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Farms and Land in Farms

In 2008, farms in Oregon were estimated at 38,600, the same level as in 2007. A farm is “any place from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were produced and sold, or normally would have been sold, during the year.” Land in farms stayed steady at 16.4 million acres. Land in farms consists of agricultural land used for crops, pasture, or grazing. Also included is woodland and wasteland not actually under cultivation or used for pasture or grazing, provided it was part of the farm operator's total operation. Land in farms includes acres in the Conservation Reserve, Wetlands Reserve Programs, or other government programs.

The number of farms in the United States in 2008 is estimated at 2.2 million, 0.2 percent fewer than in 2007. Total land in farms, at 919.9 million acres, decreased 1.56 million acres, or 0.2 percent, from 2007. The average farm size was 418 acres, unchanged from the previous year. The decline in the number of farms and land in farms reflects a continuing consolidation in farming operations and diversion of agricultural land to nonagricultural uses.

Number of farms and land in farms, Oregon and the United States, 1994-2008 ¹

| Year | Oregon | | | United States | | |
|-------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| | Number of farms | Land in farms | Average size of farm | Number of farms | Land in farms | Average size of farm |
| | <i>1,000</i> | <i>1,000 acres</i> | <i>Acres</i> | <i>1,000</i> | <i>1,000 acres</i> | <i>Acres</i> |
| 1994 | 38.0 | 17,500 | 461 | 2,198 | 965,935 | 440 |
| 1995 | 38.5 | 17,500 | 455 | 2,196 | 962,515 | 438 |
| 1996 | 38.5 | 17,500 | 455 | 2,191 | 958,675 | 438 |
| 1997 | 39.0 | 17,500 | 449 | 2,191 | 956,010 | 436 |
| 1998 | 39.5 | 17,300 | 438 | 2,192 | 952,080 | 434 |
| 1999 | 40.0 | 17,300 | 433 | 2,187 | 948,460 | 434 |
| 2000 | 40.0 | 17,300 | 433 | 2,167 | 945,080 | 436 |
| 2001 | 40.0 | 17,200 | 430 | 2,149 | 942,070 | 438 |
| 2002 | 40.0 | 17,200 | 430 | 2,135 | 940,300 | 440 |
| 2003 | 40.0 | 17,200 | 430 | 2,127 | 938,650 | 441 |
| 2004 | 40.0 | 17,200 | 430 | 2,113 | 936,295 | 443 |
| 2005 | 40.0 | 17,100 | 428 | 2,099 | 933,210 | 445 |
| 2006 | 39.3 | 17,100 | 435 | 2,089 | 932,430 | 446 |
| 2007 | 38.6 | 16,400 | 425 | 2,205 | 921,460 | 418 |
| 2008 | 38.6 | 16,400 | 425 | 2,200 | 919,900 | 418 |

¹ A farm is defined as any place that sells or would normally sell \$1,000 worth of agricultural products or receives at least \$1,000 in farm program payments.

Prices received by farmers, selected commodities, Oregon and United States

| Commodity | Unit | Oregon | | | United States | | |
|---|------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | Entire month | | Preliminary | Entire month | | Preliminary |
| | | Feb 2008 | Jan 2009 | Feb 2009 | Feb 2008 | Jan 2009 | Feb 2009 |
| | | <i>Dollars</i> | <i>Dollars</i> | <i>Dollars</i> | <i>Dollars</i> | <i>Dollars</i> | <i>Dollars</i> |
| Field crops | | | | | | | |
| Wheat, all | Bu | 13.00 | 6.42 | 5.41 | 10.10 | 6.21 | 5.73 |
| Wheat, winter | Bu | 12.40 | 6.36 | 5.30 | 9.17 | 5.73 | 5.20 |
| Wheat, spring | Bu | 15.80 | 6.81 | 5.90 | 11.20 | 7.03 | 6.51 |
| Barley | Bu | 5.84 | 3.05 | 2.80 | 4.38 | 5.29 | 5.37 |
| Oats | Bu | * | * | * | 3.19 | 2.74 | 2.27 |
| Hay, all (baled) ² | Ton | 175.00 | 186.00 | 171.00 | 129.00 | 136.00 | 132.00 |
| Hay, alfalfa (baled) ² | Ton | 169.00 | 186.00 | 167.00 | 138.00 | 149.00 | 143.00 |
| Hay, other (baled) ² | Ton | 184.00 | 186.00 | 184.00 | 113.00 | 110.00 | 107.00 |
| Potatoes | Cwt | 8.25 | 10.70 | 9.55 | 7.51 | 9.40 | 8.94 |
| Vegetables and fruits ¹ | | | | | | | |
| Onions, fresh ³ | Cwt | - | - | - | 3.15 | 9.05 | 8.27 |
| Sweet corn, fresh ³ | Cwt | - | - | - | 23.00 | 24.90 | 43.00 |
| Pears, fresh | Ton | - | - | - | 552.00 | 530.00 | 450.00 |
| Apples, fresh | Lb | - | - | - | 0.348 | 0.276 | 0.242 |
| Strawberries, fresh | Cwt | - | - | - | 131.00 | 113.00 | 129.00 |
| Livestock and livestock products | | | | | | | |
| Cows ⁴ | Cwt | 46.00 | 41.00 | 41.00 | 51.70 | 42.30 | 44.30 |
| Steers and heifers | Cwt | 90.80 | 83.00 | 80.00 | 94.30 | 85.80 | 85.40 |
| Beef cattle ⁵ | Cwt | 77.40 | 74.60 | 72.20 | 89.00 | 80.10 | 80.20 |
| Calves | Cwt | 110.00 | 93.00 | 97.00 | 120.00 | 106.00 | 105.00 |
| Lambs ⁶ | Cwt | 96.00 | 98.00 | - | 96.50 | 101.00 | - |
| Sheep ⁶ | Cwt | 36.00 | 46.00 | - | 29.90 | 31.40 | - |
| Milk, all ⁷ | Cwt | 18.30 | 14.40 | 12.50 | 19.10 | 13.30 | 11.50 |
| Fat test percent | Pct | 3.74 | 3.77 | 3.74 | 3.77 | 3.78 | 3.75 |
| Eggs, all ^{1 2} | Doz | - | - | - | 1.310 | 1.030 | 0.809 |
| Eggs, market ^{1 2} | Doz | - | - | - | 1.220 | 0.896 | 0.639 |

* Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms or insufficient sales reported to establish a price. ¹ Oregon not published monthly. ² Most recent price is a mid-month price. ³ F.O.B. shipping point. ⁴ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. ⁵ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined. ⁶ Entire month. ⁷ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

Index summary table

| Indexes/Ratios | 1910-14=100 | | 1990-92=100 | |
|---------------------------|-------------|----------|-------------|----------|
| | Feb 2008 | Feb 2009 | Feb 2008 | Feb 2009 |
| United States | | | | |
| Prices received | 925 | 805 | 146 | 127 |
| Prices paid | 2,280 | 2,302 | 171 | 173 |
| Ratio ¹ | - | - | 85 | 73 |
| Parity Ratio ² | 41 | 35 | - | - |
| Oregon | | | | |
| Commodity group | | | | |
| All farm products | 846 | 795 | 141 | 134 |
| All crops | 819 | 805 | 146 | 143 |
| Livestock ³ | 932 | 763 | 127 | 104 |

Feed price ratios: United States, February 2009

| Feed price ratio ^{1 2} | 2008 | 2009 | |
|---------------------------------|------|-------|------|
| | Feb | Jan * | Feb |
| Broiler Feed | 3.6 | 4.2 | 4.3 |
| Market egg feed | 11.1 | 9.0 | 6.7 |
| Hog-corn | 9.3 | 9.8 | 10.5 |
| Milk-feed | 2.24 | 1.59 | 1.44 |
| Steer and heifer-corn | 20.8 | 19.7 | 20.7 |
| Turkey-feed | 3.6 | 4.1 | 4.5 |

¹ Effective January 1995, prices of commercial prepared feeds are based on current US prices received for corn, soybeans, alfalfa hay, and all wheat.

² Feed price ratio definitions are available in the national release.

* Revised.



¹ Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid by farmers.

² Ratio of index of prices received to PPITW (1910-14=100)

³ Includes livestock and livestock products.

Farm Labor

There were 785,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of January 11-17, 2009, up 2 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 595,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 190,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.93 per hour during the January 2009 reference week, up 12 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$9.96 per hour, up 29 cents from last January, while livestock workers earned \$10.27 per hour compared with \$10.18 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$10.08 per hour, was up 20 cents from last year. The number of hours worked averaged 38.3 hours for hired workers during the survey week, down fractionally from a year ago.

Hired workers: Number, hours worked and wage rates, selected regions and United States
Weeks of January 6-12, 2008 and January 11-17, 2009 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 | 2008 | 42 | 33 | 9 | 35.7 | 9.94 | 11.68 | 10.14 | 11.25 |
| | 2009 | 52 | 39 | 13 | 37.8 | 10.35 | 9.48 | 10.25 | 11.40 |
| Mountain I ³ | 2008 | 19 | 17 | 2 | 40.0 | 9.62 | 9.98 | 9.90 | 10.40 |
| | 2009 | 15 | 13 | 2 | 40.0 | 11.49 | 10.65 | 10.85 | 11.50 |
| California | 2008 | 132 | 114 | 18 | 40.7 | 10.20 | 10.70 | 10.32 | 11.56 |
| | 2009 | 132 | 112 | 20 | 41.3 | 9.81 | 10.95 | 10.10 | 11.16 |
| United States ⁴ | 2008 | 594 | 506 | 88 | 38.4 | 9.67 | 10.18 | 9.88 | 10.81 |
| | 2009 | 595 | 497 | 98 | 38.3 | 9.96 | 10.27 | 10.08 | 10.93 |

¹ Excludes agricultural service workers.

² Includes Oregon and Washington.

³ Includes Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming.

⁴ Excludes Alaska.

Chickens and eggs: Inventory, value and production, Oregon and United States, 2007-2008 ¹

| Year | December 1 ² | | | Dec. 1, previous year through Nov 30 | | |
|-------------|-------------------------|----------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| | Number | Value per head | Total value | Avg. number of layers | Eggs per layer | Total egg production |
| | Oregon | | | | | |
| | <i>1,000 head</i> | <i>Dollars</i> | <i>1,000 dollars</i> | <i>1,000</i> | <i>Number</i> | <i>Million eggs</i> |
| 2007 | 3,134 | 2.10 | 6,581 | 2,505 | 290 | 725 |
| 2008 | 2,957 | 2.00 | 5,914 | 2,568 | 300 | 769 |
| | United States | | | | | |
| 2007 | 458,593 | 2.95 | 1,351,549 | 346,498 | 263 | 91,101 |
| 2008 | 446,072 | 3.38 | 1,506,573 | 339,572 | 266 | 90,151 |

¹ Excludes commercial broilers.

² Includes layers, pullets, and other chickens.



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Oregon Honey Production up in 2008



Oregon honey production increased 9 percent in 2008. The production increase was attributed to an increase in the number of honey producing colonies; the yield per colony was unchanged from 2007. The average price of Oregon produced honey, at \$1.48 per pound, is up 17 cents from 2007.

In 2008, the number of honey producing colonies decreased 6 percent at the US level, mainly due to decreases in Florida, North Dakota, and South Dakota. Yield per colony was up 15 percent nationally, leading to an overall production increase of 8 percent. The average price per pound of all US produced honey rose 33.3 cents nationally.

Honey: Number of colonies, production and value, selected states, 2007-2008 ¹

| State | Honey producing colonies | | Yield per colony | | Production | | Average price per pound ² | |
|---------------|--------------------------|--------------|------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 |
| | <i>1,000</i> | <i>1,000</i> | <i>Pounds</i> | <i>Pounds</i> | <i>1,000 pounds</i> | <i>1,000 pounds</i> | <i>Cents</i> | <i>Cents</i> |
| Oregon | 46 | 50 | 43 | 43 | 1,978 | 2,150 | 131 | 148 |
| California | 340 | 360 | 40 | 51 | 13,600 | 18,360 | 104 | 141 |
| Idaho | 92 | 90 | 41 | 40 | 3,772 | 3,600 | 115 | 142 |
| Washington | 46 | 41 | 44 | 44 | 2,024 | 1,804 | 125 | 150 |
| United States | 2,443 | 2,301 | 60.7 | 69.9 | 148,341 | 160,861 | 107.7 | 141.0 |

¹ For producers with five or more colonies.

² Prices weighted by sales.

Complete report available at: <<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/current/Hone/>>

Trout: Number of operations and value of fish, selected states, and United States 2007-2008

| State | Number of operations | | | | | | Value of sales and distribution | | | |
|-----------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| | Total | | Selling trout | | Distributing trout ¹ | | Total fish sales | | Value of distributed fish | |
| | 2007 ² | 2008 ³ | 2007 ² | 2008 ³ | 2007 ² | 2008 ³ | 2007 ² | 2008 | 2007 ² | 2008 |
| | <i>Number</i> | <i>Number</i> | <i>Number</i> | <i>Number</i> | <i>Number</i> | <i>Number</i> | <i>1,000 dollars</i> | <i>1,000 dollars</i> | <i>1,000 dollars</i> | <i>1,000 dollars</i> |
| OR | 57 | | 20 | | 38 | | 1,114 | 952 | 4,664 | 4,252 |
| CA | 43 | | 19 | | 32 | | 5,985 | 8,318 | 11,711 | 15,268 |
| ID | 52 | | 29 | | 24 | | 46,631 | 35,321 | 6,939 | 7,271 |
| WA | 113 | | 14 | | 99 | | 5,329 | 5,805 | 9,064 | 9,154 |
| US ⁴ | - | - | - | - | - | - | 87,856 | 79,709 | 112,567 | 102,593 |
| US ⁵ | 1,124 | 1,018 | 525 | 463 | 638 | 584 | 95,476 | 86,356 | 115,180 | * |

¹ Trout distributed for restoration, conservation, or recreational purposes. ² Revised. ³ State level number of operations will only be published every five years in conjunction with the Census of agriculture. ⁴ Excludes the value of eggs. ⁵ Includes the value of eggs. Complete report available at:

<<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/current/TrouProd/>> * Beginning in 2008, total value of distributed fish will no longer be published.

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