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Idaho Onion Production

Onion acreage harvested in Idaho is estimated at 8,500 acres, a 7 percent decline from last year and 10 percent lower than 2006, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Yield is estimated at 690 cwt per acre, a decrease of 8 percent from last year, but an increase of 28 percent from 2006. Production declined 14 percent from last year to 5.87 million cwt.

Nationally, summer storage onion production is forecast at 51.5 million hundredweight (cwt), down 10 percent from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 99,620 acres, down 8 percent from 2007. The yield, at 517 cwt per acre, is down 15 cwt from last year. Planting of California's storage onion crop was on schedule. However, cool temperatures during the growing season delayed harvest. No major disease problems were reported. In Colorado, harvest was a week behind schedule. In Michigan, early-planted onions emerged by the beginning of May. Prospects for the onion crop are reported to be good to excellent. In New York, severe hailstorms in central New York resulted in some loss of acreage due to abandonment. Malheur and Other Oregon producers expect lighter yields this season due to a cold spring. Wisconsin experienced very wet conditions during the early part of the year, then unseasonable dry conditions later in the season.

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