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Pennsylvania's July 1, 2007 Crop Forecast

HARRISBURG, PA, July 12, 2007 - - Based on July 1, 2007 forecast for yield and production, the Keystone state's farmers expect to produce less oats, barley, peaches, and winter wheat this year. Pennsylvania's 2007 planted potato acreage is down 500 acres from last year.

Oat acreage for grain, at 90,000, is down 18 percent from last year's harvested acres. The July 1, 2007 oat yield is forecast at 65 bushels per acre, 1 bushel per acre above the final yield of 2006. If realized, the resulting oat production of 5.85 million bushels will be down 17 percent from last year. Winter wheat acres to be harvested for grain are expected to total 155,000, up 5,000 acres from last year. The July 1, 2007 winter wheat yield forecast is set at 56.0 bushels per acre, which is up 2 bushels from the June 1 projected yield, but 3 bushels per acre below last year's final yield. The resulting winter wheat production of 8.68 million bushels will be down 2 percent from last year's production of 8.85 million bushels. Barley acreage for grain at 45,000 is down 1,000 acres from 2006. Barley yield is expected to be 82.0 bushels per acre this year for an expected production of 3.69 million bushels. This production is down 1 percent from last year's production of 3.73 million bushels.

Fall potatoes were planted on 10,500 acres this year, down 5 percent from last year. Harvest is expected from 10,000 acres, down 5 percent from a year ago.

Peach production in Pennsylvania is expected to be 19,000 tons. This is down 12 percent from 2006.

At the United States level, oat production is forecast at 101 million bushels, 8 percent above last year's 94 million bushels. The expected yield for oats, forecast at 62.6 bushels per acre, is up 3.1 bushels from 2006. Growers expect to harvest 1.61 million acres for grain, up 2 percent from last year. Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.56 billion bushels. This is down 3 percent from last month but 20 percent above 2006. The U.S. yield is forecast at 41.6 bushels per acre, down 1.6 bushels from last month and down 0.1 bushels from last year. Area harvested for grain totals 37.6 million acres, unchanged from the Acreage report released on June 29, 2007, but up 21 percent from last year. Barley production for 2007 is forecast at 231 million bushels, 28 percent above 2006 and 9 percent higher than 2005. Based on conditions as of July 1, the average yield is forecast at 65.2 bushels per acre, up 4.2 bushels from last year. Area for harvest, at 3.54 million acres, is up 20 percent from 2006.

For the United States, fall potatoes were planted on 1.01 million acres this year, up 2 percent from last year and 4 percent above 2005. Harvest is expected from 996,200 acres, up 2 percent from 2006 and 5 percent above 2 years ago. This increase is due in part to low ending processing stocks.

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