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APRIL CROP WEATHER REVIEW

Wet conditions dominated the month of April, but temperatures were not excessively cold. Winter wheat conditions varied throughout the grain growing counties. In general, from Whitman County north, winter kill was well above average. In Walla Walla County, the crop sprouted in the fall, received adequate snow coverage throughout the winter months and emerged healthy. Parts of Adams and Lincoln Counties saw either large tracts reseeded to spring wheat or fallowed. At the end of April, grain seeding was behind but moving along rapidly. Dry peas, beans and corn were also delayed but moving ahead quickly. Some cold nights through out the month required fruit producers to resort to wind machines, propane burners, and other frost control measures. No devastating frosts occurred and the stone fruits and apple crops appeared to be in good shape at the close of the month. There were no cold snaps or bad weather associated with spring calving during April. Pasture growth was slowed by cool temperatures in early April but was moving along quickly with the warmer days. By the end of the month, cattle were being turned out and growth was one to several inches in length in several counties.



HAY STOCKS

Crop Year	Washington	Oregon	Idaho	Pacific NW	United States
1,000 Tons					
2006:					
Production	3,113	3,256	5,720	12,089	142,336
Stocks: Dec. 1, 2006	1,339	1,840	2,575	5,754	96,400
May 1, 2007	240	180	320	740	14,990
2007:					
Production	3,338	2,941	5,435	11,714	146,901
Stocks: Dec. 1, 2007	1,335	1,700	2,400	5,435	104,089
May 1, 2008	200	150	300	650	21,585
2008:					
Production	2,614	2,591	5,588	10,793	145,672
Stocks: Dec. 1, 2008	1,182	1,561	2,012	4,755	103,658
May 1, 2009	350	270	450	1,070	22,065

WINTER WHEAT

Winter Wheat: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, 2008 & Forecasted May 1, 2009

State	Planted	Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres		Bushel/Acre		1,000 Bushels	
Washington	1,800	1,720	1,700	56.0	60.0	96,320	102,000
Idaho	740	800	700	75.0	82.0	60,000	57,400
Oregon	740	775	720	58.0	53.0	44,950	38,160
Pacific NW	3,280	3,295	3,120	61.1	63.3	201,270	197,560
U.S. Total	42,889	39,614	33,995	47.2	44.2	1,867,903	1,502,074

Wheat: Production by Class, United States, 2007-2008 & Forecasted May 1, 2009 1/

Year	Winter					Spring					Total
	Hard Red	Soft Red	Hard White	Soft White	All White	Hard Red	Hard White	Soft White	All White	Durum	
	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	871,394	422,313	20,764	187,603	208,367						

1/ Wheat class estimates are based on the latest available date including both survey and administrative data. The previous end-of-year season class percentages are used throughout the forecast season, except for States where updated information is available.

Milk Cows & Production, April 2008 and April & May 2009

Item	Month/Year *	Idaho	Oregon	Washington	23 State Total 1/
Milk Cows 2/ (1,000 Head)	Apr. 2008	543	113	244	8,482
	Mar. 2009	550	114	239	8,481
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Milk Per Cow 3/ (Pounds)	Apr. 2008	1,850	1,680	1,950	1,757
	Mar. 2009	1,840	1,710	1,950	1,794
	Apr. 2009	1,800	1,700	1,925	1,758
Milk Production 3/ (Million Pounds)	Apr. 2008	1,005	190	476	14,901
	Mar. 2009	1,012	195	466	15,211
	Apr. 2009	990	194	460	14,906

1/ Twenty-three states include: AZ, CA, CO, FL, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, MI, MN, MO, NM, NY, OH, OR, PA, TX, VT, VA, WA, & WI.

2/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

3/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

* March 2009 revised.

POTATO STOCKS

Processors in Washington and Oregon (excluding Malheur County) used 49.8 million cwt. of raw potatoes to March 1, 2009, 3.7 million cwt. less than the 50.2 million cwt. processed during the same period last year, and 1.4 million cwt. less than the 50.0 million cwt. processed during the same time two years ago. Processing to March 1, 2009 in Washington and Oregon (excluding Malheur County) accounted for 44.6 percent of the 2008 production. Dehydrating usage in the nine processing states, excluding starch and flour, accounted for 21.5 million cwt. of raw potatoes.

Fall Potato Production & Stocks on May 1, 2008-2009 1/

State	2007 Crop			2008 Crop		
	Production	Total Stocks May 1, 2008 2/	May 1 Stocks As % of Prod.	Production	Total Stocks May 1, 2009 2/	May 1 Stocks As % of Prod.
	1,000 Cwt.		Percent	1,000 Cwt.		Percent
California	3,792	460	12	3,939	500	13
Colorado	20,981	4,500	21	21,338	5,300	25
Idaho	130,010	35,000	27	114,805	30,000	26
Maine	16,668	4,300	26	14,769	3,700	25
Michigan	14,700	800	5	14,875	700	5
Minnesota	21,560	4,300	20	20,400	4,400	22
Montana	3,696			3,465		
Nebraska 3/	8,217	1,000	12	8,342	1,100	13
New York	5,216			5,696		
N. Dakota	23,660	4,200	18	22,680	3,500	15
Oregon	20,293	6,400	32	18,676	5,300	28
Washington	100,800	19,000	19	93,000	16,500	18
Wisconsin	28,160	3,100	11	25,730	3,600	14
Other States		900			800	
13 STATES TOTAL 3/	397,753	83,960	21	367,715	75,400	21
Klamath Falls 4/		570			750	

1/ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2008 totaled 24.5 million cwt.

2/ Missing stocks combined into "Other States".

3/ April 1, 2009 stocks revised.

4/ Includes potato stocks in CA and Klamath Co., OR. Included in the 13 State total.

Potatoes Used for Processing, Nine States, 2007 & 2008 Crops 1/

State	Storage Season	To Dec. 1	To Jan. 1	To Feb. 1	To Mar. 1	To Apr. 1	To May 1	To Jun 1	Total
		1,000 Cwt.							
Idaho & Malheur Co., Ore.	2007-08	26,230	33,250	40,310	48,660	55,460	63,000	70,700	88,030
	2008-09	22,360	28,980	35,430	42,150	49,030	55,570		
Maine 2/	2007-08	1,700	2,170	2,815	3,440	3,990	4,670	5,240	7,550
	2008-09	1,635	2,240	2,890	3,505	4,000	4,795		
Wash. & Other Area, Ore.	2007-08	30,595	36,940	42,350	50,165	57,160	67,690	72,380	82,770
	2008-09	32,570	37,750	42,490	49,795	56,350	62,620		
Other States 3/ 4/	2007-08	15,040	17,535	20,755	23,900	26,650	29,710	32,600	39,430
	2008-09	12,535	15,190	18,250	21,150	24,140	25,900		
TOTAL NINE STATES 4/	2007-08	73,565	89,895	106,230	126,165	143,260	165,070	180,920	217,780
	2008-09	69,100	84,160	99,060	116,600	133,520	148,885		
Dehydrated 5/	2007-08	12,815	16,785	21,040	25,350	29,500	33,650	37,975	46,660
	2008-09	10,745	14,570	18,405	21,535	24,945	28,255		

1/ Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the State in which the potatoes were produced.

2/ Includes Maine grown potatoes only. Amounts exclude quantities used for potato chips.

3/ CO, MN, NV, ND, and WI. Monthly amounts exclude quantities used for potato chips in WI.

4/ February 1, 2009 revised.

5/ Dehydrated products except starch and flour. Included in above totals. Includes CO, ID, NV, OR, WA, and WI.

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

Commodity	Unit	Entire Month		Preliminary Apr. 2009	Entire Month		Preliminary Apr. 2009	U.S. Parity Price
		Apr. 2008	Mar. 2009		Apr. 2008	Mar. 2009		
		Washington			United States			
Wheat, All	Bu.	10.50	5.38	5.35	10.10	5.70	5.69	13.70
Wheat, Winter	Bu.	10.20	5.14	5.15	9.62	5.26	5.16	-
Wheat, Durum	Bu.	-	-	-	14.30	7.63	7.87	-
Wheat, Spring	Bu.	11.60	6.42	6.13	10.50	6.50	6.27	-
Barley, All	Bu.	5.43	2.73	2.70	4.56	4.88	4.78	9.23
Corn for grain	Bu.	-	-	-	5.14	3.86	3.87	8.45
Oats	Bu.	-	-	-	3.47	2.77	2.16	5.58
Lentils	Cwt.	-	-	-	33.70	30.80	31.30	-
Chickpeas, All	Cwt.	-	-	-	31.20	28.40	8/	-
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	-	-	-	34.30	32.50	29.50	66.00
Dry Edible Peas	Cwt.	-	-	-	17.70	11.90	12.20	-
Potatoes, All 9/	Cwt.	7.65	8.35	8.35	8.45	9.27	10.42	19.40
Potatoes, Processed	Cwt.	6.15	6.90	-	6.50	7.02	-	-
Hay, All (baled) 1/	Ton	161.00	185.00	167.00	147.00	129.00	129.00	-
Alfalfa (baled) 1/	Ton	160.00	180.00	160.00	161.00	137.00	133.00	-
Other Hay (baled) 1/	Ton	170.00	200.00	200.00	120.00	109.00	117.00	-
Hops	Lb.	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.72
Apples, Fresh 2/	Lb.	0.340	0.212	0.199	0.338	0.221	0.208	0.781
Cattle, All Beef	Cwt.	-	-	-	86.80	79.00	82.80	241.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	-	-	-	91.80	84.00	87.70	-
Calves	Cwt.	-	-	-	116.00	107.00	109.00	345.00
Milk Cows 3/	Head	2,100.00	-	1,300.00	1,940.00	-	1,390.00	-
Broilers, Live 4/	Lb.	-	-	-	0.460	0.450	0.450	-
Eggs, Market 1/ 5/	Doz.	1.010	0.763	0.900	0.884	0.643	0.771	2.15
Milk, All Wholesale 6/ 7/	Cwt.	17.50	10.90	11.40	18.00	11.80	12.00	45.20
Hogs, All	Cwt.	-	-	-	44.40	43.80	43.40	132.00
Sheep	Cwt.	-	-	-	28.40	33.10	-	105.00
Lambs	Cwt.	-	-	-	99.40	100.00	-	272.00

1/ Mid-month price.

2/ Equivalent packinghouse door returns for apples for CA, NY, MI, 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 price.

5/ Also referred to as table eggs.

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

7/ April 2009 fat test percent: all milk, 3.66.

8/ Insufficient sales to establish a price.

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