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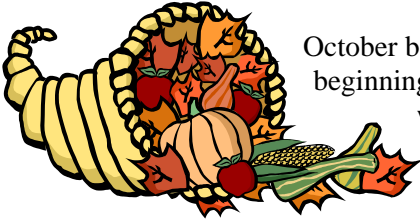


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OCTOBER REVIEW



October began with wheat producers continuing to seed winter wheat. Conditions were dry at the beginning of the month as fall seeding of winter wheat began at a brisk pace. The soil profile was very dry and producers were concerned that there might not be adequate moisture for germination and growth. The most recent data indicates that 98 percent of the crop has been planted but crop emergence remains problematic. Some counties reported that some newly sprouted wheat has actually died. The overall apple harvest was good. At last report, growers were picking the last of the Fujis and the later Pink Ladies were just becoming ripe. In Pacific County, cranberry growers were completing post-harvest activities. The spinach seed harvest in western Washington was reported to be outstanding. Cattle activities were varied. Some counties were moving cattle to winter pastures while others were still grazing animals in recently harvested grain fields. Some supplemental feeding had begun. Shellfish growers were busy with early harvest operations for both oysters and clams, and were looking forward to strong market conditions through the holiday season.

FIELD CROP SUMMARY OF NOVEMBER 1, 2008

Crop	Washington Summary						Pacific NW 1/		United States		
	Harvested		Unit	Yield		Production		Production		Production	
	2007	Ind. 2008		2007	Ind. 2008	2007	Ind. 2008	2007	Ind. 2008	2007	Ind. 2008
	1,000 Acres				1,000		1,000		1,000		
All Wheat 6/	2,137	2,225	Bu.	60.2	52.8	128,722	117,530	259,182	268,300	2,066,722	2,499,524
Winter Wheat	1,690	1,720	Bu.	64.0	56.0	108,160	96,320	200,415	201,270	1,515,989	1,867,903
Spring Wheat	447	505	Bu.	46.0	42.0	20,562	21,210	57,522	66,300	479,047	546,744
Barley	225	185	Bu.	60.0	57.0	13,500	10,545	59,991	62,675	211,825	239,498
Oats	9	5	Bu.	61.0	80.0	549	400	3,815	3,580	91,599	88,635
Corn for Grain	120	75	Bu.	210	210	25,200	15,750	7/	7/	13,073,893	12,019,894
Hops	22.75	29.40	Lbs.	2,049	2,020	46,605.4	59,390.0	60,253.1	76,234.4	60,253.1	76,234.4
Sugarbeets	2.0	1.6	Tons	42.0	41.9	84	67	6,180	3,888	31,912	28,179
All Hay	790	710	Tons	4.1	4.6	3,241	3,300	11,851	11,587	150,304	150,500
Alfalfa Hay	440	380	Tons	5.4	4.5	2,156	2,376	8,816	8,488	72,575	71,424
Other Hay	350	330	Tons	3.1	2.8	1,085	924	3,035	3,099	77,729	79,076
Dry Edible Beans 4/ 5/	60.0	50.0	Cwt.	17.0	17.0	1,020	850	2,768	2,476	25,371	25,268
Dry Edible Peas 3/	66	70	Cwt.	19.8	16.0	1,307	1,120	1,814	1,767	15,903	12,120
Lentils 2/	67	55	Cwt.	12.0	11.0	804	605	-	-	3,408	2,393
Potatoes, Fall	165	155	Cwt.	620.0	605.0	102,300	93,775	252,548	226,967	446,807	410,545

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 12, 2009.

PRICES

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

Commodity	Unit	Entire Month		Preliminary Oct. 2008	Entire Month		Preliminary Oct. 2008	U.S. Parity Price
		Oct. 2007	Sep. 2008		Oct. 2007	Sep. 2008		
Washington				United States				
Wheat, All	Bu.	8.42	7.30	5.59	7.65	7.43	5.79	13.30
Winter Wheat	Bu.	8.38	7.08	5.40	7.55	6.99	5.29	-
Wheat, Durum	Bu.	-	-	-	11.70	11.80	9.82	-
Other Spring Wheat	Bu.	8.63	8.26	6.35	6.99	7.77	6.60	-
Barley	Bu.	6.15	4.86	3.20	4.53	5.74	4.97	9.20
Corn for Grain	Bu.	-	-	-	3.29	5.02	3.99	8.43
Oats	Bu.	-	-	-	2.45	3.29	2.71	5.48
Lentils	Cwt.	-	-	-	24.50	36.30	34.10	-
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	-	-	-	25.90	36.80	33.80	67.80
Dry Edible Peas	Cwt.	-	-	-	12.10	15.50	14.00	-
Chickpeas, All	Cwt.	-	-	-	25.20	37.90	36.60	-
Potatoes, All	Cwt.	5.35	8.30	6.80	5.68	8.79	7.86	20.70
Potatoes, Processing	Cwt.	5.20	5.15	-	5.29	5.71	-	-
Hay, All (baled) 1/	Tons	147.00	238.00	237.00	128.00	161.00	157.00	-
Alfalfa (baled) 1/	Tons	145.00	240.00	240.00	136.00	176.00	172.00	-
Other Hay (baled) 1/	Tons	150.00	230.00	230.00	113.00	122.00	122.00	-
Hops	Lbs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.58
Apples, Fresh 2/	Lbs.	0.395	0.564	0.446	0.379	0.536	0.442	0.800
Cattle, All Beef	Cwt.	-	-	-	90.90	94.40	88.60	255.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	-	-	-	96.60	99.30	93.80	-
Calves	Cwt.	-	-	-	123.00	113.00	108.00	370.00
Milk Cows 3/	Head	2,100.00	-	2,000.00	2,020.00	-	1,920.00	-
Broilers, Live 4/	Lbs.	-	-	-	0.400	0.450	0.450	-
Eggs, Market 1/	Doz.	0.910	0.980	0.970	0.805	0.856	0.889	2.23
Milk, All Wholesale 5/ 6/	Cwt.	21.90	17.60	16.00	21.40	18.20	17.60	48.80
Hogs, All	Cwt.	-	-	-	42.40	52.70	50.70	140.00
Sheep	Cwt.	-	-	-	25.50	23.80	-	117.00
Lambs	Cwt.	-	-	-	97.00	99.60	-	290.00

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/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement. Prices published January, April, July, and October.

4/ Equivalent liveweight price.

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

6/ October 2008 Fat test percent: all milk, 3.73.

