

HAY STOCKS



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Oregon Hay Stocks

Oregon

Hay stocks were estimated at 1.8 million tons on December 1, 2006, about the same as the hay stocks estimate for December 1, 2005. Disappearance of hay from May 2006 – December 2006 totaled 1.6 million tons, close to the 1.7 million tons for the same period a year ago.

United States

Stocks of all hay stored on farms totaled 96.4 million tons on December 1, 2006, down 8 percent from a year ago and the lowest since 1988. Disappearance of hay from May-December 2006 totaled 66.6 million tons, compared to 73.6 million tons for the same period a year ago.

Compared to December 1, 2005, hay stocks decreased in most of the eastern Rocky Mountains, Great Plains, and Southeast States. Drier conditions prevailed in many of these States, resulting in lower hay production and increased supplemental feeding of hay. Meanwhile, stocks increased compared to last year in several States throughout the Northeast and Intermountain region as a result of favorable growing conditions that allowed farmers to get multiple cuttings of hay and provided good pasture and grazing conditions.

**Hay: Stocks on farms, selected states and United States
December 1 and May 1, 2004-2006**

State	December 1			May 1	
	2004	2005 ¹	2006	2005	2006 ¹
	<i>1,000 Tons</i>				
Idaho	2,782	2,260	2,575	535	375
Oregon	2,366	1,790	1,840	362	210
Washington	1,560	1,475	1,339	322	250
United States	114,516	105,205	96,397	27,758	21,345

¹ Revised.

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