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Idaho Winter Wheat Production Up 18 Percent from Last Year

Idaho's 2008 winter wheat production is forecast at 61.3 million bushels, up 1 percent from last month's forecast, and 18 percent above last year's crop, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. This report is based on conditions as of June 1. The yield is forecasted to be 73 bushels per acre, up one bushel per acre from last month. Acres to be harvested, at 840,000, represent a 130,000 acre increase from 2007.

Idaho hops strung for harvest in 2008 totaled 3,885 acres, up 34 percent from last year's harvested area of 2,896 acres.

Nationally, winter wheat production is forecast at 1.82 billion bushels, up 2 percent from the May 1 forecast and 20 percent above 2007. Based on June 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 45.3 bushels per acre, up 1.0 bushel from last month and 3.1 bushels more than last year. Grain area totals 40.2 million acres, unchanged from May 1.

Hard Red production is up 2 percent from a month ago to 1.03 billion bushels. Soft Red is up 4 percent from last month and now totals 572 million bushels. White production totals 216 million bushels, up slightly from last month. Of the White production total, 23.2 million bushels are Hard White and 193 million bushels are Soft White.

United States hops strung for harvest in 2008 totaled 38,145 acres, 23 percent higher than the 2007 crop of 30,911 acres harvested, and 30 percent higher than the 2006 crop of 29,365 acres harvested.

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