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**2007 CENSUS OF
AGRICULTURE**

Frequently asked questions about
Census of Agriculture

Milk cows and milk production, selected states and United States, October 2006 and 2007

State	Milk cows ¹		Milk per cow		Milk production		Change from 2006
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Million pounds</i>	<i>Million pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CA	1,778	1,826	1,815	1,870	3,227	3,415	6
ID	497	522	1,870	1,890	929	987	6
OR	117	113	1,570	1,560	184	176	-4
WA	236	242	1,910	1,930	451	467	4
WI	1,244	1,249	1,555	1,615	1,934	2,017	4
United States ²	8,255	8,353	1,652	1,699	13,637	14,190	4

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Includes 23 States total.

Dairy products: Production, selected products, Oregon and United States

Product and unit		Sep 2006	Aug ¹ 2007	Sep 2007	Change from	
					Sep 2006	Aug 2007
		<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Oregon						
American cheese	Pounds	9,536	9,213	8,832	-7	-4
Ice cream, hard	Gallons	787	1,101	808	3	-27
United States						
Total cheese	Pounds	788,604	795,618	777,501	-1	-2
American cheese ²	Pounds	320,115	312,183	303,053	-5	-3
Cheddar cheese	Pounds	254,242	240,506	232,867	-8	-3
Butter	Pounds	104,317	109,804	111,948	7	2
Nonfat dry milk for human consumption	Pounds	63,278	102,999	90,317	43	-12
Cottage cheese, cream ³	Pounds	30,412	32,569	30,567	1	-6
Cottage cheese, lowfat ⁴	Pounds	34,458	40,336	35,825	4	-11
Ice cream, hard	Gallons	74,979	82,797	70,928	-5	-14
Ice cream, lowfat, total	Gallons	30,887	38,791	29,703	-4	-23
Sherbet, hard	Gallons	3,795	4,853	4,322	14	-11
Frozen yogurt, total	Gallons	5,756	5,396	4,331	-25	-20

¹ Revised.

² Includes Cheddar, Colby, Monterey, and Jack.

³ Fat content 4 percent or more.

⁴ Fat content less than 4 percent.

Fall Potatoes

United States production of fall potatoes for 2007 is forecast at 408 million cwt, up 2 percent from last year. Area harvested, at 997,800 acres, is virtually unchanged from the July estimate but 2 percent above last year. The average yield is forecast at 409 cwt per acre, up 3 cwt from last year's record high yield.

Western States production is forecast at 288 million cwt, up 6 percent from last year. Area harvested, at 642,000 acres, increased 4 percent from last year, and the average yield of 448 cwt per acre is up 5 cwt from 2006. Idaho's yield is forecast at 377 cwt per acre. If realized this would be the second highest yield on record, 9 cwt below the record yield set in 2006. Hot weather during the summer reduced the quality of the crop. Incidences of the Potato Virus Y were more frequent than normal which adversely affected yields. In Washington, harvest progressed normally this year. The quality of the crop is acceptable but not as good as in previous years. In Colorado, a severe wind storm followed by a late freeze in mid-June damaged plants that were already emerged. The earlier planted crop was slow to recover from the damage, leading to increased yield variability. Oregon's crop progressed at a normal pace with no major problems reported. In California, favorable weather conditions resulted in excellent crop quality and yields.

Central States production is forecast at 95.8 million cwt, down 3 percent from last year. Harvested area, at 267,200 acres, is down 4 percent, while the average yield, at 359 cwt per acre, is up 2 cwt from a year ago. Overall, the Wisconsin crop progressed ahead of normal. Growers reported a good quality crop with harvest completed on time or early. In North Dakota, crop condition was rated fair to good throughout the growing season. Michigan's yield is forecast at 350 cwt per acre. If realized, this would be a record high.

Eastern States production is forecast at 24.7 million cwt, down 9 percent from last year. Area for harvest totaled 88,600 acres, 3 percent below last year, while the average yield, at 279 cwt per acre, is down 20 cwt from last season. In Maine, excellent growing and harvesting conditions resulted in a high yielding, high quality crop. In Massachusetts and Rhode Island, above average temperatures, and below average precipitation, forced growers in many locations to irrigate.

Fall potatoes: Area planted, area harvested, yield, and production, selected States and United States, 2006-2007

State	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield		Production	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>Cwt.</i>	<i>Cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt.</i>
CA	8.6	8.2	8.6	8.2	450	515	3,870	4,223
CO	59.9	59.2	59.7	59.1	380	355	22,686	20,981
ID	335.0	350.0	334.0	349.0	386	377	128,915	131,650
ME	58.5	57.1	58.0	57.0	310	295	17,980	16,815
MA	3.1	2.7	3.1	2.7	240	295	744	797
MI	43.5	42.5	43.0	42.0	330	350	14,190	14,700
MN	51.0	50.0	48.0	47.0	425	445	20,400	20,915
MT	10.6	11.3	10.5	11.2	335	320	3,518	3,584
NE	19.5	20.5	19.4	20.2	450	390	8,730	7,878
NV	6.6	7.5	6.6	7.5	445	390	2,937	2,925
NM ¹	5.0	5.5	5.0	5.5	420	420	2,100	2,310
ND	100.0	97.0	98.0	91.0	260	255	25,480	23,205
NY	20.6	19.0	19.0	18.3	300	260	5,700	4,758
OH	3.3	3.2	3.1	3.0	325	325	1,008	975
OR	35.0	36.5	35.0	36.5	530	542	18,533	19,778
Malheur county	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	435	465	1,523	1,628
Other counties	31.5	33.0	31.5	33.0	540	550	17,010	18,150
PA	11.0	10.5	10.5	10.0	260	220	2,730	2,200
RI	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.6	260	285	130	171
WA	156.0	165.0	155.0	165.0	580	620	89,900	102,300
WI	66.0	64.5	66.0	64.0	445	440	29,370	28,160
US	993.7	1,010.8	983.0	997.8	406	409	398,921	408,325

¹ Summer potatoes combined with fall potatoes starting in 2005.

Sugarbeets

United States sugarbeet production is forecast at 31.6 million tons, 4 percent above last month but 7 percent below last year's production of 34.1 million tons. Growers expect to harvest 1.24 million acres, unchanged from October but down 5 percent from last year. The yield is forecasted at 25.4 tons per acre, up 0.9 tons from last month but down 0.7 ton from the 2006 record high yield. Although yield is down from last year's record high, it will be the second highest if realized. Harvested acreage is forecast to be the lowest since 2001.

Sugarbeets: Area harvested, yield, and production by State and United States, 2006 and Forecasted November 1, 2007¹

State	Area harvested		Yield			Production	
	2006	2007	2006	2007		2006	2007
				Oct. 1	Nov. 1		
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>1,000 Tons</i>	<i>1,000 Tons</i>
CA	43.1	39.1	36.1	38.0	37.5	1,556	1,466
CO	38.0	29.3	23.4	25.4	25.2	889	738
ID	187.0	167.0	31.7	30.5	32.6	5,928	5,444
MI	154.0	149.0	23.2	21.5	23.2	3,573	3,457
MN	477.0	475.0	24.9	22.8	24.0	11,877	11,400
MT	48.5	47.0	27.0	26.0	24.8	1,310	1,166
NE	57.8	44.5	23.3	23.3	24.3	1,347	1,081
ND	243.0	247.0	26.0	23.0	23.1	6,318	5,706
OH ²							
OR	13.1	11.0	30.1	30.6	31.5	394	347
WA	2.0	2.0	37.0	38.0	42.0	74	84
WY	40.1	30.5	19.9	22.0	22.0	798	671
US	1,303.6	1,241.4	26.1	24.5	25.4	34,064	31,560

¹ Relates to year of intended harvest in all States except CA. In CA, relates to year of intended harvest for fall planted beets in central CA and to year of planting for over-wintered beets in central and southern CA.

² No acreage reported in 2006 and 2007.

Dry Edible Peas and Austrian Winter Peas

United States production of **dry edible peas** estimate is 1.6 billion pounds, up 18 percent from the 2006 estimate. Area for harvest, at 809,300 acres is 8 percent below a year ago. Average yield is forecast at 1,931 pounds per acre, up 438 pounds from last season.

United States production of **Austrian winter peas** is forecast at 15 million pounds, down 42 percent from 2006. Area harvested is estimated at 14,000 acres, down 38 percent from last year. Average yield is expected to be 1,071 pounds per acre, down 80 pounds per acre from last season.

Dry edible peas and Austrian winter peas: Planted, harvested, yield, and production selected States and United States, 2006, and forecasted November 1, 2007

State	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield		Production	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt.</i>
Dry edible peas								
ID	30.0	25.0	29.0	24.0	1,600	1,700	464	408
MT	210.0	230.0	191.0	215.0	1,080	1,600	2,063	3,440
ND	610.0	515.0	590.0	500.0	1,580	2,080	9,322	10,400
OR	8.5	5.5	8.1	4.3	2,050	2,100	166	90
WA	67.0	67.0	66.0	66.0	1,800	1,950	1,188	1,287
US	925.5	842.5	884.1	809.3	1,493	1,931	13,203	15,625
Austrian winter peas								
ID	9.0	6.0	8.0	5.0	1,300	1,300	104	65
MT	32.0	20.0	12.0	7.0	920	700	110	49
OR	5.0	3.0	2.5	2.0	1,800	1,800	45	36
US	46.0	29.0	22.5	14.0	1,151.0	1,071	259	150

**Hired workers: Number, hours worked and wage rates, selected regions and United States
Weeks of October 8-14, 2006 and October 7-13, 2007 ¹**

United States and region	Hired workers				Type of worker			Wage rates for all hired workers	
	Number of workers	Expected to be employed		Number of hours worked	Field	Livestock	Field and livestock		
		150 days or more	149 days or less						
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Hours per week</i>	<i>Dollars per hour</i>	<i>Dollars per hour</i>	<i>Dollars per hour</i>	<i>Dollars per hour</i>	
Pacific ²	2006	85	53	32	41.9	10.25	11.00	10.31	10.85
	2007	75	45	30	40.7	10.48	11.07	10.55	11.30
Mountain I ³	2006	24	17	7	47.6	8.87	9.24	9.00	9.55
	2007	22	16	6	50.7	8.31	9.10	8.56	9.00
California	2006	*186	*152	34	*45.7	*9.14	*10.41	*9.32	*10.11
	2007	177	139	38	45.7	9.70	10.80	9.86	10.56
United States ⁴	2006	*800	*595	205	*41.9	*9.26	*9.42	*9.30	*9.96
	2007	806	590	216	42.1	9.62	9.98	9.72	10.33

¹ Excludes agricultural service workers.

² Includes Oregon and Washington.

³ Includes Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming.

⁴ Excludes Alaska.

* Revised.

How is the Census conducted?

Report forms for the 2007 Census of Agriculture will be mailed to farm and ranch operators on December 28, 2007 to collect data for the 2007 calendar year. Completed forms are due by February 4, 2008. Producers can return their forms by mail or, for the first time, they have the option of filling out the Census online via a secure web site.

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