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November Crop Production

Oregon

Oregon **fall potato** production is forecast at 18,387,000 cwt, down 9.1 percent from last season. Area harvested is estimated at 35,300 acres, down 3.3 percent. Average yield is forecast at 521 cwt per acre, down 33 cwt. Russet Norkotah is Oregon's top planted variety this year, making up 23.8 percent of the planted acreage. Last year's top variety, the Russet Burbank, dropped to second place with 22.1 percent of the planted acreage. Ranger Russet followed in third, with 12.2 percent, and Shepody was fourth with 12.0 percent. Other published varieties (in descending order) were Umatilla, Frito-Lay, Alturas, Premier Russet, Yukon Gold, and Modoc.

Oregon **sugarbeet** production is forecast at 194,000 tons, up 5.4 percent from the October forecast, and down 45 percent from the previous year's production. Harvested acreage is estimated at 5,900 acres, down 46 percent from 2007. Average yield is forecast at 32.9 tons per acre, up 1.7 tons from the October forecast, and up 1 ton from the previous year.

Oregon **Austrian winter pea** production is forecast at 1.9 million pounds, down 47 percent from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 1,000 acres, down 50 percent from 2007. Average yield is forecasted to be up slightly at 1850 pounds per acre, up 50 pounds from last year.

Oregon **dry edible pea** production is forecast at 12.2 million pounds, up 23 percent from last season. Harvested acreage is estimated at 4,800 acres, up 12 percent from 2007. Average yield is forecasted at 2,550 pounds per acre, up 250 pounds from last year.

United States

United States production of **fall potatoes** for 2008 is forecast at 373 million cwt, down 8 percent from 2007. Area harvested, at 918,200 acres, is virtually unchanged from the July estimate but 8 percent lower than last year. The average yield, forecast at 407 cwt per acre, is down 2 cwt from last year's record high yield and, if realized, will be the second highest yield on record.

United States production of **sugarbeets** in 2008 is forecast at 28.2 million tons, 1 percent above the October forecast but 12 percent below 2007 production of 31.9 million tons. Growers expect to harvest 1.05 million acres, slightly below the October forecast and the lowest acreage since 1960. The yield is forecast at 26.8 tons per acre, slightly above the October forecast and up 1.2 tons from the previous year. If realized, this will be the highest yield on record.

United States production of **Austrian winter peas** is forecast at 11.1 million pounds, down 13 percent from 2007. Area harvested is forecast at 9,000 acres, down 18 percent from last year. Average yield is expected to be 1,233 pounds per acre, up 78 pounds per acre from last season.

United States production of **dry edible peas** is forecast at 1.2 billion pounds, down 24 percent from the 2007 estimate. Area for harvest, at 832,800 acres, is 3 percent above a year ago. Average yield is forecast at 1,455 pounds per acre, down 505 pounds from last season.

Crop production: Fall potatoes and sugar beets, Oregon and United States, 2007-2008

Crop/Unit		Oregon					
		Harvested		Yield		Production	
		2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
		<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>Unit per acre</i>	<i>Unit per acre</i>	<i>1,000 units</i>	<i>1,000 units</i>
Fall potatoes	Cwt.	36.5	35.3	554	521	20,238	18,387
Sugarbeets ¹	Tons	11.0	5.9	32	33	351	194
Austrian winter peas	Pounds	2.0	1.0	1,800	1,850	3,600	1,900
Dry edible peas	Pounds	4.3	4.8	2,300	2,550	9,900	12,200

Crop/Unit		United States					
		Harvested		Yield		Production	
		2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
		<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>Unit per acre</i>	<i>Unit per acre</i>	<i>1,000 units</i>	<i>1,000 units</i>
Fall potatoes	Cwt.	996.8	918.2	409	407	407,517	373,496
Sugarbeets ¹	Tons	1,246.8	1,051.6	26	27	31,912	28,179
Austrian winter peas	Pounds	11.0	9.0	1,155	1,233	12,700	11,100
Dry edible peas	Pounds	811.3	832.8	1,960	1,455	1,590,300	1,212,000

¹ 2008 numbers have updated from the October 1 forecast.