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Dear Respondent:

This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News covers the results of the Onion Intentions Survey. Intended planted acreage was reported for the U.S., Region and selected States.

This release is sent to survey participants in appreciation for their time spent responding to the survey. For more information contact us at nass-id@nass.usda.gov or at 1-800-691-9987. Thank you for reporting and your continued support.

Sincerely,

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Director

Idaho Onion Acreage Intentions

Onion acreage planted in Idaho is expected to be 8,600 acres, down 8 percent from the 2007 acreage of 9,300 and down 11 percent from the 2006 acreage of 9,700. Producers in Malheur County, Oregon are expected to plant 9,900 acres, down 14 percent from last year. Combined onion acreage for Idaho and Malheur County decreased 11 percent from last year to 18,500 acres. Total storage acreage in Washington is estimated to be 19,000 acres, down 10 percent from last year.

National, summer storage planted acres are down 6 percent from last year to 140,050 acres. California acreage, which is primarily dehydrated or otherwise processed, is down 1 percent from 2007. Despite some minor problems with rain during planting, good growing conditions are currently being reported. In Colorado, although mountain snow pack is currently 126 percent of average Statewide, mandated well restrictions, labor shortages, low prices, and disease problems are a major concern. In Idaho, snow pack supplies are near normal and water availability is not a concern. In Oregon, spring conditions have been favorable throughout the State. In Washington, thrips remain a major concern in the Columbia Basin. Irrigation supplies look promising

Onions: Area Planted by Season, State, and United States, 2006-2008

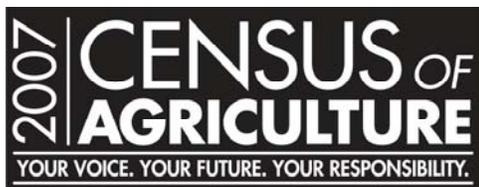
Season and State	Acres			2008 as a Percent of 2007
	2006	2007	2008	
Spring 1/	40,800	33,800	31,600	93
Summer 1/				
Non-storage				
California	9,800	9,700	9,000	93
Nevada	2,600	2,800	2,900	104
New Mexico	6,000	6,300	5,500	87
Texas	1,000	1,100	800	73
Washington 2/	1,500	1,500	1,900	127
Summer Non-Storage Total	20,900	21,400	20,100	94
Storage				
California 3/	33,100	31,700	31,500	99
Colorado	10,000	9,000	8,500	94
IDAHO	9,700	9,300	8,600	92
Michigan	2,700	2,600	2,100	81
New York	14,100	13,000	12,400	95
Oregon				
Malheur	11,700	11,500	9,900	86
Other	8,400	9,100	8,500	93
Washington	20,000	21,000	19,000	90
Wisconsin	2,100	1,900	1,800	95
Other States 4	2,280	2,180	1,750	80
Summer Storage Total	114,080	111,280	104,050	94
Summer Total	134,980	132,680	124,150	94
United States	175,780	166,480	155,750	94

1/ Primarily fresh market. 2/ Includes Walla Walla and other non-storage onions. 3/ Primarily dehydrated and other processing. 4/ 2006-2008— OH and UT.

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