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Oregon grain stocks

Stocks of wheat stored in all positions in Oregon totaled 22.4 million bushels on March 1, 2006. This is 1.7 million bushels lower than the previous year's estimate of 24.1 million bushels. Off-farm stocks totaled 18.4 million bushels, a decrease of 11 percent from last year. On-farm wheat stocks, at 4.0 million bushels, were 500,000 bushels higher than March 1, 2005. All barley stocks totaled 1.6 million bushels on March 1, 2006, with only 300,000 bushels estimated in on-farm storage. Off-farm barley stocks totaled 1.3 million bushels and accounted for 81 percent of the total. Oat stocks stored off farm totaled 213,000 bushels, down 10 percent from last year. Off-farm corn stocks were estimated at 287,000 bushels, 23 percent higher than March 1, 2005.

Pacific Northwest (Oregon, Idaho, and Washington)

Wheat stocks stored in all positions totaled 137.3 million bushels on March 1, 2006, 15 percent higher than last year. Off-farm wheat stocks were estimated at 110.8 million bushels and accounted for 81 percent of the total. On-farm wheat stocks totaled 26.5 million bushels, up 5.0 million bushels from March 1, 2005. Barley stocks stored in all positions were estimated at 51.6 million bushels, slightly higher than last year's estimate of 48.1 million bushels. On-farm stocks totaled 19.5 million bushels and accounted for 38 percent of the total.

United States

All wheat stored in all positions on March 1, 2006 totaled 972 million bushels, down 1 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 256 million bushels, down 16 percent from last March. Off-farm stocks, at 716 million bushels, are up 5 percent from a year ago. The December 2005 - February 2006 indicated disappearance is 457 million bushels, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Barley stocks in all positions on March 1, 2006 totaled 167 million bushels, down 13 percent from March 1, 2005. On-farm stocks are estimated at 68.4 million bushels, 14 percent below a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 98.2 million bushels, are 12 percent below March 2005. The December 2005 - February 2006 indicated disappearance totaled 41.4 million bushels, 25 percent below the same period a year earlier.

Oats stored in all positions on March 1, 2006 totaled 74.7 million bushels, 9 percent below the stocks on March 1, 2005. Of the total stocks on hand, 41.9 million bushels are stored on farms, down 4 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks totaled 32.8 million bushels, down 16 percent from the previous year. Indicated disappearance during December 2005 - February 2006 totaled 21.0 million bushels, down 7 percent from the same period a year ago.

Corn stocks in all positions on March 1, 2006 totaled 6.99 billion bushels, up 3 percent from March 1, 2005. Of the total stocks, 4.06 billion bushels are stored on farms, down 2 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 2.93 billion bushels, are up 12 percent from a year ago. The December 2005 - February 2006 indicated disappearance is 2.83 billion bushels, compared with 2.70 billion bushels during the same period last year.

Grain Stocks: March 1, 2005, December 1, 2005, and March 1, 2006

Crop/ Quarter	Oregon			Pacific-Northwest ¹			United States		
	On Farm	Off Farm ²	Total All Positions	On Farm	Off Farm ²	Total All Positions	On Farm	Off Farm ²	Total All Positions
	1,000 Bu.	1,000 Bu.	1,000 Bu.	1,000 Bu.	1,000 Bu.	1,000 Bu.	1,000 Bu.	1,000 Bu.	1,000 Bu.
Wheat									
Mar 1, 2005	3,500	20,648	24,148	21,500	97,882	119,382	304,710	679,681	984,391
Dec 1, 2005	9,500	23,242	32,742	50,000	156,053	206,053	513,010	916,414	1,429,424
Mar 1, 2006	4,000	18,375	22,375	26,500	110,834	137,334	256,000	716,240	972,240
Barley									
Mar 1, 2005	850	1,843	2,693	19,350	28,725	48,075	79,680	111,001	190,681
Dec 1, 2005	550	1,156	1,706	24,850	37,438	62,288	103,650	104,335	207,985
Mar 1, 2006	300	1,305	1,605	19,500	32,118	51,618	68,400	98,164	166,564
Oats									
Mar 1, 2005	*	237	*	*	910	*	43,500	38,946	82,446
Dec 1, 2005	*	297	*	*	758	*	60,100	35,617	95,717
Mar 1, 2006	*	213	*	*	535	*	41,900	32,812	74,712
Corn									
Mar 1, 2005	*	233	*	*	12,631	*	4,137,000	2,619,334	6,756,334
Dec 1, 2005	*	159	*	*	15,462	*	6,325,000	3,489,957	9,814,957
Mar 1, 2006	*	287	*	*	11,038	*	4,055,000	2,932,178	6,987,178

¹ Includes Oregon, Washington, and Idaho.

² Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors.

* Data not published.