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U.S. WINTER WHEAT PRODUCTION UP 24 PERCENT FROM 2006

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.62 billion bushels, up 24 percent from 2006. Area harvested for grain totals 37.2 million acres, up 19 percent from last year. Based on May 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 43.5 bushels per acre, up 1.8 bushels from the previous year.

MINNESOTA HAY STOCKS DOWN FROM LAST YEAR

Minnesota stocks of all hay on farms totaled 740,000 tons on May 1, 2007, down from 1,150,000 tons on May 1 of the previous year and down from 884,000 tons in 2005.

U.S. stocks of all hay on farms totaled 15.0 million tons on May 1, 2007, down 30 percent from May 1 of the previous year.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 2 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.3 million head on May 1, 2007. The inventory was 2 percent below May 1, 2006, but 6 percent above May 1, 2005. This is the second highest May 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

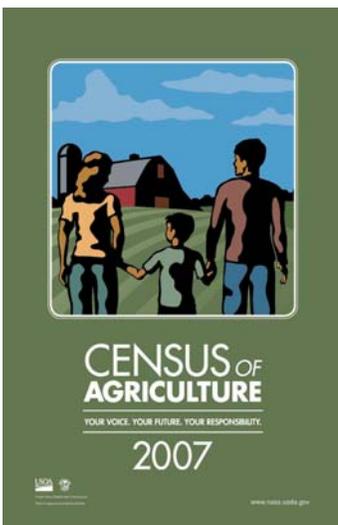
Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.57 million, 3 percent below 2006 and 5 percent below 2005. Net placements were 1.47 million. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 375,000, 600-699 pounds were 263,000, 700-799 pounds were 430,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 505,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.82 million, 2 percent above 2006 and 1 percent above 2005.

Other disappearance totaled 99,000 during April, 14 percent above 2006 and 9 percent above 2005.

Upcoming Releases: Crop Production on June 11 at 8:30 a.m. ET
Quarterly Hogs and Pigs on June 29 at 3:00 p.m. ET
Agricultural Prices on June 28 at 3:00 p.m. ET
Crop Acreage and Grain Stocks on June 29 at 8:30 a.m. ET

All reports can be viewed at www.uds.gov/nass shortly after the scheduled release time.



Watch for your
Census Questionnaire
in late December 2007.

**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
By Month, State, and United States, 2006-2007 1/**

State	May 1, 2006	April 1, 2007	May 1, 2007		
			Number	as % of 2006	as % of April
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent	Percent
AZ	345	340	340	99	100
CA	530	530	550	104	104
CO	1,060	1,020	1,020	96	100
ID	245	245	235	96	96
IA	495	530	530	107	100
KS	2,530	2,480	2,350	93	95
NE	2,320	2,480	2,420	104	98
NM	132	131	118	89	90
OK	340	350	335	99	96
SD	200	230	230	115	100
TX	2,910	2,800	2,680	92	96
WA	152	163	154	101	94
Other States	300	345	335	112	97
US	11,559	11,644	11,297	98	97

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

LAKE REGION HIRED WORKERS DOWN 2 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

Lake Region: There were 56,000 hired workers on Lake Region (Minnesota, Michigan, and Wisconsin) farms during the week of April 8-14, 2007, down 2 percent from a year ago. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage rate of \$11.08 per hour during the April 2007 survey week, up 78 cents from \$10.30 in April 2006. Field workers received an average of \$10.11 per hour, up 79 cents from a year ago. Livestock workers earned \$9.99 per hour compared with \$9.94 a year earlier. The field and livestock workers combined wage rate, at \$10.05 per hour, was up 42 cents from last year. The number of hours worked averaged 38.0 for hired workers during the survey week, which is unchanged from a year ago.

**WORKERS ON FARMS, HOURS WORKED PER WEEK, AND WAGE RATES FOR ALL HIRED WORKERS,
LAKE REGION AND UNITED STATES, APRIL 2007**

	Lake Region 1/		United States 2/	
	April 9-15 2006	April 8-14 2007	April 9-15 2006	April 8-14 2007
	1,000 Workers			
Workers on Farms				
All Hired Workers	57	56	961	961
	Hours Per Week			
Hours Worked				
All Hired Workers	38.0	38.0	40.8	40.6
	Dollars Per Hour			
Workers By Work Type				
Field	9.32	10.11	8.95	9.35
Livestock	9.94	9.99	9.31	9.55
Field & Livestock	9.63	10.05	9.06	9.41
All Workers	10.30	11.08	9.78	10.17

1/ Lake Region = Minnesota, Michigan, and Wisconsin. Excludes agricultural service workers.

2/ Excludes Alaska.

MINNESOTA POTATO STOCKS UP FROM 2006, DOWN FROM 2005

May 1 Stocks: Minnesota's fall potatoes in storage totaled 4.1 million hundredweight, 52 percent above the May 1, 2006, level but 20 percent below the May 1, 2005, level of 5.1 million hundredweight. Stocks in Area 1 totaled 1.0 million hundredweight, unchanged from 2006, and stocks in Area 2 totaled 3.1 million hundredweight, up 82 percent from 2006.

MINNESOTA FALL POTATO STOCKS BY REGION ^{1/}

Type	May 1, 2006		May 1, 2007	
	Stocks 2005 Crop	Percent of Total Stocks	Stocks 2006 Crop	Percent of Total Stocks
	<u>1,000 Cwt</u>		<u>1,000 Cwt</u>	
MN Area 1	1,000	37	1,000	24
MN Area 2	1,700	63	3,100	76
State Total	2,700	100	4,100	100

^{1/} Minnesota Area 1 includes the following counties: Kittson, Roseau, Lake of the Woods, Marshall, Beltrami, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, Mahnomon, Norman, Clearwater, Clay, Becker and Wilkin counties. Minnesota Area 2 includes all remaining counties in the State.

APRIL EGG OUTPUT DOWN 2 PERCENT IN MINNESOTA

Minnesota layers produced 240 million eggs during April 2007, versus 245 million in April 2006. Laying flocks in the U.S. produced 7.43 billion eggs in April, down nearly one and a half percent from a year ago.

POULTRY STATS - APRIL

		<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Total Eggs Produced	MN	245 Mil.	240 Mil.
	U.S.	7,543 Mil.	7,434 Mil.
Number of Layers	MN	11.1 Mil.	10.6 Mil.
	U.S.	348.6 Mil.	343.8 Mil.
Eggs per 100 Layers	MN	2,205	2,255
	U.S.	2,164	2,162
CHICKENS:			
Hatched (April) Egg-Type	MN	0.9 Mil.	1.1 Mil.
	U.S.	35.4 Mil.	39.7 Mil.
Broiler-Type	U.S.	787.5 Mil.	800.5 Mil.
Eggs in Incubators (May 1) Egg-Type	WNC*	9.2 Mil.	9.2 Mil.
	U.S.	37.5 Mil.	36.8 Mil.
Broiler-Type	WNC*	30.5 Mil.	30.1 Mil.
	U.S.	658.4 Mil.	680.0 Mil.
TURKEYS:			
Hatched (April)	WNC*	8.7 Mil.	9.9 Mil.
	U.S.	24.6 Mil.	26.4 Mil.
Eggs in Incubators (May 1)	WNC*	11.9 Mil.	12.8 Mil.
	U.S.	31.7 Mil.	32.5 Mil.

*West North Central Region (Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North & South Dakota, Minnesota.)

APRIL MILK OUTPUT UP 2.7 PERCENT IN MINNESOTA

Totaling 728 million pounds, the state's April milk production was up 2.7 percent from April 2006.

Output per cow was 1,600 pounds in April, up 25 pounds from April 2006. Milk cows for April averaged 455,000 head, the same as March, but up 5,000 from a year ago.

April 2007 milk output in the 23 major states was 14.4 billion pounds, up 1.6 percent from April 2006. Milk cows in the 23 states averaged 8.28 million head, up 39,000 from the previous year. At 1,745 pounds, production per cow was 19 pounds more than April 2006.

MARCH/APRIL 2007 MILK STATS

State	Milk Production		Percent of Previous Year	
	Mar	Apr	Mar	Apr
	Million Lbs.		Percent	
California	3,556	3,450	103.1	104.3
Idaho	948	931	105.9	105.3
Minnesota	751	728	102.7	102.7
New York	1,024	1,006	97.4	98.2
Pennsylvania	941	930	99.7	101.2
Wisconsin	2,043	2,012	101.6	102.6
23 States	14,771	14,443	101.2	101.6

WORLD AGRICULTURAL SUPPLY AND DEMAND ESTIMATES

NOTE: This report presents USDA's initial assessment of U.S. and world crop supply and demand prospects and U.S. prices for the 2007/08 season. Also presented are the first calendar-year 2008 projections of U.S. livestock, poultry, and dairy products. Projections reflect economic analysis, normal weather, trends, and judgment.

Because spring planting is still underway in the Northern Hemisphere and remains several months away in the Southern Hemisphere, these projections are highly tentative. National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) forecasts are used for U.S. winter wheat. For other U.S. crops, the March 30 NASS Prospective Plantings report is used for planted acreage.

WHEAT: The 2007/08 U.S. wheat outlook is for higher production with increased feed use and exports and a modest growth in ending stocks. Total production is projected at 2.2 billion bushels, up 20 percent from 2006/07. The survey-based forecast of winter wheat production is up 24 percent as area and yield are higher than last year. Durum and other spring wheat are projected at 558 million bushels, up 9 percent from 2006/07, based on 10-year harvested-to-planted ratios and trend yields. Total wheat supplies are projected up 7 percent from 2006/07.

Total wheat use for 2007/08 is projected 6 percent higher as domestic use and exports are expected to rise year-to-year. Exports are projected at 975 million bushels, up 7 percent from 2006/07 as tight world supplies boost demand for U.S. milling quality wheat. At 469 million bushels, 2007/08 ending stocks would be the second lowest since 1996/97. The national average farm price for 2007/08 is projected at \$4.35 to \$4.95 per bushel, well above the 2006/07 forecast of \$4.27 per bushel.

COARSE GRAINS: The 2007/08 U.S. coarse grains outlook is for sharply higher feed grain production primarily from expanding corn acreage and record output. Sorghum, barley, and oat production are also expected to rise. Despite a 1-billion-bushel decline in carryin stocks from 2006/07, total corn supplies are projected at a record 13.4 billion, up 7 percent from the current year.

Total U.S. corn use in 2007/08 expands substantially despite lower feeding and exports as ethanol corn use is expected to rise 58 percent. For the first time, ethanol use is projected above exports at 3.4 billion bushels reflecting continued expansion in ethanol plant capacity and profitability for ethanol producers. The season-average price received by farmers is projected at \$3.10 to \$3.70 per bushel compared with \$3.00 to \$3.20 per bushel for the current year.

OILSEEDS: U.S. oilseed production for 2007/08 is projected at 84.1 million tons, down 13 percent from 2006/07. Lower soybean production, mainly due to sharply lower planted area, accounts for most of the reduction. Cottonseed production is also projected lower, while production of sunflowerseed, canola, and peanuts are each projected to increase from 2006/07 levels. Soybean production is projected at 2.7 billion bushels, down 443 million bushels from the 2005/06 record. Soybean supplies are projected to reach 3.4 billion bushels, down 8 percent from 2006/07 despite sharply higher beginning stocks. Soybean crush is projected to increase 1 percent to 1.8 billion bushels, reflecting limited growth prospects for domestic soybean meal use and soybean meal exports.

In contrast, rapidly expanding production of biodiesel from soybean oil is contributing to a projected 6 percent increase in domestic soybean oil disappearance. Soybean exports are projected at 1.1 billion bushels for 2007/08, unchanged from 2006/07. Ending stocks for 2007/08 are projected at 320 million bushels, down from a record 610 million bushels for 2006/07. The U.S. season-average soybean price for 2007/08 is projected at \$6.50 to \$7.50 per bushel, compared with \$6.30 per bushel in 2006/07.

Source: USDA-WASDE-446, May 11, 2007

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