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AUGUST REVIEW



In general, the late spring pushed nearly all harvest activities back ten days to two weeks. The month began with grain harvest quickly accelerating. Most counties reported yields of average to slightly below average. Buckwheat was planted on newly harvested grain fields where irrigation was available. Rains at the end of August put a halt to the grain harvest and caused concern for head sprout damage. Third crop of hay was cut, baled and hauled. Fourth crop of hay was being laid down. The pear harvest was good. Yields and quality were reported to be good to excellent. The cabbage seed crop was cut in a timely matter, but rains hindered the drying and harvest. Cannery pea harvest was completed on the west side. The blueberry and raspberry crop quality was very good. Peach and nectarine harvest was ongoing. In apple orchards, mowing and propping of tree branches was ongoing. The potato harvest was underway with Skagit County reporting some seed potatoes had already been harvested. Sweet corn harvest continued.

PRICES

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

Commodity	Unit	Entire Month		Preliminary Aug. 2008	Entire Month		Preliminary Aug. 2008	U.S. Parity Price
		Aug. 2007	July 2008		Aug. 2007	July 2008		
				Washington		United States		
Wheat, All	Bu.	5.68	8.19	8.30	5.64	7.16	8.02	13.80
Wheat, Winter	Bu.	5.66	8.07	8.21	5.66	7.10	7.70	-
Wheat, Durum	Bu.	-	-	-	7.00	11.80	12.30	-
Wheat, Spring	Bu.	5.76	8.84	8.82	5.53	9.60	8.62	-
Barley, All	Bu.	4.11	4.84	5.00	3.55	5.11	5.00	9.53
Corn for Grain	Bu.	-	-	-	3.26	5.24	4.90	8.73
Lentils	Cwt.	-	-	-	15.50	33.60	32.60	-
Chickpeas, All	Cwt.	-	-	-	29.50	34.80	6/	-
Oats	Bu.	-	-	-	2.24	3.46	3.17	5.67
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	-	-	-	25.70	36.50	39.60	70.20
Dry Edible Peas	Cwt.	-	-	-	8.91	15.90	15.20	-
Potatoes, All	Cwt.	5.75	11.40	9.85	6.85	12.33	11.32	21.40
Potatoes, Processing	Cwt.	5.10	6.90	-	5.51	6.55	-	-
Hay, All (baled) 1/	Tons	140.00	233.00	237.00	124.00	164.00	165.00	-
Alfalfa (baled) 1/	Tons	140.00	230.00	240.00	135.00	177.00	180.00	-
Hay, Other (baled) 1/	Tons	140.00	240.00	230.00	105.00	130.00	126.00	-
Hops	Lbs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.81
Apples, Fresh 2/	Lbs.	0.298	0.446	0.530	0.344	0.446	0.534	0.829
Cattle, All Beef	Cwt.	-	-	-	91.40	95.10	96.10	264.00
Steers and Heifers	Cwt.	-	-	-	95.70	99.60	100.00	-
Calves	Cwt.	-	-	-	127.00	115.00	114.00	383.00
Milk Cows 3/	Head	-	2,100.00	-	-	1,990.00	-	-
Broilers, Live 4/	Lb.	-	-	-	0.460	0.500	0.470	-
Eggs, Market 1/ 7/	Doz.	0.816	0.670	0.890	0.722	0.668	0.815	2.31
Milk, All Wholesale 5/	Cwt.	22.10	19.10	18.30	21.60	19.40	18.50	50.50
Hogs, All	Cwt.	-	-	-	51.30	54.20	59.70	145.00
Sheep	Cwt.	-	-	-	28.30	26.90	-	121.00
Lambs	Cwt.	-	-	-	97.90	103.00	-	301.00

1/ All prices are mid-month estimates. 2/ Equivalent packinghouse door returns for apples for CA, MI, NY, and WA and prices as sold for other states. 3/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices estimated quarterly (January, April, July, & October). 4/ Equivalent liveweight price. 5/ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies. August 2008 Fat test percent: All milk 3.56. 6/ Insufficient sales to establish a price. 7/ Also referred to as table eggs.

Asparagus for Fresh Market & Processing: Area Harvested, Yield, Production, & Value

State	Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production		Value			
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	Per Cwt.		Total	
							2007	2008	2007	2008
	Acres		Cwt.		1,000 Cwt.		Dollars		1,000 Dollars	
California	20,000	14,500	29	29	580	421	121.00	103.00	70,180	43,363
Michigan	11,200	11,200	21	23	235	258	65.60	71.80	15,417	18,516
Washington	7,000	6,500	43	42	301	273	59.10	65.40	17,802	17,859
United States	38,200	32,200	29	30	1,116	952	92.70	83.80	103,399	79,738



Sweet Corn for Processing, Area Harvested, Yield, & Production

State	Harvested Acres			Yield Per Acre		Production		
	2006 Total	2007 Total	2008 Contract 1/	2007 Total	Ind. 2008 Contract 1/	2007		2008 Contract 1/
						Total	Contract 1/	
	Acres			Tons		Tons		
Delaware 2/	4,600							
Maryland	6,300	6,300	6,400	8.40	6.50	52,920	52,920	41,600
Minnesota	131,600	120,500	121,800	6.60	6.90	794,850	794,850	840,420
New York 2/	17,200							
Oregon	26,000	21,900	20,500	9.69	9.90	212,240	212,240	202,950
Washington	79,200	82,500	82,200	10.36	10.20	854,310	854,310	838,440
Wisconsin	82,800	83,000	91,300	6.97	7.10	578,720	578,720	648,230
Other States 3/	37,000	53,400	57,300	7.57	7.27	404,390	404,390	416,320
United States	384,700	367,600	379,500	7.88	7.87	2,897,430	2,897,430	2,987,960

1/ Includes acreage from major brokers. 2/ Estimates not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

3/ 2006 - ID, IL, IA, NJ, TN and VA. 2007 & 2008 - DE, ID, IL, IA, NJ, NY, PA, TN and VA.

POTATOES: ACREAGE, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION

Seasonal Group & State	Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	1,000 Acres		Cwt.		1,000 Cwt.	
Winter Total 1/	11.5	11.0	215	240	2,473	2,640
Spring Total 1/	70.2	67.7	282	289	19,820	19,573
Summer Total	51.2	46.2	332	324	16,997	14,946
Fall: 2/ 3/						
California	7.9	9.0	480	-	3,792	-
Colorado	59.1	56.7	355	-	20,981	-
Idaho:	349.0	299.0	373	-	130,010	-
10 SW Co.	21.0	15.0	490	-	10,290	-
Other Co.	328.0	284.0	365	-	119,720	-
North Dakota	91.0	79.0	260	-	23,660	-
Oregon:	36.5	35.5	554	-	20,238	-
Malheur	3.5	3.0	455	-	1,593	-
Other Co.	33.0	32.5	565	-	18,645	-
Washington	165.0	155.0	620	-	102,300	-
Wisconsin	64.0	63.0	440	-	28,160	-
Fall Total	996.8	916.2	409	-	407,517	-
U.S. Total	1,129.7	1,041.1	396	-	446,807	-

1/ Estimates for current year carried forward from earlier forecast.

2/ 2007 revised.

3/ The forecast of fall potato production will be published in the "Crop Production: on November 10, 2008.