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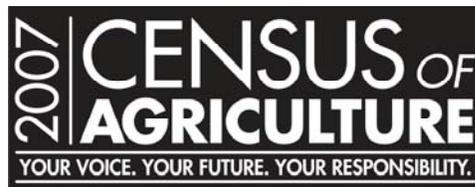
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### Idaho Onion Production Up 34 Percent

In Idaho, the 2007 summer storage onion production increased 34 percent from 2006. Production is estimated at 6.83 million cwt, up from the 5.08 million cwt produced in 2006. Harvested acreage decreased 300 acres from last year to 9,100 acres, and planted acres decreased 400 acres to 9,300 acres. Onion yield is up 210 cwt from 2006 to 750 cwt per acre. The value of the 2007 crop totaled \$21.9 million, down from \$71.2 million in 2006. The price per cwt for the 2007 crop is \$3.90, down from \$17.10 from the previous year. Shrinkage and loss for 2007 totaled 1.2 million cwt, up from 910 thousand last year.

Combining Idaho and Malheur County, the 2007 summer storage onion production increased 38 percent from 2006. Production is estimated at 15.5 million cwt, up from the 11.2 million cwt produced in 2006. Harvested acreage decreased 500 acres from 2006 to 20,600 acres, while onion yield increased 221 cwt to 750 cwt per acre. The value of the 2007 crop totaled \$50.3 million, down from \$162 million in 2006.

Nationally, summer storage production is up 12% from 2006 to 57.8 million cwt. Harvested acreage is down, from 110,480 acres in 2006 to 107,580 acres in 2007. The U.S. average summer storage yield is up 72 cwt per acre from 2006 to 538 cwt per acre. The 2007 summer storage crop is valued at \$319 million dollars, compared to \$693 million in 2006. Shrinkage and loss for the 2007 crop totaled 6.55 million cwt, up from 5.86 million last year.



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