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December 1, 2007 Grain Stocks

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All wheat stocks in all positions for Montana on December 1, 2007 were 93.9 million bushels, down 22 percent from December 1, 2006. All wheat stocks stored on the farm amounted to 71.0 million bushels, down 27 percent from a year ago. All wheat stored off farm was down 3 percent from the previous year to 22.9 million bushels. All wheat disappearance for the September - November 2007 quarter was up 31 percent from the same quarter last year to 53.3 million bushels, compared with 40.6 million a year ago.

Barley stocks in all positions on December 1, 2007 were 24.2 million bushels, down 23 percent from a year ago. Barley stored on farms was 14.0 million bushels, down 30 percent from last year. Off-farm barley storage was down 10 percent from a year ago to 10.2 million bushels. All barley disappearance for the September - November 2007 quarter was 11.8 million bushels, up 12 percent from 10.5 million bushels a year ago.

Oat stocks in all positions were estimated at 1.68 million bushels, up 7 percent from last year. On-farm oat stocks were 1.6 million bushels, up 7 percent from a year ago. Oats stored off farm were up 7 percent from last year to 75,000 bushels.

The on-farm storage capacity of all storage facilities in Montana, normally used for storing grain, was estimated to be 355 million bushels, up 10 million bushels from a year ago. There were 175 off-farm storage facilities in Montana on December 1, 2007, the same as a year ago. The storage capacity of off-farm facilities was 73.85 million bushels, down 1 percent from a year ago.

U.S. all wheat stored in all positions on December 1, 2007 totaled 1.13 billion bushels, down 14 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 290 million bushels, down 28 percent from last December. Off-farm stocks, at 838 million bushels, are down 8 percent from a year ago. The September - November 2007 indicated disappearance is 589 million bushels, up 35 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Durum wheat stored in all positions on December 1, 2007 totaled 39.3 million bushels, down 24 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks, at 17.6 million bushels, are down 32 percent from December 1, 2006. Off-farm stocks totaled 21.7 million bushels, down 15 percent from a year ago. The September - November 2007 indicated disappearance of 31.2 million bushels is up 167 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Barley stored in all positions on December 1, 2007 totaled 135 million bushels, down 22 percent from December 1, 2006. On-farm stocks are estimated at 62.1 million bushels, 26 percent below a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 73.0 million bushels, are 18 percent below December 2006. The September - November 2007 indicated disappearance is 53.6 million bushels, 34 percent above the same period a year earlier.

Oats stored in all positions on December 1, 2007 totaled 94.5 million bushels, 4 percent below the stocks on December 1, 2006. Of the total stocks on hand, 43.1 million bushels are stored on farms, down 19 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks totaled 51.4 million bushels, up 12 percent from the previous year.

Corn stored in all positions on December 1, 2007 totaled 10.3 billion bushels, up 15 percent from December 1, 2006. Of the total stocks, 6.53 billion bushels are stored on farms, up 16 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 3.74 billion bushels, are up 13 percent from a year ago. The September - November 2007 indicated disappearance is 4.11 billion bushels, compared with 3.57 billion bushels during the same period last year.

The United States on-farm storage capacity totaled 12.1 billion bushels on December 1, 2007, up 4 percent from December 1, 2006. Capacity of off-farm commercial grain storage totaled 9.06 billion bushels in the U.S. on December 1, 2007, up 3 percent from December 1, 2006.

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GRAIN and POSITION	MONTANA				UNITED STATES		
	Dec. 1, 2006	Sept. 1, 2007	Dec. 1, 2007	'07/'06	Dec. 1, 2006	Sept. 1, 2007	Dec. 1, 2007
	Thousand Bushels			Percent	Thousand Bushels		
ALL WHEAT							
On Farms	97,000	122,000	71,000	73%	403,250	495,000	289,540
Off Farms 1/	23,510	25,140	22,890	97%	911,408	1,221,927	838,371
TOTAL	120,510	147,140	93,890	78%	1,314,658	1,716,927	1,127,911
DURUM WHEAT 2/							
On Farms 3/	--	--	--	--	25,900	34,700	17,600
Off Farms 1/, 3/	--	--	--	--	25,447	35,764	21,670
TOTAL	--	--	--	--	51,347	70,464	39,270
BARLEY							
On Farms	20,000	26,000	14,000	70%	83,650	105,600	62,050
Off Farms 1/	11,370	9,930	10,180	90%	89,171	83,095	73,028
TOTAL	31,370	35,930	24,180	77%	172,821	188,695	135,078
OATS							
On Farms	1,500	2,100	1,600	107%	53,000	53,650	43,100
Off Farms 1/	70	35	75	107%	45,889	34,710	51,370
TOTAL	1,570	2,135	1,675	107%	98,889	88,360	94,470
CORN							
On Farms	--	--	--	--	5,627,000	460,100	6,530,000
Off Farms 1/	--	--	--	--	3,305,707	843,547	3,738,599
TOTAL	--	--	--	--	8,932,707	1,303,647	10,268,599

1/ Terminals, mills, interior elevators. 2/ Included in all wheat. 3/ Not published in order to avoid disclosing individual operations.