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OCTOBER REVIEW



October began with wheat producers continuing to seed winter wheat. Conditions were dry at the beginning of the month as many operators dusted in their crop. Much needed rain did come in the middle of the month. However, by the end of the month a dry pattern had again returned to the eastern portion of the state. Grant and Walla Walla Counties reported good fourth and fifth cuttings of hay. At the end of the month, Christmas tree growers were grading and graveling harvest roads and preparing holiday Noble fir boughs. Cool nights in the Yakima Valley slowed but did not stop vegetable production until a good freeze occurred late in October. Red Delicious, Fuji, Golden Delicious, Granny Smith, Braeburn and Pink

Lady apples were just a few of the varieties harvested this year. In early October, Skagit County reported all area seed crops had been harvested. Yields were hampered by harvest rains. The end of the month found Clark County reporting brisk pumpkin sales, and Whatcom County was pruning and tying raspberries. Range and pasture conditions began the month in fair condition and ended with an improved situation. Cattle were mostly off the range, brought down due to lack of rain. Supplemental feeding was reported in some areas of the state during the month. Livestock producers were aggressive in culling herds to minimize the need to purchase expensive hay for the coming winter months.

FIELD CROP SUMMARY OF NOVEMBER 1, 2007

Crop	Washington Summary					Pacific NW 1/		United States			
	Harvested		Unit	Yield		Production		Production			
	2006	Ind. 2007		2006	Ind. 2007	2006	Ind. 2007	2006	Ind. 2007		
	Thousand Acres				Thousand		Thousand		Thousand		
All Wheat 6/	2,225	2,137	Bu.	62.9	60.2	140,050	128,722	273,470	257,937	1,758,561	1,995,036
Winter Wheat	1,800	1,690	Bu.	66.0	64.0	118,800	108,160	212,160	200,415	1,298,081	1,515,989
Spring Wheat	425	447	Bu.	50.0	46.0	21,250	20,562	61,310	57,522	460,480	479,047
Barley	190	225	Bu.	63.0	60.0	11,970	13,500	57,246	59,991	180,165	211,825
Oats	8	9	Bu.	86.0	61.0	688	549	4,028	3,815	93,638	91,599
Corn for Grain	75	125	Bu.	210.0	210.0	15,750	26,250	32,020	7/	10,534,868	13,167,741
Hops	21.53	22.75	Lbs.	2,058	2,080	44,312.9	47,317.9	57,671.8	60,570.7	57,671.8	60,570.7
Sugarbeets	2.0	2.0	Tons	37.0	42.0	74	84	6,396	5,875	34,064	31,560
All Hay	770	780	Tons	4.04	4.21	3,113	3,286	12,089	11,590	141,666	147,964
Alfalfa Hay	440	430	Tons	4.90	5.20	2,156	2,236	9,122	9,116	71,666	72,347
Other Hay	330	350	Tons	2.90	3.00	957	1,050	2,967	2,474	70,000	75,617
Dry Edible Beans 4/ 5/	60.5	59.5	Cwt.	16.0	17.0	968	1,012	3,064	2,690	24,247	25,264
Dry Edible Peas 3/	66	66	Cwt.	18.0	19.5	1,188	1,287	1,818	1,785	13,203	15,625
Lentils 2/	76	67	Cwt.	10.0	12.0	760	804	-	-	3,244	3,490
Potatoes, Fall	155	165	Cwt.	580.0	620.0	89,900	102,300	237,348	253,728	398,921	408,325

1/ Includes, Oregon, Idaho, and Washington.

2/ Pacific Northwest totals not available.

3/ Excludes both wrinkled seed peas and Austrian winter peas.

4/ Excludes beans grown for garden seed. Yield and production forecast on a cleaned basis.

5/ Estimates for the Pacific Northwest current year carried forward from earlier forecast.

6/ Excludes durum.

7/ Available January 11, 2008.

PRICES

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

Commodity	Unit	Entire Month		Mid-Month	Entire Month		Mid-Month	U.S. Parity Price
		Oct. 2006	Sep. 2007	Oct. 2007	Oct. 2006	Sep. 2007	Oct. 2007	
				Washington				
Wheat, All	Bu.	4.65	7.28	9.30	4.59	6.75	8.02	11.00
Winter Wheat	Bu.	4.62	7.30	9.31	4.63	6.89	7.98	-
Wheat, Durum	Bu.	-	-	-	4.55	8.95	13.50	-
Other Spring Wheat	Bu.	4.77	7.18	9.25	4.48	6.30	7.62	-
Barley	Bu.	3.20	5.29	6.32	2.76	4.04	5.18	7.67
Corn	Bu.	-	-	-	2.55	3.29	3.29	8.14
Oats	Bu.	-	-	-	1.77	2.47	2.35	4.56
Lentils	Cwt.	-	-	-	12.00	19.10	23.30	-
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	-	-	-	19.70	24.50	26.80	57.60
Dry Edible Peas	Cwt.	-	-	-	6.02	9.71	11.40	-
Chickpeas, All	Cwt.	-	-	-	21.30	30.90	30.30	-
Potatoes, All	Cwt.	5.05	5.30	5.05	5.76	5.98	5.66	17.30
Potatoes, Processing	Cwt.	4.90	4.90	-	5.10	5.37	-	-
Hay, All (baled) 1/	Tons	131.00	141.00	146.00	109.00	132.00	133.00	-
Alfalfa (baled) 1/	Tons	130.00	140.00	145.00	113.00	135.00	137.00	-
Other Hay (baled) 1/	Tons	135.00	145.00	150.00	101.00	124.00	122.00	-
Hops	Lbs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.30
Apples, Fresh 2/	Lbs.	0.345	0.377	0.360	0.362	0.379	0.361	0.638
Cattle, All Beef	Cwt.	-	-	-	88.20	92.90	90.80	215.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	-	-	-	93.70	98.10	96.70	-
Calves	Cwt.	-	-	-	128.00	127.00	125.00	309.00
Milk Cows 3/	Head	1,700.00	-	2,100.00	1,650.00	-	2,020.00	-
Broilers, Live 4/	Lbs.	-	-	-	0.400	0.480	0.430	-
Eggs, Market 1/	Doz.	0.450	1.03	0.910	0.365	0.960	0.803	1.86
Milk, All Wholesale 5/ 6/	Cwt.	13.20	22.30	21.90	13.60	21.70	21.20	40.70
Hogs, All	Cwt.	-	-	-	46.50	46.60	42.60	124.00
Sheep	Cwt.	-	-	-	31.40	26.20	-	104.00
Lambs	Cwt.	-	-	-	98.50	99.10	-	252.00

1/ All prices are mid-month estimates.

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

3/ Dairy cows sold for dairy herd replacement. Prices estimated quarterly.

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

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

6/ October 2007 Fat test percent: all milk, 3.72.

