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### U.S. WINTER WHEAT PRODUCTION UP 17 PERCENT FROM 2007

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Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.78 billion bushels, up 17 percent from 2007. Expected area for harvest as grain or seed totals 40.2 million acres, up 12 percent from last year. Based on May 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 44.3 bushels per acre, up 2.1 bushels from the previous year.

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HAY STOCKS

Minnesota stocks of all hay on farms totaled 535,000 tons on May 1, 2008, down from 740,000 tons on May 1 of the previous year and down from 1,150,000 tons in 2006.

CATTLE ON FEED

U.S. stocks of all hay on farms totaled 21.6 million tons on May 1, 2008, up 44 percent from May 1 of the previous year.

FARM LABOR

### U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 1 PERCENT

POTATO STOCKS

**Cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.1 million head on May 1, 2008. The inventory was 1 percent below May 1, 2007, and 4 percent below May 1, 2006.

EGG PRODUCTION

**Placements** in feedlots during April totaled 1.54 million, 2 percent below 2007 and 5 percent below 2006. Net placements were 1.46 million head. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 315,000, 600-699 pounds were 278,000, 700-799 pounds were 428,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 515,000.

MILK PRODUCTION

**Marketings** of fed cattle during April totaled 2.01 million, 11 percent above 2007 and 13 percent above 2006. This is the highest fed cattle marketings for the month of April since the series began in 1996.

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**Other disappearance** totaled 75,000 during April, 24 percent below 2007 and 14 percent below 2006.

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**Upcoming Releases:** Crop Production on June 10 at 8:30 a.m. ET  
Quarterly Hogs and Pigs on June 27 at 3:00 p.m. ET  
Agricultural Prices on June 27 at 3:00 p.m. ET  
Acreage and Grain Stocks on June 30 at 8:30 a.m. ET

All reports can be viewed at [www.usda.gov/nass](http://www.usda.gov/nass) shortly after the scheduled release time.

**CATTLE ON FEED: NUMBER ON FEED, 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS,  
BY MONTH, STATE, AND UNITED STATES, 2007-2008 1/**

State	May 1, 2007	April 1, 2008	May 1, 2008		
			Number	as % of 2007	as % of April
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent	Percent
AZ	340	374	370	109	99
CA	550	530	520	95	98
CO	1,020	1,020	950	93	93
ID	235	230	225	96	98
IA	530	550	530	100	96
KS	2,350	2,420	2,290	97	95
NE	2,420	2,450	2,380	98	97
NM	118	158	150	127	95
OK	335	340	305	91	90
SD	230	225	220	96	98
TX	2,680	2,880	2,690	100	93
WA	154	152	155	101	102
Other States	335	355	350	104	99
US	11,297	11,684	11,135	99	95

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.

**HIRED WORKERS DOWN 7 PERCENT IN LAKE REGION; WAGE RATES UP 17 CENTS FROM  
ONE YEAR AGO**

**Lake Region:** There were 52,000 hired workers on farms in the Lake Region (Minnesota, Michigan, and Wisconsin) the week of April 6-12, 2008. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage rate of \$11.25 per hour during the April 2008 survey week, up 17 cents from April 2007. The number of hours worked averaged 39.0 for hired workers during the survey week, compared with 38.0 hours in April 2007. During the survey week, snowfall was recorded throughout the state and only 0.2 days were deemed suitable for fieldwork.

**WORKERS ON FARMS, HOURS WORKED PER WEEK, AND WAGE RATES FOR ALL HIRED WORKERS,  
LAKE REGION AND UNITED STATES, APRIL 2008**

	Lake Region 1/		United States 2/	
	April 8-14 2007	April 6-12 2008	April 8-14 2007	April 6-12 2007
	1,000 Workers			
<b>Workers on Farms All Hired Workers 3/</b>	56	52	736	700
	Hours Per Week			
<b>Hours Worked Hired Workers 3/</b>	38.0	39.0	40.7	41.0
	Dollars Per Hour			
<b>Workers By Work Type</b>				
Field	10.11	10.57	9.35	9.65
Livestock	9.99	10.78	9.59	10.32
Field & Livestock	10.05	10.70	9.42	9.87
<b>All Workers 3/</b>	11.08	11.25	10.20	10.60

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

2/ Excludes Alaska.

3/ Excludes agricultural service workers.

## MINNESOTA POTATO STOCKS 17 PERCENT ABOVE 2007 LEVEL

**May 1 Stocks:** Minnesota's fall potatoes in storage totaled 4.8 million hundredweight, 17 percent above the May 1, 2007, level. Stocks in Area 1 totaled 700 thousand hundredweight, down 30 percent from 2007, and stocks in Area 2 totaled 4.1 million hundredweight, up 32 percent from 2007.

### MINNESOTA FALL POTATO STOCKS BY REGION 1/

Type	May 1, 2007		May 1, 2008	
	Stocks 2006 Crop <u>1,000 Cwt</u>	Percent of Total Stocks	Stocks 2007 Crop <u>1,000 Cwt</u>	Percent of Total Stocks
MN Area 1	1,000	24	700	15
MN Area 2	3,100	76	4,100	85
State Total	4,100	100	4,800	100

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

### APRIL EGG OUTPUT DOWN 6 PERCENT IN MINNESOTA

Minnesota layers produced 225 million eggs during April 2008, versus 240 million in April 2007. Laying flocks in the U.S. produced 7.38 billion eggs in April, down over one percent from a year ago.

#### POULTRY STATS - APRIL

		2007	2008
Total Eggs Produced	MN	240 Mil.	225 Mil.
	U.S.	7,472 Mil.	7,384 Mil.
Number of Layers	MN	10.6 Mil.	10.1 Mil.
	U.S.	345.6 Mil.	341.1 Mil.
Eggs per 100 Layers	MN	2,255	2,218
	U.S.	2,162	2,164
CHICKENS:			
Hatched (April)			
Egg-Type	MN	1.1 Mil.	0.8 Mil.
	U.S.	39.3 Mil.	41.1 Mil.
Broiler-Type	U.S.	799.3 Mil.	797.5 Mil.
Eggs in Incubators (May 1)			
Egg-Type	WNC*	8.9 Mil.	9.1 Mil.
	U.S.	35.9 Mil.	39.6 Mil.
Broiler-Type	WNC*	30.1 Mil.	29.7 Mil.
	U.S.	679.8 Mil.	665.2 Mil.
TURKEYS:			
Hatched (April)			
	WNC*	9.9 Mil.	9.5 Mil.
	U.S.	26.4 Mil.	26.5 Mil.
Eggs in Incubators (May 1)			
	WNC*	12.8 Mil.	12.4 Mil.
	U.S.	32.9 Mil.	33.1 Mil.

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

### APRIL MILK OUTPUT DOWN 0.8 PERCENT IN MINNESOTA

Totalling 727 million pounds, the state's April milk production was down 0.8 percent from April 2007.

Output per cow was 1,570 pounds in April, down 40 pounds from April 2007. Milk cows for April averaged 463,000 head, the same as March, but up 8,000 from a year ago.

April 2008 milk output in the 23 major states was 14.8 billion pounds, up 2.54 percent from April 2007. Milk cows in the 23 states averaged 8.44 million head, up 152,000 from the previous year. At 1,757 pounds, production per cow was 12 pounds more than April 2007.

#### MARCH/APRIL 2008 MILK STATS

State	Milk Production		Percent of Previous Year	
	Mar	Apr	Mar	Apr
	Million Lbs.		Percent	
California	3,637	3,511	102.4	101.8
Idaho	1,018	994	107.4	106.2
<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>727</b>	<b>100.5</b>	<b>99.2</b>
New York	1,058	1,045	103.3	103.9
Pennsylvania	922	917	98.0	98.6
Wisconsin	2,077	2,039	101.7	101.3
23 States	15,134	14,833	102.3	102.5

## 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 2008/09 season. Also presented are the first calendar-year 2009 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 area, yield, and production. For other U.S. crops, the March 31 NASS *Prospective Plantings* report is used for planted acreage.

**WHEAT:** The 2008/09 U.S. wheat outlook is for higher production, lower exports, and increased domestic use. Total production is projected at 2.4 billion bushels, up 16 percent from 2007/08. The survey-based forecast of winter wheat production is up 17 percent as area and yield are higher than last year. Spring wheat production is expected higher with seeded area up 10 percent in the March 31 *Prospective Plantings* report. Durum and other spring wheat production is projected at 614 million bushels, up 12 percent from 2007/08, based on 10-year harvested-to-planted ratios and trend yields. Total wheat supplies are projected up only 4 percent because of historically low carryin.

Total wheat use is projected down 5 percent for 2008/09 as lower exports more than offset increased domestic use. Feed and residual use is projected at 230 million bushels, up sharply from the 60 million projected for 2007/08. Exports are projected at 975 million bushels, down 24 percent from 2007/08. Ending stocks for 2008/09 are projected at 483 million bushels, more than double the current year's projected 239 million. The national average farm price for 2008/09 is projected at \$6.60 to \$8.10 per bushel, compared with the current year forecast of a record \$6.55 per bushel.

**COARSE GRAINS:** The 2008/09 U.S. feed grains outlook is for lower production, strong domestic demand, and lower ending stocks. The 2008/09 corn crop is projected at 12.1 billion bushels, down 7 percent from the record 2007/08 crop. Planted area is from producer intentions reported in *Prospective Plantings*. Corn supplies fall 870 million bushels from the 2007/08 record with a small increase in carryin more than offset by the projected 949-million-bushel reduction in output. Higher year-to-year beginning stocks reflect this month's 100-million-bushel reduction in 2007/08 corn use for ethanol. Total U.S. corn use in 2008/09 is projected down 2 percent as reductions in feed and residual use and exports more than offset a continued expansion in ethanol production. Feed and residual use is projected down 14 percent as corn feeding declines with increased production of distillers grains, higher corn prices, and reduced red meat production.

**OILSEEDS:** U.S. oilseed production for 2008/09 is projected at 93.0 million tons, up 16 percent from 2007/08. Higher soybean production accounts for most of the increase. Peanut production is also projected higher, while production of sunflowerseed, canola, and cottonseed are each projected to decline from 2007/08 levels. Soybean production is projected at 3.1 billion bushels, up 520 million bushels from 2007/08. Soybean supplies are projected at 3.3 billion bushels, up just 3 percent from 2007/08 despite higher planted area. Most of the production gains are offset by sharply lower beginning stocks. Soybean crush is projected to increase less than 1 percent to 1.85 billion bushels, reflecting a small increase in domestic soybean meal use and a projected decline in soybean meal exports. Domestic consumption of soybean oil is projected to increase only slightly as higher biodiesel use of soybean oil is mostly offset by a continued decline in food use.

Source: World Agriculture Outlook Board, WASDE Report, May 9, 2008

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