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Commercial Fruit Utilized Production

UTAH: Utah's 2007 apricots, apples and pears utilized production estimates were up from 2006 according to the Utah Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Peaches, sweet and tart cherry utilized production were down. Utilized production for 2007 was as follows: apples, 18.0 million pounds, 8.1 million pounds more than 2006; apricots, 260 tons, 5 tons more than 2006; sweet cherries, 1,250 tons, was down 500 tons from 2006; tart cherries, 19.0 million pounds, 6.0 million pounds less than 2006; peaches, 4,400 tons, 1000 tons less than 2006; and pears, 250 tons, up 30 tons from 2006.

UNITED STATES: In 2007, the Nation's revised utilized production of the leading noncitrus fruit crops totaled 17.1 million tons, up 1 percent from the 2006 utilized production. Utilized production increased from 2006 for olives (CA), apricots, blackberries (OR), avocados, nectarines, boysenberries, papayas (HI), peaches, figs (CA), grapes, sweet cherries, pears, strawberries, wild and cultivated blueberries, and tart cherries. The revised value of utilized production for noncitrus fruit crops totaled 11.4 billion dollars, up 8 percent from 2006. The value of utilized production for olives (CA) increased 378 percent, apricots increased 43 percent, wild blueberries (ME) increased 38 percent, red raspberries are up 28 percent, tart cherries increased 27 percent, avocados are up 22 percent, and sweet cherries increased 20 percent. However, the utilized value of production for black raspberries (OR) decreased 63 percent, prunes (CA) are down 55 percent, prunes and plums (ID, MI, OR, and WA) and guavas (HI) decreased 43 percent, boysenberries are down 35 percent, blackberries (OR) are down 21 percent, and nectarines decreased 20 percent. **Utilized apple** production for 2007 is revised to 9.07 billion pounds, down 7 percent from 2006. Utilized apple production in Washington decreased 6 percent to 5.20 billion pounds from 2006. Michigan's utilized production decreased 10 percent from 2006, while utilized production in New York increased 4 percent from 2006. In Washington, growers harvested apples from lower yielding, younger trees. Low summer precipitation levels in Michigan reduced fruit sizes but fruit quality remained high. In New York, hailstorms damaged some of the crop, however, apple numbers and quality were high. A severe frost decimated orchards in the Southeast and Iowa, Missouri, Illinois, and Kentucky. Reports of tree damage and total crop loss were common in these States. **Utilized peach** production in 2007 is revised to 1.12 million tons, up 13 percent from the previous year but 2 percent below 2005. The California crop, accounting for 85 percent of the U.S. utilized peach production, is up 33 percent from 2006. For California, the Clingstone utilized production is up 40 percent and the Freestone utilized production is up 26 percent from 2006. Cold temperatures in early April damaged peach orchards in the Atlantic States from New York to Georgia, with the southeastern States being affected the most. **Utilized pear** production for 2007 is revised to 871,850 tons, up 5 percent from the previous year. Washington, the top producing State, utilized 402,000 tons, up 11 percent from 2006. California, the second largest producer at 243,000 tons, is up 6 percent from the previous season. Utilized pear production in Oregon, the third largest producing State, is 206,000 tons, down 4 percent from 2006. **Utilized tart cherry** production for 2007 was 248.7 million pounds, down slightly from 2006. Michigan, the top producing state reported 193 million pounds, up 12.7 million pounds from previous year. Utah was the second largest producer with utilized production of 19 million pounds, 24 percent below the 25 million pounds of production recorded in 2006.

U.S. June Milk Production Up 3.4 Percent

Milk production in the 23 major States during June totaled 14.7 billion pounds, up 3.4 percent from June 2007. May revised production at 15.4 billion pounds, was up 3.5 percent from May 2007. The May revision represented an increase of 14 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. **Production per cow** in the 23 major States averaged 1,737 pounds for June, 25 pounds above June 2007. **The number of milk cows** on farms in the 23 major States was 8.46 million head, 158,000 head more than June 2007, and 1,000 head more than May 2008.

Milk Cows and Production: By State and United States, Preliminary April-June, 2007-2008

State	Apr-Jun Milk Cows ¹		Apr-Jun Milk Production ²		Change From 2007
	2007	2008	2007	2008	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	13.0	12.0	54	52	-3.7
AK	0.6	0.6	2.2	1.8	-18.2
AZ	182	186	1,121	1,164	3.8
AR	17.5	16.0	60	56	-6.7
CA	1,806	1,848	10,267	10,513	2.4
CO	116	127	681	744	9.3
CT	19.0	19.0	94	94	
DE	7.0	6.5	30.0	30.0	
FL	128	123	596	566	-5.0
GA	77	77	388	364	-6.2
HI	3.0	1.7	9.7	4.8	-50.5
ID	506	548	2,883	3,118	8.2
IL	103	102	501	495	-1.2
IN	167	167	861	849	-1.4
IA	212	216	1,095	1,093	-0.2
KS	109	110	551	601	9.1
KY	91	92	336	325	-3.3
LA	29	26	97	90	-7.2
ME	32	33	148	154	4.1
MD	59	56	265	265	
MA	15.0	14.5	65	67	3.1
MI	332	347	1,912	1,929	0.9
MN	458	463	2,213	2,230	0.8
MS	21	21	90	81	-10.0
MO	113	111	455	435	-4.4
MT	18.0	17.0	87	80	-8.0
NE	59	57	275	265	-3.6
NV	27	27	135	140	3.7
NH	14.5	15.0	74	76	2.7
NJ	10.0	10.0	43	44	2.3
NM	340	341	1,846	2,049	11.0
NY	626	626	3,078	3,205	4.1
NC	48	47	242	233	-3.7
ND	30	27	116	107	-7.8
OH	276	282	1,307	1,355	3.7
OK	69	64	295	268	-9.2
OR	115	113	577	535	-7.3
PA	549	548	2,747	2,750	0.1
RI	1.1	1.1	4.6	5.2	13.0
SC	18.5	18.0	89	86	-3.4
SD	85	89	417	444	6.5
TN	64	59	272	257	-5.5
TX	347	373	1,900	2,174	14.4
UT	85	85	435	445	2.3
VT	140	140	637	659	3.5
VA	100	98	456	451	-1.1
WA	233	244	1,393	1,452	4.2
WV	13.0	12.0	51	46	-9.8
WI	1,247	1,251	6,133	6,219	1.4
WY	7.2	7.0	34.9	36.1	3.4
US ³	9,138	9,274	47,419	48,703	2.7

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. ² Excludes milk sucked by calves. ³ May not add due to rounding.

Agricultural Prices

UTAH: Mid-July 2008 prices received by Utah farmers and ranchers for baled alfalfa hay was \$170.00 per ton, up \$10.00 from last month, and up \$47.00 per ton from last year. Other hay, at \$139.00 per ton, was \$4.00 higher than last month, and \$34.00 higher than July 2007. Barley price was at \$4.63 per bushel. Previous months were not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms. But this July barley price was \$1.25 per bushel more than the July 2007 price. The average price of all milk purchased in June 2008 from Utah farmers was \$19.50 per hundred wt. (Cwt) up \$1.00 from May 2008, and down 70 cents from the June 2007.

UNITED STATES: The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in July, at 161 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 3 points (1.9 percent) from June. The Crop Index is up 3 points (1.6 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 1 point (0.7 percent). Producers received higher prices for cattle, soybeans, broilers, and sweet corn, and lower prices for eggs, wheat, tomatoes, and cucumbers. In addition to prices, the overall index is affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of wheat, grapes, hay, and tomatoes, offset decreased marketings of milk, cantaloups, potatoes, and apples. The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 22 points (16 percent) from July 2007. The Food Commodities Index, at 157, increased 2 points (1.3 percent) from last month and increased 17 points (12 percent) from July 2007.

Average Prices Received by Farmers ¹

Commodity	Utah						United States					
	Barley ²		Alfalfa Hay Baled ³		Other Hay Baled ³		Barley ²		Alfalfa Hay Baled ³		Other Hay Baled ³	
Month	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
January	3.65	6.03	105.00	145.00	79.00	120.00	3.03	4.34	112.00	135.00	104.00	118.00
February	3.91	(⁴)	107.00	150.00	81.00	130.00	3.09	4.39	115.00	138.00	107.00	122.00
March	3.70	4.76	113.00	150.00	87.00	125.00	3.11	4.17	121.00	143.00	115.00	128.00
April	3.18	(⁴)	113.00	150.00	85.00	125.00	3.07	4.54	127.00	157.00	115.00	140.00
May	3.72	(⁴)	120.00	155.00	90.00	130.00	3.12	4.52	145.00	177.00	115.00	134.00
June	(⁴)	(⁴)	121.00	160.00	92.00	135.00	3.30	4.75	137.00	172.00	111.00	130.00
July	3.38	4.63	123.00	170.00	105.00	139.00	3.46	4.61	137.00	177.00	113.00	130.00
August	3.39		130.00		118.00		3.54		137.00		118.00	
September	4.71		132.00		114.00		4.04		135.00		124.00	
October	5.58		132.00		110.00		4.50		137.00		122.00	
November	5.22		135.00		120.00		4.34		135.00		123.00	
December	4.99		140.00		120.00		4.51		136.00		126.00	

¹ June 2008 is mid-month. ² Dollars per bushel. ³Dollars per ton. ⁴ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

Commodity ¹	Utah		United States	
	All Milk		All Milk	
Month	2007	2008	2007	2008
January	14.50	20.20	14.50	20.50
February	14.70	18.70	14.90	19.10
March	15.50	18.70	15.60	18.30
April	16.00	18.20	16.60	18.80
May	17.80	18.50	18.00	18.40
June	20.20	19.50	20.20	19.30
July	21.20		21.60	19.40 ²
August	21.00		21.60	
September	21.40		21.80	
October	21.10		21.40	
November	21.10		21.90	
December	21.10		21.50	

¹ Dollars per hundred wt.(CWT) ² preliminary

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Livestock Slaughter

UTAH: Commercial red meat production totaled 44.4 million pounds in June 2008, up 8.3 percent from the same month of the previous year. **Cattle slaughter** in Utah for June 2008 totaled 56.1 thousand head, 7.1 percent above a year earlier. The average live weight was 1,261 pounds, up 12 pounds from June 2007. **Hog slaughter** totaled 6,600 head up 32 percent from the previous year. The average live weight was 187 pounds, down 16 pounds from the previous year. **Sheep and lamb slaughter** during June 2008 totaled 2,300 head down 11.5 percent from the previous year. Average live weight, at 140 pounds, down 3 pounds from the previous year.

UNITED STATES: Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.05 billion pounds in June, up 1 percent from the 4.03 billion pounds produced in June 2007. **Beef production**, at 2.26 billion pounds, was 4 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.96 million head, down 4 percent from June 2007. The average live weight was up 11 pounds from the previous year, at 1,261 pounds. **Veal production** totaled 11.7 million pounds, 5 percent above June a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 75,400 head, up 23 percent from June 2007. The average live weight was down 41 pounds from last year, at 266 pounds. **Pork production** totaled 1.76 billion pounds, up 7 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.88 million head, up 7 percent from June 2007. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 266 pounds. **Lamb and mutton production**, at 13.1 million pounds, was down 4 percent from June 2007. Sheep slaughter totaled 192,400 head, 4 percent below last year. The average live weight was 137 pounds, unchanged from June a year ago. **January to June 2008 commercial red meat production** was 25.0 billion pounds, up 6 percent from 2007. Accumulated beef production was up 3 percent from last year, veal was down 9 percent, pork was up 10 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

Manufactured Dairy Products

UTAH: Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) in May 2008, at 9.3 million pounds, was 2.5 percent above May 2007, and 16.7 percent above April 2008. **Hard ice cream** production at 2.5 million gallons, was 8.9 percent below May 2007, and was 27.5 percent above April 2008.

UNITED STATES: Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 828 million pounds, 0.5 percent above May 2007 and 2.3 percent above April 2008. **Italian type cheese** production totaled 346 million pounds, 1.7 percent below May 2007 but 0.6 percent above April 2008. **American type cheese** production totaled 347 million pounds, 4.5 percent above May 2007 and 3.0 percent above April 2008. **Butter** production was 144 million pounds, 15.8 percent above May 2007 but 4.4 percent below April 2008. **Hard Ice Cream** production at 80.0 million gallons was down 7.2 percent from May 2007, and up 5.3 from April 2008.

