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### Idaho Onion Production

In Idaho, the 2011 summer storage onion production increased 5 percent from 2010 according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Production is estimated at 7.18 million cwt, up from the 6.84 million cwt produced in 2010. Harvested and planted acreage increased 200 acres from last year to 9,200 acres, and 9,400 acres, respectively. Onion yield is up 20 cwt from 2010 to 780 cwt per acre. The value of the 2011 crop totaled \$45.2 million, down from \$50.0 million in 2010. The price per cwt for the 2011 crop is \$7.50, down from \$8.70 the previous year. Shrinkage and loss for 2011 totaled 1.15 million cwt, up from 1.09 million cwt last year.

Combining Idaho and Malheur County, the 2011 summer storage onion production decreased slightly from 2010. Production is estimated at 15 million cwt. Harvested acreage increased 200 acres from 2010 to 20,500 acres, while onion yield decreased 8 cwt to 752 cwt per acre. The value of the 2011 crop totaled \$95 million, down from \$113 million in 2010.

Nationally, summer storage production is down 3 percent from 2010 to 54.6 million cwt. Harvested acreage is down from 104,670 acres in 2010 to 99,230 acres in 2011. The U.S. average summer storage yield is up 15 cwt per acre from 2010 to 551 cwt per acre. The 2011 summer storage crop is valued at \$428 million, compared to \$535 million in 2010. Shrinkage and loss for the 2011 crop totaled 5.88 million cwt, down from 6.11 million cwt last year.

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