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U S Winter Wheat Forecast

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.62 billion bushels, up 24 percent from 2006. Area harvested for grain totals 37.2 million acres, up 19 percent from last year. Based on May 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 43.5 bushels per acre, up 1.8 bushels from the previous year.

Hard Red production is up 51 percent from a year ago to 1.03 billion bushels. Soft Red is down 11 percent and totals 347 million bushels. White production totals 241 million bushels, up 7 percent from a year ago. Of the White production total, 18.6 million bushels are Hard White and 222 million bushels are Soft White.

Farm Labor

MOUNTAIN REGION II: (includes Utah, Nevada, and Colorado): During the week of April 8 -14, 2007 there were 20,000 workers hired by farm operators in the region. All hired workers (excluding Agricultural Service Workers) were paid an average wage of \$9.97 per hour, up 89 cents from April 2006 but 20 cents lower than the national average. Field workers received \$9.16 per hour on average, up 77 cents from April 2006. Livestock workers received \$9.75 per hour, up 77 cents from April 2006.

UNITED STATES: There were 961,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of April 8-14, 2007, unchanged from a year ago. A large increase in California was enough to offset the large declines in hired workers in most other regions, resulting in a net change of zero from last April. Of these hired workers, 720,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 241,000 workers. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.17 per hour during the April 2007 reference week, up 39 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$9.35 per hour, up 40 cents from last April, while livestock workers earned \$9.55 per hour compared with \$9.31 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$9.41 per hour, was up 35 cents from last year. The number of hours worked averaged 40.6 hours for hired workers during the survey week, down fractionally from a year ago.

Hired Workers: Number and Hours Worked by Region and United States, April 8-14, 2007¹

U.S. and Region	Hired							
	Number of Workers	Expected to be Employed		Number of Hours Worked	Type of Worker			Wage Rates for All Hired Workers
		150 Days or More	149 Days or Less		Field	Livestock	Field & Lvstk Combined	
	1,000	1,000	1,000	Hours per Week	Dollars per Hour	Dollars per Hour	Dollars per Hour	Dollars per Hour
Mountain I ²	28	20	8	44.7	8.79	9.01	8.90	9.35
Mountain II ³	20	18	2	41.6	9.16	9.75	9.45	9.97
Mountain III ⁴	17	16	1	44.5	8.25	8.88	8.51	9.28
US	720	580	140	40.6	9.35	9.55	9.41	10.17

¹ Excludes agricultural service workers. ² Mountain I - Idaho, Montana and Wyoming. ³ Mountain II - Colorado, Nevada and Utah. ⁴ Mountain III - Arizona and New Mexico.

Agricultural Prices

Utah: Mid-May 2007 prices received by Utah farmers and ranchers for baled alfalfa hay was up \$7.00 from last month and up \$22.00 per ton from last year. Other hay, at \$90.00 per ton, was up \$5.00 from April 2007 and \$13.00 higher than May 2006. Barley was \$3.72 per bushel for the month of May 2007, up 54 cents from the previous month. The average price of all milk purchased in April 2007 from Utah farmers was \$16.00 per hundred weight (cwt), up 2.6 percent from March 2007 and up 37.9 percent from April 2006.

United States: The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in May, at 138 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 4 points (3.0 percent) from April. The Crop Index is up 3 points (2.1 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 5 points (3.9 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for milk, hogs, hay, and broilers. Lower prices were received for lettuce, cattle, broccoli, and cauliflower. The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased average marketings of sweet corn, broilers, peaches, and wheat offset decreased marketings of cattle, milk, oranges, and apples. The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 27 points (24 percent) from May 2006. The Food Commodities Index, at 139, increased 4 points (3.0 percent) from last month and increased 28 points (25 percent) from May 2006.

Commodity	Utah						United States					
	Barley ²		Alfalfa Hay ³ Baled		Other Hay ³ Baled		Barley ²		Alfalfa Hay ³ Baled ³		Other Hay ³ Baled ³	
Month	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
January	(4)	3.65	95.00	105.00	80.00	79.00	2.42	3.03	96.40	115.00	84.30	102.00
February	2.11	3.91	100.00	107.00	85.00	81.00	2.57	3.10	99.20	117.00	83.20	105.00
March	2.17	3.70	96.00	113.00	85.00	87.00	2.71	3.10	100.00	120.00	86.60	108.00
April	2.29	3.18	106.00	113.00	90.00	85.00	2.67	3.07	110.00	128.00	93.20	113.00
May	2.20	3.72	98.00	120.00	77.00	90.00	2.97	3.33	117.00	144.00	95.80	116.00
June	(4)		99.00		87.00		2.78		115.00		90.10	
July	2.36		104.00		80.00		2.70		113.00		89.30	
August	2.39		105.00		81.00		2.70		110.00		91.50	
September	2.58		95.00		71.00		2.56		112.00		93.00	
October	2.95		99.00		71.00		2.76		112.00		93.80	
November	2.72		99.00		75.00		2.92		109.00		98.10	
December	3.40		105.00		79.00		2.95		112.00		99.30	

¹ April 2007 is mid-month. ² Dollars per bushel. ³ Dollars per ton. ⁴ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

Commodity ¹	Utah		United States	
	All Milk		All Milk	
Month	2006	2007	2006	2007
January	14.00	14.50	14.50	14.50
February	13.70	14.80	13.50	14.90
March	12.70	15.60	12.60	15.60
April	11.60	16.00	12.10	16.60
May	11.50		11.90	17.80 ²
June	11.40		11.90	
July	11.40		11.80	
August	11.50		12.00	
September	13.10		12.90	
October	13.30		13.50	
November	13.80		13.90	
December	14.10		14.10	

¹ Dollars per hundred wt.(CWT) ² preliminary

Livestock Slaughter

UTAH: Commercial red meat production totaled 35.0 million pounds in April 2007, down 2.8 percent from April of the previous year. **Cattle slaughter** in Utah for April 2007 totaled 4500 head, 4.3 percent below a year earlier. The average live weight was 1,245 pounds, up 6 pounds from April 2006. **Hog slaughter** totaled 4,700 head up 95.8 percent from the previous year. The average live weight was 195 pounds, down 28 pounds from the previous year. **Sheep and lamb slaughter** during April 2007 totaled 2,800 head, up 3.7 percent from the previous year. Average live weight, at 142 pounds, was up 8 pounds from the previous year.

UNITED STATES: Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.75 billion pounds in April, up 4 percent from the 3.61 billion pounds produced in April 2006. **Beef production**, at 2.02 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.70 million head, up 4 percent from April 2006. The average live weight was down 5 pounds from the previous year, at 1,235 pounds. **Veal production** totaled 11.8 million pounds, 14 percent above April a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 56,900 head, up 19 percent from April 2006. The average live weight was down 14 pounds from last year, at 347 pounds. **Pork production** totaled 1.71 billion pounds, up 6 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.47 million head, up 6 percent from April 2006. The average live weight was down 2 pounds from the previous year, at 270 pounds. **Lamb and mutton production**, at 15.1 million pounds, was down 11 percent from April 2006. Sheep slaughter totaled 216,900 head, 12 percent below last year. The average live weight was 139 pounds, up 3 pounds from April a year ago. **January to April 2007 commercial red meat production** was 15.5 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2006. Accumulated beef production was up 2 percent from last year, veal was up 12 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter				
April 2006-2007 ¹				
Item	Utah		United States	
	April		April	
	2006	2007	2006	2007
Production (Millions Pounds)				
Red Meat	36.0	35.0	3614.8	3,753.0
Number Slaughtered (Thousand Head)				
Cattle	47.0	45.0	2,608.6	2,701.6
Calves	1	1	47.7	56.9
Hogs	2.4	4.7	7,959.3	8,465.3
Sheep & Lambs	2.7	2.8	247.1	216.9
Average Live Weight (Pounds)				
Cattle	1,239	1,245	1,240	1,235
Calves	1	1	361	347
Hogs	223	195	272	270
Sheep & Lamb. .	134	142	136	139

¹Missing data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Manufactured Dairy Products

UTAH: Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) in March 2007 at 7.5 million pounds was 8.8 percent below March 2006, but 3.7 percent above February 2007. Hard ice cream production at 2.3 million gallons was 5.2 percent above March 2006, and 31.7 percent above February 2007.

UNITED STATES: Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 837 million pounds, 1.9 percent above March 2006 and 11.8 percent above February 2007. Italian type cheese production totaled 360 million pounds, 3.4 percent above March 2006 and 12.7 percent above February 2007. American type cheese production totaled 338 million pounds, 0.7 percent above March 2006 and 10.8 percent above February 2007. Butter production was 140 million pounds, 1.1 percent below March 2006 but 4.4 percent above February 2007. Hard ice cream production at 78.1 million gallons, was down 4.9 percent from March 2006, but up 19.2 percent from February 2007.

Manufactured Dairy Production – March 2006-2007 with Comparisons

Product	Utah			United States		
	March 2006	February ¹ 2007	March 2007	March 2006	February ¹ 2007	March 2007
	1,000 Pounds					
Total Cheese	8,230	7,242	7,509	820,805	748,496	836,777
	1,000 Gallons					
Hard ice cream	2,229	1,781	2,346	82,123	65,530	78,106

¹ Revised.

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Hay Stocks on Farms

UTAH: Hay stocks totaled 185,000 tons on May 1, 2007, down 30.5 percent from May 1 of the previous year. Disappearance of hay from December 1, 2006 - May 1, 2007, totaled 1,225,000 tons.

UNITED STATES: All hay stored on farms May 1, 2007 totaled 15.0 million tons, down 30 percent from the previous year and the lowest since 1950. Disappearance of hay from December 1, 2006 - May 1, 2007, totaled 81.4 million tons, 3 percent less than the disappearance of 83.9 million tons for the same period a year earlier. Thirty-eight of the 48 reporting States had lower May 1 hay stocks than a year ago. Hay stocks in most of these States were also below year ago levels on December 1, 2006. Drought conditions during most of 2006 caused deterioration of pastures throughout the Southeast resulting in increased supplemental feeding of hay, reducing the December 1 stocks. The drought in that area persisted into the winter and spring which also increased the amount of hay fed. Elsewhere, supplemental feeding increased in the central Plains and Midwest due to some harsh mid-winter storms and below normal temperatures in April. Hay stocks increased from last year in Wisconsin and in most of the northern Atlantic Coast States. Wisconsin hay stocks, up 15 percent from May 2006, are the highest since 2002 as a result of the excellent hay and forage production during 2006. Pennsylvania and New York are also up from the previous year as a result of higher hay production in 2006 and a mild winter.

**Hay Stocks on Farms
 Selected States & U.S.**

State	December 1		May 1	
	2005	2006	2006	2007
1,000 Tons				
AZ	350	350	40	35
CA	1,840	1,675	192	190
CO	2,365	2,130	460	290
ID	2,260	2,575	375	320
MT	5,440	4,105	1,463	760
NV	788	879	209	202
NM	545	470	133	105
UT	1,370	1,410	266	185
WY	1,876	1,600	394	220
US	105,205	96,397	21,345	14,988