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Dear Respondent:

This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News covers the results of the Onion Production Survey. Acreage, yield, and production were 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,

William R. Meyer
Director

Idaho Onion Production Up 34 Percent

In Idaho, the 2007 summer storage onion production increased 34 percent from 2006. Production is estimated at 6.83 million cwt, up from the 5.08 million cwt produced in 2006. Harvested acreage decreased 300 acres from last year to 9,100 acres, and planted acres decreased 400 acres to 9,300 acres. Onion yield is up 210 cwt from 2006 to 750 cwt per acre. The value of the 2007 crop totaled \$21.9 million, down from \$71.2 million in 2006. The price per cwt for the 2007 crop is \$3.90, down from \$17.10 from the previous year. Shrinkage and loss for 2007 totaled 1.2 million cwt. Combining Idaho and Malheur County, the 2007 summer storage onion production increased 38 percent from 2006. Production is estimated at 15.5 million cwt, up from the 11.2 million cwt produced in 2006. Harvested acreage decreased 500 acres from 2006 to 20,600 acres, while onion yield increased 221 cwt to 750 cwt per acre. The value of the 2007 crop totaled \$50.3 million, down from \$162 million in 2006.

Nationally, summer storage production is up 12% from 2006 to 57.8 million cwt. Harvested acreage is down, from 110,480 acres in 2006 to 107,580 acres in 2007. The U.S. average summer storage yield is up 72 cwt per acre from 2006 to 538 cwt per acre. The 2007 summer storage crop is valued at \$319 million dollars, compared to \$693 million in 2006. Shrinkage and loss for the 2007 crop totaled 6.55 million cwt, up from 5.86 million last year.

Onions: Harvested Acres, Yield, and Production by Season, State, and United States, 2006-2007

Season and State	Harvested Acres		Yield		Production		
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	% change
	<i>Acres</i>		<i>Cwt</i>		<i>1,000 Cwt</i>		
Spring ¹	34,600	31,000	322	330	11,128	10,230	92
Summer							
Non-Storage ¹	19,900	20,700	531	548	10,562	11,347	107
Storage ²							
California ³	31,800	30,500	425	425	13,515	12,963	96
Colorado	9,500	7,700	400	410	3,800	3,157	83
Idaho and Malheur	21,100	20,600	529	750	11,160	15,450	138
Idaho	9,400	9,100	540	750	5,076	6,825	134
Oregon - Malheur	11,700	11,500	520	750	6,084	8,625	142
Michigan	2,600	2,500	250	260	650	650	100
New York	12,800	12,300	330	360	4,224	4,428	105
Oregon Other	8,400	9,100	550	740	4,620	6,734	146
Washington	20,000	21,000	600	610	12,000	12,810	107
Wisconsin	2,100	1,800	330	370	693	666	96
Other States ⁴	2,180	2,080	378	470	825	978	119
Total	110,480	107,580	466	538	51,487	57,836	112
Summer	130,380	128,280	476	539	62,049	69,183	111
United States	164,980	159,280	444	499	73,177	79,413	109

1/ Primarily fresh.

2/ Includes some quantities of storage crop onions harvested but not sold because of shrinkage and loss.

3/ Primarily for dehydrated and other processing.

4/ OH and UT.

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Onions: Value by Season, State, and the United States 2005-2007

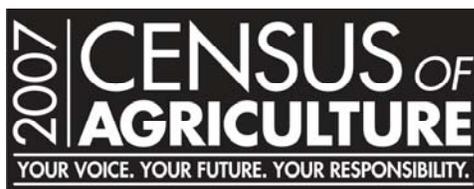
Season and State	Value					
	Per CWT			Total		
	2005	2006	2007	2005	2006	2007
	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
Spring ¹	22.50	17.90	32.70	260,098	199,011	334,146
Summer						
Non-Storage ¹	14.40	15.60	16.50	164,986	165,018	187,350
Storage ²						
California ³	8.49	9.14	9.04	101,741	121,221	114,926
Colorado	15.10	18.40	9.70	55,568	62,928	26,064
IDAHO ⁴	8.00	17.10	3.90	41,840	71,239	21,938
Michigan	13.00	14.60	11.10	7,852	7,592	5,772
New York	15.20	19.40	12.60	48,002	54,902	47,426
Oregon						
Malheur	7.60	17.30	3.90	50,312	90,548	28,334
Other	6.70	10.60	3.60	16,201	42,612	20,894
Washington	8.80	21.00	3.60	90,640	226,800	41,508
Wisconsin	8.60	10.90	11.10	5,074	6,736	6,616
Other States ⁴	8.41	11.10	6.41	6,484	8,362	5,028
Total	9.34	15.20	6.21	423,714	692,940	318,506
Summer	10.40	15.30	8.10	588,700	857,958	505,856
United States	12.40	15.70	11.50	848,798	1,056,969	840,002

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4/ 2005 - 2007 - OH and UT.



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