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MAY CROP WEATHER REVIEW

Barley and spring wheat were behind their five year historical averages but had nearly caught up by the end of May. The asparagus and green onion harvest were normal. No frosts of significance were reported for apples or cherries. By months end, orchardists were stowing away their frost protection equipment. Reports suggest a good crop of cherries and apples were in the making. Labor needs were being met and the situation looked good. Cranberry growers had suffered delayed bloom and general fruit development. Christmas tree growers were busy throughout the month, spraying for various insects and diseases. In general, pasture growth was good for May and cattle had been turned out as early as possible to take advantage of the growing conditions.

FRUIT PRODUCTION

The combined 2009 **sweet cherry** production for California, Oregon, and Washington is forecast at 315,000 tons, up 45 percent from 2008 and up 14 percent from 2007. Washington's production is forecast at 180,000 tons, up 80 percent from last year. If realized, Washington's crop will be 7 percent larger than the previous record of 168,000 tons set in 2006. A cold winter, combined with an excellent bloom, provided a good start for the 2009 crop. Very little damage was reported from cold weather this spring. Oregon's 2009 sweet cherry production is forecast at 60,000 tons, up 94 percent from 2008. Higher production levels were expected due to ideal weather conditions for crop growth in the state's two main producing areas. California's production is forecast at 75,000 tons, down 13 percent from 2008 and 12 percent lower than 2007. Spring weather generated occasional rain and cool temperatures for California's sweet cherry crop. Storms early in the month produced some damage to Brooks and Burlat varieties.

Production of **Bartlett pears** in California, Oregon and Washington is forecast at 423,000 tons, up 3 percent from last year but unchanged from 2007. Washington's Bartlett crop is forecast at 170,000 tons, up 8 percent from 2008 and 4 percent higher than 2007. Despite a cold winter and cooler than normal spring weather, minimal damage was reported. Growers reported good overall bloom densities and fruit set, however, many producers reported a large volume of small fruit on the trees. Production in California is forecast at 190,000 tons, down 3 percent from last season and 5 percent below 2 years ago. Bartlett bloom began in March and was reported to be excellent. Growing conditions have been favorable with minimal frost damage reported. Oregon growers expect to harvest 63,000 tons, up 11 percent from last year and 7 percent above the 2007 crop.

FRUIT PRODUCTION, JUNE 1, 2009

Crop & Year	Total Production		
	2007	2008	Indicated 2009 1/
SWEET CHERRIES:	Tons		
California	85,000	86,000	75,000
Oregon	35,000	31,000	60,000
Washington	157,000	100,000	180,000
Total	277,000	217,000	315,000
BARTLETT PEARS:			
California	201,000	195,000	190,000
Oregon	59,000	57,000	63,000
Washington	163,000	158,000	170,000
Total	423,000	410,000	423,000
APRICOTS:			
California	81,000	77,000	66,000
PRUNES (Dried):			
California	83,000	129,000	170,000
PEACHES:			
California:			
All	949,000	852,000	810,000
Clingstone 2/	503,000	426,000	440,000
Freestone	446,000	426,000	370,000
Georgia	13,000	28,000	32,000
South Carolina	12,500	60,000	65,000
TOTAL	974,500	940,000	907,000

1/ The first production forecast for sweet cherries in ID, MI, NY, and UT and tart cherries in MI, NY, OR, PA, UT, WA, and WI will be published in the "Cherry Production" release on June 18, 2009. The first estimate for 2009 sweet cherries in MT will be released in January 2010.

2/ California Clingstone peaches are over-the-scale tonnage and include culls and cannery diversions.

Milk Production, Disposition, & Income, Washington Milk Cows & Production of Milk & Milkfat, 2004-2008

Year	Number of Milk Cows 2/	Production of Milk & Milkfat 1/				
		Per Milk Cow		Percentage of fat in All Milk Produced	Total	
		Milk	Milkfat		Milk	Milkfat
	1,000 Head	Pounds		Percent	Million Pounds	
2004	237	22,852	841	3.68	5,416	199.3
2005	241	23,270	854	3.67	5,608	205.8
2006	237	23,055	853	3.70	5,464	202.2
2007	238	23,239	860	3.70	5,531	204.6
2008	244	23,344	859	3.68	5,696	209.6

1/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

2/ Average number during year, excluding heifers not yet fresh.

Quantity of Milk Used and Marketed by Producers, Washington, 2004-2008

Year	Milk Used Where Produced			Milk Marketed by Producers	
	Fed to Calves 1/	Used for Milk, Cream, & Butter	Total	Total Quantity 2/	Fluid Grade 3/
	Million Pounds				
2004	25	1	26	5,390	100
2005	22	1	23	5,585	100
2006	17	1	18	5,446	100
2007	13	1	14	5,517	100
2008	13	1	14	5,682	100

1/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

2/ Milk sold to plants and dealers as whole milk and equivalent amounts of milk for cream. Includes milk produced by dealer's own herds and milk sold directly to consumers. Also includes milk produced by institutional herds.

3/ Percentage of milk sold that is eligible for fluid use (Grade A in most States). Includes fluid-grade milk used in manufacturing dairy products.

Milk & Cream: Marketings & Income, Value of Milk Production, Washington, 2004-2008

Year	Combined Marketings of Milk & Cream				Used for Milk, Cream, & Butter by Producers		Gross Producer Income 3/	Value of Milk Produced 2/ 4/
	Milk Utilized	Average Returns 1/		Cash Receipts from Marketings	Milk Utilized	Value 2/		
		Per Cwt. Milk	Per lb. Milkfat					
	Mill. Lbs.	Dollars		\$1,000	Million lbs.	\$1,000	\$1,000	
2004	5,390	15.90	4.32	857,010	1	159	857,169	861,144
2005	5,585	14.90	4.06	832,165	1	149	832,314	835,592
2006	5,446	12.60	3.41	686,196	1	126	686,322	688,464
2007	5,517	19.20	5.19	1,059,264	1	192	1,059,456	1,061,952
2008	5,682	17.60	4.78	1,000,032	1	176	1,000,208	1,002,496

1/ Cash receipts divided by milk or milkfat in combined marketings.

2/ Valued at average returns per 100 pounds of milk in combined marketings of milk and cream.

3/ Cash receipts from marketings of milk and cream plus value of milk used for home consumption.

4/ Includes value of milk fed to calves.

HOP VARIETIES

Hops area strung for harvest in 2009 for Washington, Oregon, and Idaho is forecast at 40,125 acres, 2 percent less than the 2008 crop of 40,898 acres but 30 percent more than the 2007 crop of 30,911 acres. Washington, with 29,908 acres for harvest, accounts for 75 percent of the U.S. total acreage. Oregon hop growers plan to string 6,185 acres, or 15 percent of the U.S. total for 2009, with Idaho hop growers accounting for the remaining 10 percent, or 4,032 acres strung for harvest. Only Idaho increased their acreage from a year ago.

Hop growth was off to a slow start this season due to a cold, wet spring. Progress caught up to normal as warmer weather prevailed last month. Hops were halfway to the wire with the crop looking very good. Disease pressure was reported to be very low with water supplies at 100 percent.

Hops: Area Harvested by Variety, State, and United States, 2007-2008 and Forecasted June 1, 2009

State and Variety	Area Harvested		Strung For Harvest
	2007	2008	2009

	Acres		
ID			
Total 1/	2,896	3,933	4,032
OR			
Cascade	*	76	148
Golding	115	135	*
Millenium	294	343	344
Mt. Hood	178	186	158
Nugget	1,675	2,135	1,880
Sterling	95	95	101
Super Galena ^R	*	*	177
Willamette	2,396	2,593	2,592
Other Varieties	517	807	785
Total	5,270	6,370	6,185
WA			
Ahtanum	42	*	*
Apollo ^R	*	698	738
Bravo ^R	*	222	336
Cascade	1,303	2,073	2,322
Centennial	*	253	315
Chelan	505	739	624
Chinook	311	285	385
Cluster	366	420	448
Columbus/Tomahawk ^R	3,342	4,891	4,623
Galena	3,030	2,584	2,556
Glacier	21	56	65
Golding	52	38	46
Hallertauer	56	*	*
Millenium	728	716	580
Mt. Hood	43	29	49
Northern Brewer	*	*	87
Nugget	1,093	1,086	1,072
Simcoe	*	129	183
Summit ^R	632	*	*
Super Galena ^R	*	793	818
Vanguard	64	*	*
Willamette	4,462	4,664	2,910
YCR-4(Palisade ^R)	91	307	328
YCR-5(Warrior ^R)	339	394	257
Zeus	4,737	6,779	6,399
Other Varieties	1,528	3,439	4,767
Total	22,745	30,595	29,908
US	30,911	40,898	40,125

1/ Only State totals published for Idaho to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

* Included in Other Varieties to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

^R Registered

Livestock: Balance Sheet, Washington, 2007-2008

Livestock & Year	Beginning Inventory	Births	Inshipments	Marketings 1/		Farm Slaughter 2/	Deaths		Ending Inventory
	1,000 Head								
Cattle & Calves 3/		Calves		Cattle	Calves		Cattle	Calves	
2007 *	1,140	450	159	595	5	9	22	28	1,090
2008	1,090	430	170	551	6	9	22	22	1,080

Sheep & Lambs 3/		Lambs		Sheep	Lambs		Sheep	Lambs	
2007 *	51	54	8.5	3.0	50.5	3.5	2.5	2.0	52
2008 4/	52	53	5.0	3.0	44.5	4.0	3.5	2.0	53

Hogs & Pigs 5/		Pigs		Hogs/Pigs			Hogs/Pigs		
2007	36	42	2.6	48.5		1.5	1.6		29
2008	29	49	1.4	51.8		1.5	1.1		25

* 2007 Revised.

1/ Includes custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and State outshipments, but excludes interfarm sales within the State.

2/ Excludes custom slaughter for farmers at commercial establishments.

3/ Balance sheet estimates; the sum of inventory January 1, calf and lamb crop, and inshipments is equal to the sum of marketings, farm slaughter, deaths, and inventory January 1, following year.

4/ Includes new crop lambs.

5/ Balance sheet estimates; the sum of inventory December 1, 2007, pig crop, and inshipments is equal to the sum of marketings, farm slaughter, deaths, and inventory December 1, 2008.



Livestock: Production, Disposition, & Income, Washington, 2007-2008

Livestock & Year	Production 1/	Marketings 2/	Price Per Cwt.		Value of Production 3/	Cash Receipts 3/ 4/	Value of Home Consumption	Gross Income	
	1,000 Pounds		Dollars		1,000 Dollars				
Cattle & Calves 5/			Cattle	Calves					
2007 *	623,218	779,850	92.90	106.00	574,073	724,533	7,647	732,180	
2008	591,334	711,330	85.10	92.20	496,127	605,380	6,417	611,797	

Sheep & Lambs 5/			Sheep	Lambs					
2007 *	4,814	4,845	30.00	100.00	4,469	4,572	640	5,212	
2008	4,607	4,305	29.00	97.00	4,261	3,911	688	4,599	

Hogs & Pigs 6/			Hogs/Pigs						
2007	11,140	11,455	47.80		5,329	5,503	388	5,891	
2008	12,241	12,407	44.60		5,461	5,562	382	5,944	

* 2007 Revised.

1/ Adjustments made for changes in inventory and for inshipments.

2/ Excludes custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and interfarm sales within the State.

3/ Includes allowance for higher average price of State inshipments and outshipments of feeder pigs.

4/ Receipts from marketings and sale of farm slaughter.

5/ Inventory runs from January 1 current year to January 1 following year.

6/ Inventory runs from December 1 previous year to December 1 current year.

Chickens & Eggs: Production & Value, Washington, 1999-2008

Year	Chickens					Eggs		
	Number Lost 1/	Number Sold For Slaughter	Pounds Sold	Price Per Pound	Value of Sales	Eggs Produced	Price Per Dozen 2/	Value of Production
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Pounds	Cents	1,000 Dollars	Millions	Cents	1,000 Dollars
1999	643	3,094	10,520	1.0	105	1,312	54.0	59,031
2000	671	2,683	9,122	1.0	91	1,306	54.9	59,759
2001	716	2,723	9,531	0.1	10	1,339	56.0	62,501
2002	569	2,272	7,498	0.1	7	1,369	48.6	55,445
2003	696	2,285	8,226	0.1	8	1,307	64.6	70,323
2004	706	2,577	8,762	0.1	9	1,332	69.7	77,348
2005	555	2,380	8,092	0.1	8	1,343	40.0	44,791
2006	886	1,792	5,914	0.1	6	1,458	46.6	56,661
2007 3/	1,906	531	1,752	0.1	2	1,520	83.2	105,372
2008 4/	3,661	384	1,267	0.1	1	1,533	107.0	136,448

1/ Includes rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason except sold during the 12-month period.

2/ Includes hatching and market (table) eggs.

3/ Revised.

4/ December 1, previous year, through November 30. Excludes broilers.

WINTER WHEAT: HARVESTED ACREAGE, YIELD, & PRODUCTION

State & Area	Harvested Acres		Yield			Production	
	2008	Indicated 2009	2008	May 1, 2009	Jun 1, 2009	2008	Indicated 2009
	Thousand Acres		Bushels			Thousand Bushels	
Washington	1,720	1,700	56	60	60	96,320	102,000
Oregon	775	720	58	53	53	44,950	38,160
Idaho	800	700	75	82	83	60,000	58,100
Pacific NW 1/	3,295	3,120	61.1	63.3	63.5	201,270	198,260
U. S. Total	39,614	33,995	47.2	44.2	43.9	1,867,903	1,491,769

1/ Washington, Idaho, and Oregon.

Wheat: Production by Class, United States, 2007-2009 1/ 2/

Year	Winter					Spring					
	Hard Red	Soft Red	Hard White	Soft White	All White	Hard Red	Hard White	Soft White	All White	Durum	Total
	1,000 Bushels										
2007	955,555	352,026	21,454	170,206	191,660	450,070	5,585	23,968	29,553	72,224	2,051,088
2008	1,035,235	613,578	22,730	196,360	219,090	511,508	6,315	28,921	35,236	84,877	2,499,524
2009	867,596	415,433	21,064	187,676	208,740						

1/ Wheat class estimates are based on the latest available data including both survey and administrative data. The previous end-of-season class percentages are used throughout the forecast season for States that do not have survey or administrative data available.

2/ Spring production by class and total production will be published in "Crop Production" released July 10, 2009.

PRICES RECEIVED
AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR FARM PRODUCTS (DOLLARS/UNIT)

Commodity	Unit	Entire Month		Preliminary May 2009	Entire Month		Preliminary May 2009	U.S. Parity Price
		May 2008	Apr. 2009		May 2008	Apr. 2009		
		Washington			United States			
Wheat, All	Bu.	9.58	5.54	5.64	8.87	5.74	6.02	13.60
Wheat, Winter	Bu.	9.42	5.33	5.42	8.17	5.26	5.58	-
Wheat, Durum	Bu.	-	-	-	13.50	7.28	8.34	-
Wheat, Spring	Bu.	10.60	6.47	6.53	10.70	6.48	6.78	-
Barley, All	Bu.	4.87	2.67	2.76	4.52	4.76	5.23	9.15
Corn for grain	Bu.	-	-	-	5.27	3.85	4.08	8.37
Oats	Bu.	-	-	-	3.63	2.37	2.16	5.53
Lentils	Cwt.	-	-	-	30.20	31.30	29.50	-
Chickpeas, All	Cwt.	-	-	-	35.40	32.10	7/	-
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	-	-	-	35.60	31.70	30.00	65.40
Dry Edible Peas	Cwt.	-	-	-	16.70	11.40	11.10	-
Hops	Lbs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.66
Potatoes, All	Cwt.	8.95	8.15	8.15	9.16	9.81	9.88	19.20
Potatoes, Processing	Cwt.	6.70	7.05	-	6.71	7.61	-	-
All Hay (baled) 1/	Tons	178.00	167.00	160.00	168.00	129.00	131.00	-
Alfalfa (baled) 1/	Tons	180.00	160.00	150.00	180.00	133.00	138.00	-
Hay, Other (baled) 1/	Tons	170.00	200.00	190.00	135.00	117.00	113.00	-
Apples, Fresh 2/	Lbs.	0.363	0.199	0.180	0.362	0.208	0.185	0.774
Cattle, All Beef	Cwt.	-	-	-	91.30	83.50	82.80	239.00
Steers and Heifers	Cwt.	-	-	-	96.10	88.40	87.20	-
Calves	Cwt.	-	-	-	120.00	110.00	112.00	342.00
Milk Cows 3/	Head	-	-	-	-	1,390.00	-	-
Broilers, Live 4/	Lbs.	-	-	-	0.480	0.450	0.490	-
Eggs, Market 1/ 8/	Doz.	0.820	0.900	0.530	0.702	0.771	0.412	2.13
Milk, All 5/ 6/	Cwt.	17.10	11.30	11.10	18.30	11.90	11.70	44.80
Hogs, All	Cwt.	-	-	-	55.30	44.10	44.20	131.00
Sheep	Cwt.	-	-	-	25.40	35.00	-	104.00
Lambs	Cwt.	-	-	-	101.00	102.00	-	270.00

1/ Mid-month price.

2/ Equivalent packinghouse door return for apples for CA, MI, NY, and WA. Prices as sold for other states.

3/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices available for January, April, July, and October.

4/ Equivalent liveweight price.

5/ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

6/ May 2009 Fat test percent: all milk 3.61.

7/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

8/ Also referred to as table eggs.