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APRIL CROP WEATHER REVIEW



A very cool and generally wet April greeted ag producers throughout the State. Early April saw windy and wet conditions delaying the spraying of winter wheat. Several counties reported stubborn snow banks from winter storms were slow to melt, further delaying field operations.

One county noted the presence of winter wheat mosaic virus, but it did not appear to be widespread. Grain seeding progressed throughout the month but by the end of April Washington State was still 20% behind previous year's planting progress and grain development was delayed.

Fruit growers spent considerable time and money struggling to prevent frost damage. A significant cold snap occurred the week of April 17. By the end of the month, there were reports of extensive bud damage in some areas while other areas reported little to no frost. It will be several weeks before the full extent of April frost is known. Cattle producers were anxious to turn animals out on pasture but chilly range and pasture conditions slowed most down.

Chickens & Eggs: Production & Value, Washington, 1998-2007

| 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 |
| 1998 | 648 | 3,209 | 10,911 | 2.0 | 218 | 1,394 | 59.4 | 69,023 |
| 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 3/ | 886 | 1,792 | 5,914 | 0.1 | 6 | 1,458 | 47.0 | 56,661 |
| 2007 4/ | 1,906 | 531 | 1,752 | 0.1 | 2 | 1,520 | 83.2 | 105,372 |

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.

Livestock: Balance Sheet, Washington, 2006-2007

| 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 | |
| 2006 * | 1,100 | 455 | 153 | 510 | 4 | 9 | 20 | 25 | 1,140 |
| 2007 | 1,140 | 460 | 149 | 595 | 5 | 9 | 22 | 28 | 1,090 |
| Sheep & Lambs 3/ | | Lambs | | Sheep | Lambs | | Sheep | Lambs | |
| 2006 * | 50 | 53 | 6.0 | 3.0 | 49.2 | 1.8 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 51 |
| 2007 4/ | 51 | 52 | 8.0 | 5.0 | 50.0 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.0 | 49 |
| Hogs & Pigs 5/ | | Pigs | | Hogs/Pigs | | | Hogs/Pigs | | |
| 2006 * | 30 | 48 | 2.9 | 42.0 | | 1.5 | 1.4 | | 36 |
| 2007 | 36 | 42 | 2.6 | 48.5 | | 1.5 | 1.6 | | 29 |

* 2006 Revised.

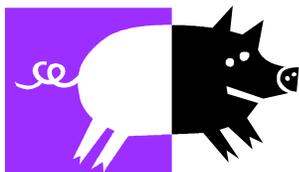
1/ Includes custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and state outshipments, but excludes interfarm sales within the state.

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, 2006, pig crop, and inshipments is equal to the sum of marketings, farm slaughter, deaths, and inventory December 1, following year.



Livestock: Production, Disposition, & Income, Washington, 2006-2007

| 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 | | | | |
| 2006 * | 616,515 | 673,480 | 96.40 | 116.00 | 587,525 | 649,290 | 7,930 | 657,220 |
| 2007 | 630,218 | 779,850 | 92.90 | 106.00 | 580,947 | 724,533 | 7,647 | 732,180 |
| Sheep & Lambs 5/ | | | Sheep | Lambs | | | | |
| 2006 * | 4,684 | 4,728 | 33.00 | 92.00 | 3,982 | 4,120 | 347 | 4,467 |
| 2007 | 4,519 | 5,060 | 30.00 | 100.00 | 4,207 | 4,605 | 486 | 5,091 |
| Hogs & Pigs 6/ | | | Hogs/Pigs | | | | | |
| 2006 * | 11,128 | 10,035 | 46.20 | | 5,123 | 4,659 | 323 | 4,982 |
| 2007 | 11,140 | 11,455 | 47.80 | | 5,329 | 5,503 | 388 | 5,891 |

* 2006 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.

Milk Production, Disposition, & Income, Washington Milk Cows & Production of Milk & Milkfat, 2003-2007

| 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 | |
| 2003 | 245 | 22,780 | 834 | 3.66 | 5,581 | 204.3 |
| 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 |

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, 2003-2007

| 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 | | | | |
| 2003 | 27 | 2 | 29 | 5,552 | 100 |
| 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 |

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, 2003-2007

| 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 | |
| 2003 | 5,552 | 12.10 | 3.31 | 671,792 | 2 | 242 | 672,034 | 675,301 |
| 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 |

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.

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

| Commodity | Unit | Entire Month | | Preliminary Apr. 2008 | Entire Month | | Preliminary Apr. 2008 | U.S. Parity Price |
|---------------------------|------|-------------------|-----------|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| | | Apr. 2007 | Mar. 2008 | | Apr. 2007 | Mar. 2008 | | |
| | | Washington | | | United States | | | |
| Wheat, All | Bu. | 5.46 | 10.90 | 9.92 | 4.89 | 10.60 | 10.10 | 12.90 |
| Wheat, Winter | Bu. | 5.43 | 10.50 | 9.70 | 4.87 | 10.00 | 9.26 | - |
| Wheat, Durum | Bu. | - | - | - | 5.46 | 15.40 | 12.60 | - |
| Wheat, Spring | Bu. | 5.54 | 13.00 | 10.80 | 4.87 | 11.00 | 10.90 | - |
| Barley, All | Bu. | 3.91 | 5.45 | 5.04 | 3.07 | 4.17 | 4.53 | 8.89 |
| Corn | Bu. | - | - | - | 3.39 | 4.70 | 5.13 | 8.15 |
| Oats | Bu. | - | - | - | 2.46 | 3.44 | 3.59 | 5.29 |
| Lentils | Cwt. | - | - | - | 13.20 | 29.50 | 29.50 | - |
| Chickpeas, All | Cwt. | - | - | - | 20.80 | 32.90 | 8/ | - |
| Dry Edible Beans | Cwt. | - | - | - | 24.50 | 32.40 | 34.10 | 65.50 |
| Dry Edible Peas | Cwt. | - | - | - | 9.52 | 17.40 | 15.90 | - |
| Potatoes, All 9/ | Cwt. | 7.10 | 7.90 | 7.65 | 8.71 | 8.37 | 8.75 | 20.00 |
| Potatoes, Processed | Cwt. | 6.40 | 6.50 | - | 6.56 | 6.15 | - | - |
| Hay, All (baled) 1/ | Ton | 131.00 | 163.00 | 162.00 | 124.00 | 139.00 | 152.00 | - |
| Alfalfa (baled) 1/ | Ton | 130.00 | 160.00 | 160.00 | 127.00 | 143.00 | 157.00 | - |
| Other Hay (baled) 1/ | Ton | 135.00 | 170.00 | 170.00 | 115.00 | 128.00 | 140.00 | - |
| Hops | Lb. | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6.36 |
| Apples, Fresh 2/ | Lb. | 0.288 | 0.348 | 0.334 | 0.281 | 0.344 | 0.335 | 0.773 |
| Cattle, All Beef | Cwt. | - | - | - | 93.70 | 87.70 | 85.10 | 247.00 |
| Steers & Heifers | Cwt. | - | - | - | 99.80 | 92.70 | 90.10 | - |
| Calves | Cwt. | - | - | - | 125.00 | 119.00 | 115.00 | 358.00 |
| Milk Cows 3/ | Head | 1,700.00 | - | 2,100.00 | 1,730.00 | - | 1,940.00 | - |
| Broilers, Live 4/ | Lb. | - | - | - | 0.460 | 0.460 | 0.450 | - |
| Eggs, Market 1/ 5/ | Doz. | 0.640 | 1.430 | 1.010 | 0.561 | 1.300 | 0.884 | 2.15 |
| Milk, All Wholesale 6/ 7/ | Cwt. | 16.40 | 16.70 | 17.40 | 16.60 | 18.10 | 18.00 | 47.10 |
| Hogs, All | Cwt. | - | - | - | 47.30 | 40.20 | 40.60 | 135.00 |
| Sheep | Cwt. | - | - | - | 34.20 | 28.30 | - | 113.00 |
| Lambs | Cwt. | - | - | - | 97.10 | 98.00 | - | 280.00 |

1/ Mid-month price.

2/ Equivalent packinghouse door returns for apples for CA, NY, and WA. Prices at point of first sale for other states.

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

4/ Equivalent liveweight returns to producers for most states. Includes growers and contractors.

5/ Also referred to as table eggs.

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

7/ April 2008 fat test percent: all milk, 3.68.

8/ Insufficient sales to establish a price.

9/ Average price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stocks, processing, seed, and livestock feed.

