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Dear Respondent:

This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News covers the results of the March Planting Intentions Survey. Selected acreage figures for Idaho and the U.S. are reported. Grain stocks data are also included.

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.

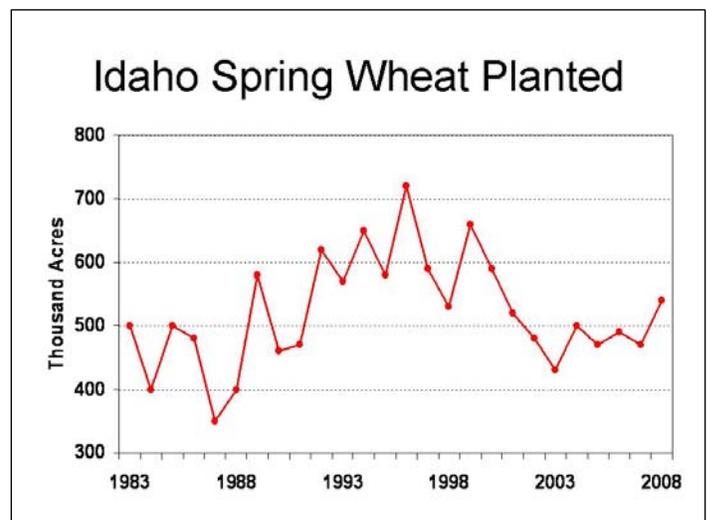
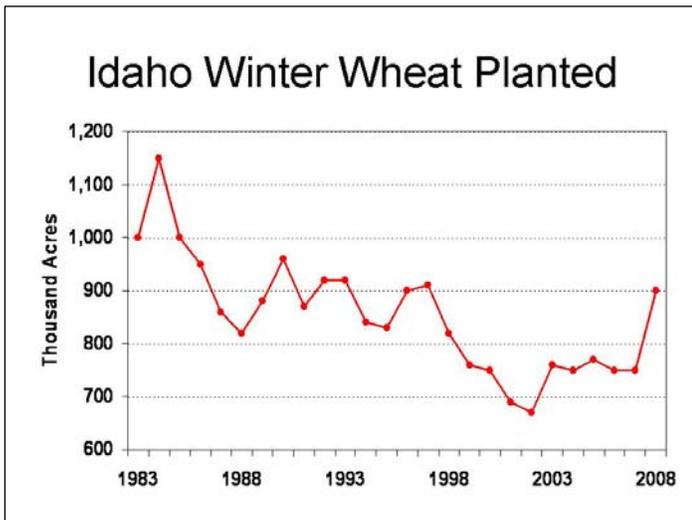
Sincerely,


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Director

Idaho All Wheat Planted Up 18 Percent

All wheat planted in Idaho is expected to total 1.46 million acres, up 18 percent from last year. Spring wheat plantings are expected to be 540,000 acres, 15 percent more than last year. Winter wheat seedings, at 900,000 acres, increased 20 percent from the 2007 crop. Durum wheat seedings are expected to total 15,000 acres, unchanged from 2007. Idaho farmers intend to seed 300,000 acres of field corn in 2008, down 3 percent from last year's record high. Barley seedings are expected to total 550,000 acres, down 4 percent from last season's 570,000 acres. Oat seedings are expected to be 80,000 acres, up 14 percent from last year. Dry bean planting intentions decreased 11 percent from last year to 80,000 acres. Dry bean estimates include chickpeas, which are grown primarily in North Idaho. Chickpea planting intentions totaled 28,000 acres, down 33 percent from 2007. All hay harvested, at 1.50 million acres, is unchanged from 2007. Sugarbeet plantings are expected to total 144,000 acres, down 15 percent from last year's 169,000 acres planted and the lowest level since 1982. Lentil acreage is expected to be 35,000 acres, down 8 percent from 2007. Dry edible pea acreage, at 30,000 acres, is expected to be up 20 percent from last year. Austrian winter pea acres are expected to total 4,000 acres, down 33 percent from 2007.

Nationally, producers intend to plant 86.0 million acres of corn for all purposes in 2008, down 8 percent from last year when corn planted area was the highest since 1944. Growers intend to plant 14.3 million acres of spring wheat this year, up 8 percent from 2007. Winter wheat seedings totaled 46.8 million acres, up 4 percent from the 2007 crop. Area seeded to durum wheat is expected to total 2.63 million acres, up 22 percent from 2007. All wheat planted area is expected to total 63.8 million acres for the 2008 crop, up 6 percent from 2007. Barley growers intend to seed 4.15 million acres for 2008, up 3 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the fourth lowest barley planted acreage on record. Acres seeded to oats are expected to total 3.42 million acres, down 9 percent from last year and the lowest level on record. Producers expect to harvest 60.6 million acres of all hay in 2008, down 2 percent from 2007. Sugarbeet acreage is expected to total 1.13 million acres, 11 percent lower than 2007. If realized, expected planted acreage will be the lowest since 1985. Area planted to dry beans is expected to total 1.40 million acres, down 8 percent from last year and 14 percent below 2006. Lentil acreage is expected to total 277,000 acres, down 9 percent from 2007. Growers intend to plant 820,000 acres of dry edible peas in 2008, down 3 percent from 2007. Austrian winter pea acreage is expected to be 25,500 acres, down 12 percent from 2007. Acreage actually planted may vary from those indicated as a result of weather, economic conditions, availability of production inputs and the effect of this report itself.



Planted Acreage 2006-2007 & Planting Intentions March 1, 2008 – Idaho & U.S.

CROP	PLANTED		PLANTING INTENTIONS	2008/2007
	2006	2007	2008 ^{1/}	
	<i>Thousand Acres</i>			<i>Percent</i>
IDAHO				
Winter Wheat	750	750	900	120
Spring Wheat	490	470	540	115
Durum Wheat	15	15	15	100
Corn ^{2/}	270	310	300	97
Oats	90	70	80	114
Barley	530	570	550	96
All Hay ^{3/}	1,520	1,500	1,500	100
Sugarbeets	188	169	144	85
Dry Beans ^{4/}	105	90	80	89
Lentils	50	38	35	92
Dry Edible Peas	30	25	30	120
Austrian Winter Peas	9	6	4	67
UNITED STATES				
Winter Wheat	40,575	44,987	46,840	104
Spring Wheat	14,899	13,297	14,333	108
Durum Wheat	1,870	2,149	2,630	122
Corn ^{2/}	78,327	93,600	86,014	92
Oats	4,168	3,760	3,420	91
Barley	3,452	4,020	4,147	103
All Hay ^{3/}	60,927	61,625	60,583	98
Sugarbeets	1,366.2	1,269.8	1,131.8	89
Dry Beans ^{4/}	1,629.8	1,526.9	1,398.5	92
Lentils	429	303	277	91
Dry Edible Peas	925.5	847.5	820.0	97
Austrian Winter Peas	46.0	29.0	25.5	88

^{1/} Intended plantings in 2008 as indicated by reports from farmers. ^{2/} Excludes sweet corn. ^{3/} Area harvested 2006-07, intended for harvest 2008. ^{4/} Excludes beans grown for garden seed.

March 1 Grain Stocks

Idaho's March 1, 2008 stocks of all wheat stored in all positions totaled 19.3 million bushels, down 22 percent from last year's 24.7 million bushels. On-farm storage was estimated at 4.00 million bushels, down 53 percent from last year's 8.50 million bushels. Off-farm stocks, including stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors was estimated at 15.3 million bushels, down 6 percent from March 1, 2007. Barley stocks in all positions totaled 21.5 million bushels, down 32 percent from a year ago. On-farm storage was estimated at 5.00 million bushels, down 50 percent from a year ago. Off-farm storage was estimated at 16.5 million bushels, down 23 percent from last year's 21.5 million bushels.

Nationally, all wheat stored in all positions March 1, 2008 totaled 710 million bushels, down 17 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 92 million bushels, down 52 percent from last March. Off-farm stocks, at 618 million bushels, are down 7 percent from a year ago. Barley stocks in all positions on March 1, 2008 totaled 105 million bushels, down 10 percent from March 1, 2007. On-farm stocks are estimated at 28.3 million bushels, 26 percent below a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 76.5 million bushels, are 3 percent below March 2007. Oats stored in all positions on March 1, 2008, totaled 79.0 million bushels, 11 percent above the stocks on hand March 1, 2007. Of the total stocks on hand, 31.0 million bushels are stored on farms, down 9 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks totaled 48.0 million bushels, up 29 percent from the previous year. Corn stocks in all positions on March 1, 2008, totaled 6.86 billion bushels, up 13 percent from March 1, 2007. Of the total stocks, 3.78 billion bushels were stored on farms, up 14 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 3.08 billion bushels, are up 12 percent from a year ago.

