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

Product and unit	Feb 2008	Jan ¹ 2009	Feb 2009	Change from	
				Feb 2008	Jan 2009
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Oregon					
American cheese Pounds	10,227	14,664	13,455	31.6	-8.2
Ice cream, hard Gallons	1,067	1,058	1,171	9.7	10.7
United States					
Total cheese Pounds	784,649	823,961	768,517	-2.1	-6.7
American cheese ² Pounds	319,335	353,224	319,391	-	-9.6
Cheddar cheese Pounds	251,251	274,091	240,397	-4.3	-12.3
Butter Pounds	146,759	174,684	145,436	-0.9	-16.7
Nonfat dry milk, Human Pounds	118,268	154,812	122,961	4.0	-20.6
Cottage cheese, cream ³ Pounds	25,983	26,400	26,743	2.9	1.3
Cottage cheese, lowfat ⁴ Pounds	32,100	30,915	31,020	-3.4	0.3
Ice cream, hard Gallons	65,176	57,527	63,055	-3.3	9.6
Ice cream, lowfat, total Gallons	28,051	23,788	25,814	-8.0	8.5
Sherbet, hard Gallons	4,232	3,552	3,940	-6.9	10.9
Frozen yogurt, total Gallons	4,133	3,430	3,846	-6.9	12.1

¹ Revised.

² Includes Cheddar, Colby, Monterey, and Jack.

³ Fat content 4 percent or more.

⁴ Fat content less than 4 percent.

Milk cows and milk production, selected states and United States, March 2008 ¹ and 2009

State	Milk cows ²		Milk per cow ³		Milk production ³		Change from 2008
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	
	<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	1,842	1,822	1,975	1,920	3,638	3,498	-3.8
ID	540	549	1,885	1,810	1,018	994	-2.4
OR	114	114	1,700	1,695	194	193	-0.5
WA	245	239	1,990	1,960	488	468	-4.1
WI	1,251	1,256	1,660	1,685	2,077	2,116	1.9
United States ⁴	8,467	8,482	1,794	1,788	15,191	15,164	-0.2

¹ 2008 revised.

² Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

³ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

⁴ Includes 23 States total.

Oregon Onion Forecast

In Malheur County, onion growers expect to plant 12,200 acres of onions this year, down 200 acres from last year and down 400 acres from two years ago. In all other Oregon counties, onion growers expect to plant 9,300 acres of onions in 2009, a decrease of 300 acres from 2008 and down 1,000 acres from 2007. Onion growers in Washington expect to plant 21,000 acres of onions this year, up 1,000 acres from last year. California and Idaho growers expect to plant 33,500 acres and 8,700 acres this year respectively. Nationwide, onion growers intend to plant slightly more summer storage onions this season.

**Onions: Area planted by season, state, and United States
2007-2008 and forecasted 2009**

State	Area planted			2009/ 2008
	2007	2008	2009	
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Percent</i>
		Spring ¹		
Arizona	1,100	1,500	1,400	93
California	6,900	6,700	6,300	94
Georgia	12,500	12,000	11,500	96
Texas	12,500	11,000	10,300	94
Total	33,000	31,200	29,500	95
		Summer: non-storage ¹		
California	8,000	7,800	6,000	77
Nevada	2,800	2,600	2,500	96
New Mexico	7,300	7,000	5,000	71
Texas	1,100	800	700	88
Washington ²	1,500	1,900	2,000	105
Total	20,700	20,100	16,200	81
		Summer: storage		
California ³	30,000	32,500	33,500	103
Colorado	9,000	8,000	7,000	88
Idaho	9,300	8,800	8,700	99
Michigan	3,900	4,000	4,000	100
New York	11,200	10,600	10,500	99
Oregon				
Malheur	12,600	12,400	12,200	98
Other	10,300	9,600	9,300	97
Washington	22,500	20,000	21,000	105
Wisconsin	2,200	1,900	1,900	100
Other states ⁴	2,180	1,690	1,920	114
Total	113,180	109,490	110,020	100
		All spring and summer		
United States	166,880	160,790	155,720	97

¹ Primarily fresh market.

² Includes Walla Walla and other non-storage onions.

³ Primarily dehydrated and other processing.

⁴ OH and UT.

Oregon processed vegetable intentions down from previous year

Oregon vegetable processors intend to contract 54,300 acres of snap beans, sweet corn, and green peas in 2009, an overall decrease of 1,800 acres from 2008. Sweet corn acreage increased 28 percent, whereas, acreage for snap beans and green peas decreased 4 percent and 34 percent respectively. Nationally, processors expect to contract 1.20 million acres of the 5 major processed vegetable crops in the U.S. for 2009, up 4 percent from last year. Contracted acreage increases are forecast for sweet corn, cucumbers for pickles, and tomatoes, while snap beans and green peas show declines.

Processing vegetables: Planted acreage and contract intentions Oregon, Washington and United States, 2007-2008 and forecasted 2009

Crop	Area planted				Contract change 2009 / 2008
	2007 total	2008		2009 contract intentions ¹	
		Total	Contract ¹		
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Oregon					
Green peas	17,600	18,700	18,700	12,400	66
Snap beans	19,100	18,700	18,700	17,900	96
Sweet corn	21,900	18,700	18,700	24,000	128
Washington					
Green peas	38,900	41,900	41,900	47,300	113
Sweet corn	84,500	68,900	68,900	74,500	108
United States					
Green peas	208,300	216,100	216,100	213,500	99
For freezing	127,500	138,600	138,600	128,700	93
For canning	80,800	77,500	77,500	84,800	109
Snap beans	209,470	206,770	203,200	191,350	94
For freezing	77,170	74,140	73,390	60,050	82
For canning	132,300	132,630	129,810	131,300	101
Sweet corn	380,100	370,750	363,800	382,150	105
For freezing	200,100	188,550	186,000	193,950	104
For canning	180,000	182,200	177,800	188,200	106

¹ Includes acreage from major brokers.

Strawberries

The downward trend in acres continues for Oregon strawberries. Harvest intentions for the 2009 strawberry season are estimated at 1,600 acres, down 200 acres from 2008 and down 300 acres from 2007. This projected decrease in acres continues to show the fierce competition from Florida and California. Florida growers intend to harvest 8,300 acres of strawberries this year, up 1,400 acres from last year, while growers in California intend to harvest 39,000 acres of strawberries, also up 1,400 acres from a year ago.

Strawberries: Area harvested, yield and production ¹ by state and total, 2007-2008 and forecasted 2009

State	Harvested		For harvest 2009	Yield per acre			Production		
	2007	2008		2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Cwt</i>	<i>Cwt</i>	<i>Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 cwt</i>	<i>1,000 cwt</i>	<i>1,000 cwt</i>
California	35,500	37,600	39,000	605	605	605	21,540	22,675	23,595
Florida	6,600	6,900	8,300	320	260	220	2,112	1,794	1,826
Oregon ²	1,900	1,800	1,600	130	130	-	247	238	-
Major states total	44,000	46,300	48,900	543	534	-	23,899	24,707	-

¹ Includes fresh market and processing.

² First production forecast will be published July 10, 2009.

Potato Stocks Down 8 Percent from February 2008

The 13 major potato States held 183 million cwt of potatoes in storage February 1, 2009, down 8 percent from a year ago and 5 percent below February 1, 2007. Potatoes in storage accounted for 50 percent of the 2008 fall storage States' production, unchanged from February 1, 2008. Klamath Basin stocks totaled 2.80 million cwt on February 1, 2009, up 4 percent from a year ago. Klamath Basin stocks include potatoes stored in California and Klamath County, Oregon. Potato disappearance, at 185 million cwt, was 7 percent below February 1, 2008 and 6 percent below 2007. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 16.9 million cwt, was down 8 percent from the same date in both 2008 and 2007. Processors in the 9 major States have used 99.2 million cwt of potatoes this season, down 7 percent from the same period last year and down 8 percent from 2 years ago. Dehydrating usage accounted for 18.4 million cwt of the total processing, down 13 percent from last year and 22 percent below the same period in 2007.

Fall potatoes: Production and stocks, 2007 and 2008 crops ¹

State	2007 Crop			2008 Crop		
	Production	Total stocks Apr 1, 2008	Apr 1 stocks as % of production	Production	Total stocks Apr 1, 2009	Apr 1 stocks as % of production
	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>Percent</i>
California	3,792	600	16	3,939	800	20
Colorado	20,981	7,500	36	21,338	8,700	41
Idaho	130,010	49,000	38	114,805	42,500	37
Maine	16,668	6,400	38	14,769	5,600	38
Michigan	14,700	2,100	14	14,875	1,900	13
Minnesota	21,560	6,200	29	20,400	6,500	32
Montana	3,696	2,100	57	3,465	2,100	61
Nebraska	8,217	2,000	24	8,342	2,300	28
New York	5,216	500	10	5,696	450	8
North Dakota	23,660	6,000	25	22,680	6,100	27
Oregon	20,293	9,200	45	18,676	7,400	40
Washington	100,800	27,500	27	93,000	23,700	25
Wisconsin	28,160	6,400	23	25,730	6,500	25
13 State Total	397,753	125,500	32	367,715	114,550	31
Klamath Basin ²	-	1,150	-	-	1,450	-

¹ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant the following year's crop. Seed usage to plant all seasons of the 2008 crop totaled 24.5 million cwt.

² Includes potato stocks in California and Klamath County, Oregon. Included in the 13 State total.

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