

HAY STOCKS

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Stocks of all hay stored on U.S. farms totaled 104 million tons on December 1, 2008, down less than 1 percent from a year ago. Disappearance of hay from May-December 2008 totaled 63.6 million tons, compared with 57.8 million tons for the same period a year ago.

In Oregon, December 1, 2008 hay stocks totaled 1.6 million tons, down 8 percent from a year ago and down 15 percent from two years ago.

Compared with December 1, 2007, hay stocks increased in most areas east of the Mississippi and portions of the Southwest. The growing conditions were favorable in the South in 2008 in contrast to the extreme drought conditions that prevailed in the region in 2007. The Rocky Mountain and northern Great Plain States showed decreases in stocks for 2008. Stocks in Texas and Oklahoma showed the largest decreases with 37 and 25 percent, respectively.

**Hay: Stocks on farms, selected states and United States
 December 1 and May 1, 2006-2008**

State	December 1			May 1	
	2006	2007	2008	2007	2008
	<i>1,000 Tons</i>	<i>1,000 Tons</i>	<i>1,000 Tons</i>	<i>1,000 Tons</i>	<i>1,000 Tons</i>
Idaho	2,575	2,400	2,012	320	300
Oregon	1,840	1,700	1,561	180	150
Washington	1,339	1,335	1,182	240	200
United States	96,400	104,089	103,658	14,990	21,585

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