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*Dear Respondent:*

*This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News covers the results of the August Agricultural Yield Survey & June Agricultural Survey.*

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*Sincerely,*

*William R. Meyer  
Director*

### **Idaho Sugarbeet Production Expected to be Lowest Since 1984**

Based on conditions as of August 1, sugarbeet production is expected to total 3.48 million tons from 117,000 harvested acres, down 40 percent from a year ago and the lowest production in Idaho since 1984. Expected harvested acreage for sugarbeets is at the lowest level since 1977. Sugarbeet yield of 29.7 tons per acre is down from last year's record high 34.4 tons per acre. Because of acreage increases, winter and spring wheat production in Idaho is expected to be up from 2007. Idaho's winter wheat yield of 73.0 bushels per acre is unchanged from last month and last year. Producers expect to harvest 810,000 acres of winter wheat with a total production of 59.1 million bushels, up 14 percent from last year. Idaho's spring wheat yield is forecast at 65.0 bushels per acre, down 2 bushels per acre from the July 1 forecast, and down 3 bushels per acre from 2007. Production of 33.8 million bushels from 520,000 harvested acres is up 10 percent from last year. Barley production is forecast at 41.6 million bushels, down 5 percent from last year's 44.0 million bushels. Harvested acreage, at 520,000, is 30,000 acres less than last year. The expected yield of 80.0 bushels per acre is up 2 bushels an acre

from last month and equal to last year's yield. Oat yield is forecast at 75 bushels an acre, down 2 bushels from last month, but up 14 bushels from last year. Oat production from 20,000 harvested acres is expected to total 1.5 million bushels, up 23 percent from a year ago. Dry bean production is expected to total 1.52 million cwt from 78,000 harvested acres, down 5 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 1,950 pounds per acre (clean basis), up 150 pounds from last year. Chickpeas, grown primarily in North Idaho, are included in the dry bean estimates. This year's chickpea planted acreage accounts for 38 percent of Idaho's dry beans, more than any other class. Alfalfa hay production is estimated to be 4.86 million tons, a 1 percent increase from 2007. The expected yield for alfalfa is 4.30 tons per acre, up from last year's 4.00 tons per acre. Other hay production is expected to total 759,000 tons, up 20 percent from last year. Yield for other hay is estimated at 2.30 tons per acre, up from last year's 2.10 tons per acre.

For the United States, all wheat production is forecast at 2.46 billion bushels, virtually unchanged from the July forecast but up 19 percent from 2007. Based on August 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 43.5 bushels per acre, 3.0 bushels above last year. Winter wheat production is expected to total 1.87 billion bushels. This is up 1 percent from last month and 24 percent above 2007. The U. S. Yield is forecast at 46.6 bushels per acre, up 0.3 bushel from last month and up 4.4 bushels from last year. Spring wheat production is forecast at 501 million bushels, down 1 percent from last month, but 5 percent above 2007. Durum wheat production is forecast at 86.6 million bushels, down 4 percent from the previous month, but 21 percent above 2007. Barley production is forecast at 218 million bushels, virtually unchanged from last month and 3 percent above 2007. Oat production is forecast at 89.9 million bushels, 3 percent below the July 1 forecast and 2 percent below last year's record low 91.6 million bushels. Dry bean production is forecast at 24.2 million cwt in 2008, down 5 percent from last year and down slightly from 2006. Sugarbeet production for 2008 is forecast at 25.3 million tons, down 21 percent from last year and 26 percent below 2006. Corn for grain is forecast at 12.3 billion bushels, down 6 percent from last year, but 17 percent above 2006. Alfalfa hay production is forecast at 70.9 million tons, down 2 percent from last year. Other hay production is forecast at 77.0 million tons, down 1 percent from last year.

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**Area Harvested, Yield, and Production by Crop,  
Idaho and United States 2007 and Forecasted August 1, 2008**

STATE	UNIT	Area Harvested		Yield			Production		
		2007	2008	2007	Jul 1, 2008	Aug 1, 2008	2007	2008	
		<i>Thousand Acres</i>						<i>Thousands</i>	
<b>IDAHO</b>									
Winter Wheat	Bu.	710	810	73.0	73.0	73.0	51,830	59,130	
Spring Wheat	Bu.	450	520	68.0	67.0	65.0	30,600	33,800	
Barley	Bu.	550	520	80.0	78.0	80.0	44,000	41,600	
Oats	Bu.	20	20	61.0	77.0	75.0	1,220	1,500	
Dry Beans <sup>1/2/</sup>	Lbs.	89	78	1,800	--	1,950	1,602	1,521	
Alfalfa Hay	Tons	1,200	1,130	4.00	--	4.30	4,800	4,859	
Other Hay	Tons	300	330	2,10	--	2.30	630	759	
Sugarbeets	Tons	167	117	34.4	--	29.7	5,745	3,475	
<b>UNITED STATES</b>									
Winter Wheat	Bu.	35,952	40,252	42.2	46.3	46.6	1,515,989	1,874,857	
Spring Wheat	Bu.	12,947	13,751	37.0	36.8	36.4	479,047	500,988	
Barley	Bu.	3,508	3,640	60.4	59.8	59.9	211,825	217,976	
Oats	Bu.	1,505	1,443	60.9	64.4	62.3	91,599	89,897	
Dry Beans <sup>1/2/</sup>	Lbs.	1,478.7	1,353.6	1,716	--	1,786	25,371	24,172	
Alfalfa Hay	Tons	21,670	20,778	3.35	--	3.41	72,575	70,944	
Other Hay	Tons	39,955	39,661	1.95	--	1.94	77,729	77,011	
Sugarbeets	Tons	1,246.8	1,051.8	25.6	--	24.1	31,912	25,319	
Durum Wheat	Bu.	2,112	2,583	33.9	34.8	33.5	71,686	86,573	
Corn for Grain	Bu.	86,542	79,290	151.1	--	155.0	13,073,893	12,287,875	

1/ Yield in pounds, production in 1,000 cwt. 2/ Excludes garden bean seed.

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