

OREGON HAY STOCKS

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Hay Stocks

United States

Stocks of all hay stored on farms totaled 104 million tons on December 1, 2007, up 8 percent from a year ago. Disappearance of hay from May - December 2007 totaled 61.3 million tons, compared with 67.1 million tons for the same period a year ago.

Compared with December 1, 2006, hay stocks increased in most of the Great Plains, eastern Rocky Mountain, Delta, and Southeast States. Good growing conditions prevailed in many of these States, resulting in higher hay production. Meanwhile, stocks decreased compared with last year throughout the upper Mississippi Valley, central Corn Belt, Ohio and Tennessee Valleys, Mid Atlantic, and the western Rocky Mountain regions. These areas experienced drier than normal to drought conditions resulting in lower hay production.

Hay: Stocks on farms, selected states and United States December 1 and May 1, 2005-2007

State	December 1			May 1	
	2005	2006 ¹	2007	2006	2007 ¹
	<i>1,000 Tons</i>				
Idaho	2,260	2,575	2,400	375	320
Oregon	1,790	1,840	1,700	210	180
Washington	1,475	1,339	1,385	250	240
United States	105,205	96,555	103,986	21,345	15,013

¹ Revised.

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