

HAY STOCKS

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All hay stored on U.S. farms totaled 22.1 million tons on May 1, up 2 percent from a year ago. Disappearance from December 1 through May 1 totaled 81.6 million tons, compared with 82.5 million tons for the same period a year ago.

Hay stocks decreased from last year across most of the Great Plains and Rocky Mountain States. Texas and Oklahoma had the largest decreases due in part to lower hay production in 2008. In addition, dry weather last fall and winter resulted in poor pasture conditions, which increased supplemental hay feeding.

In the eastern United States, higher production, milder winter weather, increased precipitation, and lower cattle inventories contributed to higher hay stocks on May 1. Stocks in the western United States were also higher than a year ago as lower demand was noted in California, Oregon, and Washington.

**Hay: Stocks on farms for the Pacific Northwest and United States
 December 1 and May 1, 2007-2008 crops**

State/area	2007 crop			2008 crop		
	Production	Dec 1, 2007 stocks	May 1, 2008 stocks	Production	Dec 1, 2008 stocks	May 1, 2009 stocks
	<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>	<i>1,000 tons</i>
Oregon	2,941	1,700	150	2,951	1,561	270
Idaho	5,345	2,400	300	5,588	2,012	450
Washington	3,338	1,335	200	2,614	1,182	350
Pacific Northwest ¹	11,624	5,435	650	11,153	4,755	1,070
United States	146,901	104,089	21,585	145,672	103,658	22,065

¹ Includes Oregon, Idaho and Washington.

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