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Dear Respondent:

This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News contains the results of the following surveys conducted by the Idaho Field Office: the December Quarterly Agricultural Survey, the Acreage and Production Survey, the Mint Survey, the Grain Stocks Survey, and the Dry Bean Survey. In addition to acreage, yield, and production for selected crops, winter wheat seedings for the 2008 crop are reported.

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,

William R. Meyer
Director

Idaho 2007 Crop Estimates

Idaho's potato production totaled 132 million cwt, up 2 percent from 2006. Average yield from the 349,000 harvested acres was 377 cwt per acre.

Idaho's 2007 winter wheat crop totaled 51.8 million bushels from 710,000 harvested acres, down 5 percent from 2006's 54.7 million bushels. The average yield of 73.0 bushels per acre is down 4 bushels from last year. Sixty-eight percent of 2007's winter wheat production was white wheat, down 12 percentage points from 2006.

The State's spring wheat production totaled 30.6 million bushels from 450,000 harvested acres, down 11 percent from 2006. Average yield of 68.0 bushels per acre was down 5 bushels from 2006. Forty-eight percent of Idaho's spring wheat production was white wheat, up 4 percentage points from 2006.

Idaho's 2007 durum wheat production totaled 1.25 million bushels from 15,000 harvested acres, down 7 percent from 2006. The average yield for durum was 83.0 bushels per acre, down 6 bushels from last year.

Barley production in Idaho totaled 44.0 million bushels from 550,000 harvested acres, up 3 percent from last year's production. The average yield of 80.0 bushels per acre was down 4 bushels from 2006.

Oat production, at 1.22 million bushels, was down 15 percent from last year. Producers harvested 20,000 acres and averaged 61.0 bushels per acre.

All dry hay production for Idaho totaled 5.43 million tons from 1.50 million harvested acres. This compares to 5.72 million tons from 1.52 million acres last year. The average dry hay yield for Idaho was 3.62 tons per acre, down from 3.76 tons last year. All haylage and greenchop production totaled 725,000 tons from 80,000 harvested acres.

Corn harvested for grain totaled a record 17.3 million bushels, up 57 percent from last year. Acres harvested for grain reached a new record high at 105,000 acres, up from 65,000 acres last year. Yield was estimated at 165 bushels per acre, down 5 bushels per acre from last year.

Corn harvested for silage was 5.40 million tons, down 2 percent from last year. Average yield from 200,000 harvested acres was 27.0 tons per acre.

Dry Bean production totaled 1.60 million cwt, down 16 percent from 2006. Average yield from 89,000 harvested acres was 1,800 pounds per acre, down 50 pounds from 2006.

Idaho sugarbeet production totaled 5.75 million tons, 3 percent below last year's production. Producers harvested 167,000 acres with a record yield of 34.4 tons per acre, 2.7 tons greater than last year.

Dry edible pea production in Idaho was estimated at 408,000 cwt, down 12 percent from 2006's production and the lowest production on record in Idaho. Average yield from 24,000 harvested acres was 1,700 pounds per acre, up 100 pounds from the previous year.

Idaho's 2007 lentil production totaled 426,000 cwt, down 9 percent from 2006. Average yield from 37,000 harvested acres was 1,150 pounds per acre, an increase of 200 pounds from 2006.

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December 1 Grain Stocks

Idaho's December 1, 2007 stocks of all wheat stored in all positions totaled 34.7 million bushels, down 25 percent from last year's 46.1 million bushels. On-farm storage was estimated at 13.5 million bushels, down 40 percent from last year's 22.5 million bushels. Off-farm stocks, including stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors was estimated at 21.2 million bushels, down 10 percent from December 1, 2006. Barley stocks in all positions totaled 30.3 million bushels, down 32 percent from a year ago. On-farm storage was estimated at 12.5 million bushels, down 36 percent from a year ago. Off-farm storage was estimated at 17.8 million bushels, down 28 percent from last year's 24.9 million bushels.

Nationally, all wheat stored in all positions December 1, 2007 totaled 1.13 billion bushels, down 14 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 290 million bushels, down 28 percent from last December. Off-farm stocks, at 838 million bushels, are down 8 percent from a year ago. Barley stocks in all positions on December 1, 2007 totaled 135 million bushels, down 22 percent from December 1, 2006. On-farm stocks are estimated at 62.1 million bushels, 26 percent below a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 73.0 million bushels, are 18 percent below December 2006. Oats stored in all positions on December 1, 2007, totaled 94.5 million bushels, 4 percent below the stocks on December 1, 2006. Of the total stocks on hand, 43.1 million bushels are stored on farms, down 19 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks totaled 51.4 million bushels, up 12 percent from the previous year. Corn stocks in all positions on December 1, 2007, totaled 10.3 billion bushels, up 15 percent from December 1, 2006. Of the total stocks, 6.53 billion bushels are stored on farms, up 16 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 3.74 billion bushels, are up 13 percent from a year ago. Pulse crops stored in all positions on December 1, 2007, and the change from December 1, 2006 are: dry edible peas, 8.53 million cwt, up 36 percent; lentils, 2.12 million cwt, down 24 percent; Austrian winter peas, 81,000 cwt, down 69 percent; All chickpeas, 1,070,000 cwt, up 30 percent; small chickpeas, 90,000 cwt, up 125 percent; and large chickpeas, 980,000 cwt, up 25 percent. Small chickpeas are defined as peas that will pass through a 20/64 inch round hole screen.

Spearmint and Peppermint for Oil Production

Idaho's spearmint production for 2007 totaled 113,000 pounds, up 53 percent from the previous year's 74,000 pounds. Harvested acreage, at 900, was up 200 acres from 2006. Average yield was 125 pounds per acre, up 20 pounds from the previous year.

Idaho's peppermint production for 2007 was estimated at 1.47 million pounds, unchanged from 2006's production. Harvested acreage, at 15,500, and average yield, at 95 pounds per acre, were also unchanged from 2006.

Idaho Winter Wheat Seedings Up 20 Percent

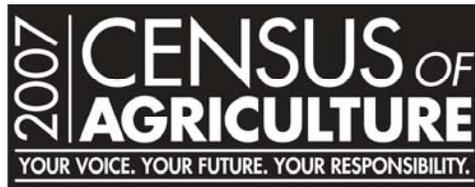
Idaho's winter wheat seedings for the 2008 crop are estimated at 900,000 acres, up 20 percent from the 750,000 acres seeded for the 2007 crop.

Nationally, winter wheat seeded area for 2008 is expected to total 46.6 million acres, up 4 percent from 2007. Approximate class acreage breakdown are: Hard Red Winter, 32.5 million, down 1 percent from 2007; Soft Red Winter, 10.5 million, up 21 percent from last year; and White Winter, 3.65 million, up 7 percent from 2007.

Selected Crops: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, Idaho & U.S., 2006-07

State	Area Harvested 1/		Unit	Yield		Production	
	2006	2007		2006	2007	2006	2007
IDAHO	<i>Thousand Acres</i>					<i>Thousands</i>	
All Hay	1,520	1,500	Tons	3.76	3.62	5,720	5,430
Alfalfa Hay	1,180	1,200	Tons	4.30	4.00	5,074	4,800
All Haylage and Greenchop	85	80	Tons	11.88	9.06	1,010	725
Corn for Grain	65	105	Bu.	170.0	165.0	11,050	17,325
Corn for Silage	200	200	Tons	27.5	27.0	5,500	5,400
Winter Wheat	710	710	Bu.	77.0	73.0	54,670	51,830
Spring Wheat	470	450	Bu.	73.0	68.0	34,310	30,600
Durum Wheat	15	15	Bu.	89.0	83.0	1,335	1,245
Barley	510	550	Bu.	84.0	80.0	42,840	44,000
Oats	20	20	Bu.	72.0	61.0	1,440	1,220
Potatoes	334	349	Cwt	386	377	128,915	131,650
Sugarbeets	187	167	Tons	31.7	34.4	5,928	5,745
Dry Beans 2/	103	89	Cwt	1,850	1,800	1,906	1,602
Dry Edible Peas 2/	29	24	Cwt	1,600	1,700	464	408
Austrian Winter Peas 2/	8	5	Cwt	1,300	1,300	104	65
Lentils 2/	49	37	Cwt	950	1,150	466	426
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All Hay	60,927	61,625	Tons	2.34	2.44	142,336	150,304
Alfalfa Hay	21,434	21,670	Tons	3.36	3.35	72,006	72,575
All Haylage and Greenchop	4,518	4,623	Tons	6.78	6.31	30,641	29,152
Corn for Grain	70,648	86,542	Bu.	149.1	151.1	10,534,868	13,073,893
Corn for Silage	6,477	6,071	Tons	16.2	17.5	105,129	106,328
Winter Wheat	31,117	35,952	Bu.	41.7	42.2	1,298,081	1,515,989
Spring Wheat	13,878	12,947	Bu.	33.2	37.0	460,480	479,047
Durum Wheat	1,815	2,112	Bu.	29.5	33.9	53,475	71,686
Barley	2,951	3,508	Bu.	61.1	60.4	180,165	211,825
Oats	1,566	1,505	Bu.	59.8	60.9	93,638	91,599
Potatoes	1,121.9	1,129.0	Cwt	393	398	441,348	449,156
Sugarbeets	1,303.6	1,246.9	Tons	26.1	25.6	34,064	31,912
Dry Beans 2/	1,537.6	1,478.7	Cwt	1,577	1,716	24,247	25,371
Dry Edible Peas 2/	884.1	811.3	Cwt	1,493	1,960	13,203	15,903
Austrian Winter Peas 2/	22.5	11.0	Cwt	1,151	1,155	259	127
Lentils 2/	407	295	Cwt	797	1,155	3,244	3,408

1/ Harvested for principal use of each crop, i.e., beans, dry hay, etc. 2/Yield in pounds, production in cwt.



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