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Idaho Winter Wheat Production Up 14 Percent from Last Year

Idaho's expected winter wheat production is 59.1 million bushels, up 14 percent from last year, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Harvested acreage of winter wheat is expected to total 810,000 acres, 100,000 acres more than last year. Yield, as of July 1, is expected to be 73.0 bushels per acre, unchanged from last year. Producers with spring wheat are expected to harvest 520,000 acres, up 70,000 acres from 2007. Average yield is estimated at 67.0 bushels per acre, 1.0 bushels less than 2007. Spring wheat production is forecast at 34.8 million bushels, an increase of 14 percent from 2007. Barley production is forecast at 40.6 million bushels, down 8 percent from last year's 44.0 million bushels. Harvested acreage, at 520,000 acres, is 30,000 acres less than last year. The expected yield of 78.0 bushels per acre is down 2.0 bushels from last year. Oat production is expected to be 1.54 million bushels, up 26 percent from last year. Oat yield for grain, at 77.0 bushels per acre, is up 16.0 bushels from last year. Acreage harvested for grain, at 20,000, is unchanged from last year. Dry edible peas planted acreage is estimated to be 30,000 acres, up 20 percent from last year. Planted acreage for lentils is expected to total 40,000 acres, up 5 percent from 2007. Austrian winter peas planted acreage, at 5,000 acres, decreased 17 percent from a year ago. Peach production, estimated at 10,500 tons, is up 50 percent from last year's 7,000 tons and is the highest production since 1955.

For the United States, winter wheat production is forecast at 1.86 billion bushels, up 3 percent from last month and 23 percent above 2007. The U. S. yield is forecast at 46.3 bushels per acre, up 1.0 bushels from the last month and up 4.1 bushel from last year. Other spring wheat production is forecast at 507 million bushels, 6 percent above 2007. The U.S. yield is forecast at 36.8 bushels per acre, down 0.2 bushels from 2007. Barley production is forecast at 218 million bushels, 3 percent above last year. Yields are expected to average 59.8 bushels per acre, down 0.6 bushels from last year. Oat production for grain is forecast at 92.9 million bushels, 1 percent above last year's record low 91.6 million bushels. The forecasted yield, at 64.4 bushels per acre, is up 3.5 bushels from 2007. Planted acreage of dry edible peas is estimated at 847,000 acres, down 500 acres from 2007. Planted acreage of lentils is estimated at 279,000 acres, down 8 percent from 2007. Austrian winter pea planted acreage is expected to total 26,500 acres, down 9 percent from last year. The 2008 peach crop is forecast at 1.10 million tons, down 3 percent from 2007 but 9 percent above the 2006 crop.

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