 2007 period, compared to 9.11 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.30 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

