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**Milk cows and milk production, selected states and United States, October 2007 and 2008**

State	Milk cows <sup>1</sup>		Milk per cow <sup>3</sup>		Milk production <sup>3</sup>		Change from 2007
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	
	<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	1,822	1,840	1,785	1,780	3,252	3,275	1
ID	521	554	1,880	1,870	979	1,036	6
<b>OR</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>1,550</b>	<b>1,605</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>3</b>
WA	240	245	1,905	1,900	457	466	2
WI	1,248	1,253	1,575	1,580	1,966	1,980	1
United States <sup>2</sup>	8,341	8,459	1,645	1,651	13,718	13,963	2

<sup>1</sup> Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

<sup>2</sup> Includes 23 States total.

<sup>3</sup> Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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

Product and unit		Sep 2007	Aug <sup>1</sup> 2008	Sep 2008	Change from	
					Sep 2007	Aug 2008
		<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
<b>Oregon</b>						
American cheese	Pounds	8,830	14,582	13,861	57	-5
Ice cream, hard	Gallons	1,089	1,517	1,175	8	-23
<b>United States</b>						
Total cheese	Pounds	777,163	820,710	795,347	2	-3
American cheese <sup>2</sup>	Pounds	299,616	338,507	316,779	6	-6
Cheddar cheese	Pounds	230,123	255,982	235,209	2	-8
Butter	Pounds	112,869	115,729	121,245	7	5
Nonfat dry milk, Human	Pounds	89,844	115,180	86,266	-4	-25
Cottage cheese, cream <sup>3</sup>	Pounds	29,245	29,259	28,508	-3	-3
Cottage cheese, lowfat <sup>4</sup>	Pounds	35,559	33,553	32,892	-8	-2
Ice cream, hard	Gallons	70,121	78,639	76,023	8	-3
Ice cream, lowfat, total	Gallons	30,257	37,073	30,641	1	-17
Sherbet, hard	Gallons	4,423	4,632	4,724	7	2
Frozen yogurt, total	Gallons	5,040	5,265	4,808	-5	-9

<sup>1</sup> Revised.

<sup>2</sup> Includes Cheddar, Colby, Monterey, and Jack.

<sup>3</sup> Fat content 4 percent or more.

<sup>4</sup> Fat content less than 4 percent.

## Fall Potatoes

Oregon **fall potato** production is forecast at 18,387,000 cwt., down 9.1 percent from last season. Area harvested is estimated at 35,300 acres, down 3.3 percent. Average yield is forecast at 521 cwt. per acre, down 33 cwt. Russet Norkotah is Oregon's top planted variety this year, making up 24 percent of the planted acreage. Last year's top variety, the Russet Burbank, dropped to second place with 22 percent of the planted acreage. Ranger Russet followed in third, with 12 percent, and Shepody was fourth with 12 percent. Other published varieties (in descending order) were Umatilla, Frito-Lay, Alturas, Premier Russet, Yukon Gold, and Modoc.

United States production of **fall potatoes** for 2008 is forecast at 373 million cwt, down 8 percent from 2007. Area harvested, at 918,200 acres, is virtually unchanged from the July estimate but 8 percent lower than last year. The average yield, forecast at 407 cwt per acre, is down 2 cwt. from last year's record high yield and, if realized, will be the second highest yield on record.

**Fall potatoes: Area planted, area harvested, yield, and production, selected States and United States, 2007-2008**

State	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield		Production	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	<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	7.9	7.8	7.9	7.8	480	505	3,792	3,939
CO	59.2	57.0	59.1	56.9	355	375	20,981	21,338
ID	350.0	305.0	349.0	304.0	373	378	130,010	114,805
ME	57.1	56.0	57.0	54.5	295	265	16,815	14,443
MA	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.7	310	260	837	702
MI	42.5	43.0	42.0	42.5	350	320	14,700	13,600
MN	50.0	48.0	47.0	45.0	440	420	20,680	18,900
MT	11.3	10.9	11.2	10.8	330	340	3,696	3,672
NE	21.0	19.5	19.8	19.2	415	410	8,217	7,872
NV	7.3	5.8	7.3	5.8	390	410	2,847	2,378
NM <sup>1</sup>	5.5	5.8	5.4	5.8	370	370	1,998	2,146
ND	97.0	82.0	91.0	81.0	260	280	23,660	22,680
NY	19.0	18.0	18.3	17.8	285	325	5,216	5,785
OH	3.2	2.5	3.0	2.1	330	325	990	683
<b>OR</b>	<b>36.5</b>	<b>35.3</b>	<b>36.5</b>	<b>35.3</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>20,238</b>	<b>18,387</b>
<b>Malheur county</b>	3.5	2.8	3.5	2.8	455	415	1,593	1,162
<b>Other counties</b>	33.0	32.5	33.0	32.5	565	530	18,645	17,225
PA	10.5	10.0	10.0	9.5	220	265	2,200	2,518
RI	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	300	285	180	143
WA	165.0	155.0	165.0	155.0	620	605	102,300	93,775
WI	64.5	63.5	64.0	62.0	440	415	28,160	25,730
US	1,010.8	928.4	996.8	918.2	409	407	407,517	373,496

<sup>1</sup> Summer potatoes combined with fall potatoes.

**Hired workers: Number, hours worked and wage rates, selected regions and United States  
Weeks of October 7-13, 2007 and October 12-18, 2008 <sup>1</sup>**

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 <sup>2</sup>	2007	75	45	30	40.7	10.48	11.07	10.55	11.30
	2008	90	53	37	45.5	10.94	10.54	10.90	11.37
Mountain I <sup>3</sup>	2007	22	16	6	50.7	8.31	9.10	8.56	9.00
	2008	23	18	5	45.6	9.71	9.50	9.61	10.10
California	2007	188	152	36	45.5	9.70	11.00	9.89	10.74
	2008	173	139	34	45.8	9.95	11.95	10.21	10.95
United States <sup>4</sup>	2007	817	603	214	42.2	9.62	10.02	9.73	10.38
	2008	801	575	226	41.3	10.05	10.19	10.08	10.70

<sup>1</sup> Excludes agricultural service workers.

<sup>2</sup> Includes Oregon and Washington.

<sup>3</sup> Includes Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming.

<sup>4</sup> Excludes Alaska.

### Dry Edible Peas and Austrian Winter Peas

Oregon **dry edible pea** production is forecast at 12.2 million pounds, up 23 percent from last season. Harvested acreage is estimated at 4,800 acres, up 12 percent. Average yield is forecasted at 2,550 pounds per acre, up 250 pounds from last year.

United States production of **dry edible peas** is forecast at 1.2 billion pounds, down 24 percent from the 2007 estimate. Area for harvest, at 832,800 acres, is 3 percent above a year ago. Average yield is forecast at 1,455 pounds per acre, down 505 pounds from last season.

Oregon **Austrian winter pea** production is forecast at 1.9 million pounds, down 47 percent from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 1,000 acres, down 50 percent from 2007. Average yield is forecasted to be up slightly at 1850 pounds per acre, up 50 pounds from last year.

United States production of **Austrian winter peas** is forecast at 11.1 million pounds, down 13 percent from 2007. Area harvested is forecast at 9,000 acres, down 18 percent from last year. Average yield is expected to be 1,233 pounds per acre, up 78 pounds per acre from last season.

#### Dry edible peas and Austrian winter peas: Planted, harvested, yield, and production selected States and United States, 2007, and forecasted November 1, 2008

State	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield		Production	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	<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>
<b>Dry edible peas</b>								
ID	25.0	37.0	24.0	35.0	1,700	1,500	408	525
MT	235.0	242.0	217.0	223.0	1,700	1,100	3,689	2,453
ND	515.0	520.0	500.0	500.0	2,080	1,580	10,400	7,900
<b>OR</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>2,300</b>	<b>2,550</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>122</b>
WA	67.0	70.0	66.0	70.0	1,980	1,600	1,307	1,120
US	847.5	874.0	811.3	832.8	1,960	1,455	15,903	12,120
<b>Austrian winter peas</b>								
ID	6.0	5.0	5.0	4.0	1,300	1,400	65	56
MT	20.0	19.0	4.0	4.0	650	900	26	36
<b>OR</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>1,850</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>19</b>
US	29.0	26.5	11.0	9.0	1,155	1,233	127	111

## Sugarbeets

Oregon **sugarbeet** production is forecast at 194,000 tons, up 5 percent from the October forecast, and down 45 percent from the previous year's production. Harvested acreage is estimated at 5,900 acres, down 46 percent from 2007. Average yield is forecast at 32.9 tons per acre, up 1.7 tons from the October forecast, and up 1 ton from the previous year.

United States production of **sugarbeets** in 2008 is forecast at 28.2 million tons, 1 percent above the October forecast but 12 percent below 2007's production of 31.9 million tons. Growers expect to harvest 1.05 million acres, slightly below the October forecast and the lowest acreage since 1960. The yield is forecast at 26.8 tons per acre, slightly above the October forecast and up 1.2 tons from the previous year. If realized, this will be the highest yield on record.

**Sugarbeets: Area harvested, yield, and production by State and United States, 2007 and Forecasted November 1, 2008<sup>1</sup>**

State	Area harvested		Yield			Production	
	2007	2008	2007	2008		2007	2008
				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	39.1	25.8	37.5	39.0	39.1	1,466	1,009
CO	29.2	28.6	26.2	27.0	25.7	765	735
ID	167.0	117.0	34.4	30.5	31.0	5,745	3,627
MI	149.0	136.0	23.4	28.5	29.8	3,487	4,053
MN	481.0	430.0	23.8	25.0	25.1	11,448	10,793
MT	47.0	30.7	24.7	25.5	26.5	1,161	814
NE	44.3	37.0	23.5	23.5	22.5	1,041	833
ND	247.0	212.0	23.1	25.5	25.5	5,706	5,406
<b>OR</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>31.9</b>	<b>31.2</b>	<b>32.9</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>194</b>
WA	2.0	1.6	42.0	39.4	41.9	84	67
WY	30.2	27.0	21.8	24.0	24.0	658	648
US	1,246.8	1,051.6	25.6	26.5	26.8	31,912	28,179

<sup>1</sup> 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.