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FARM LABOR HIRED WORKERS, WAGE RATES, PACIFIC REGION & UNITED STATES 1/2/

Month/ Year	Number of Workers 3/			Hours Worked 3/								
	Pacific	California	United States	Pacific	California	United States						
	1,000 Workers			Hours Per Week								
Jan 2006	52	125	614	35.8	41.6	38.2						
Apr	65	137	720	37.5	43.0	40.8						
Jul	92	191	876	41.3	46.4	41.0						
Oct	85	186	800	41.9	45.7	41.9						
Jan 2007 4/												
Apr	63	176	736	38.5	45.6	40.7						
Jul	92	188	843	39.7	46.9	41.4						
Oct	75	188	817	40.7	45.5	42.2						
Jan 2008	42	132	594	35.7	40.7	38.4						
Apr	68	156	700	44.0	43.7	40.8						
Jul	110	160	828	40.6	45.5	40.5						
Oct	90	173	801	45.5	45.8	41.3						
	WAGE RATES 3/											
Month/ Year	Field			Livestock			Field & Livestock			All		
	Pacific	Calif.	U.S.	Pacific	Calif.	U.S.	Pacific	Calif.	U.S.	Pacific	Calif.	U.S.
	Dollars Per Hour											
Jan '06	9.36	8.99	9.11	10.47	10.50	9.26	9.48	9.20	9.17	10.25	10.30	10.10
Apr	9.24	8.93	8.95	10.13	10.80	9.31	9.45	9.21	9.06	10.10	10.18	9.78
Jul	9.50	8.92	8.93	11.06	10.24	9.49	9.59	9.09	9.07	10.15	9.89	9.72
Oct	10.25	9.14	9.26	11.00	10.41	9.42	10.31	9.32	9.30	10.85	10.11	9.96
Jan '07 4/												
Apr	9.39	9.62	9.35	9.70	10.90	9.59	9.45	9.82	9.42	10.24	10.71	10.20
Jul	9.64	9.60	9.24	10.65	10.60	9.73	9.71	9.72	9.37	10.41	10.32	9.99
Oct	10.48	9.70	9.62	11.07	11.00	10.02	10.55	9.89	9.73	11.30	10.74	10.38
Jan '08	9.94	10.20	9.67	11.68	10.70	10.18	10.14	10.32	9.88	11.25	11.56	10.81
Apr	9.14	10.00	9.65	11.34	11.00	10.24	9.41	10.16	9.84	10.00	11.05	10.57
Jul	9.85	9.85	9.66	10.22	11.00	9.98	9.87	10.00	9.74	10.35	10.74	10.34
Oct	10.94	9.95	10.05	10.54	11.95	10.19	10.90	10.21	10.08	11.37	10.95	10.70

1/ Pacific Region includes Washington and Oregon.

2/ United States excludes Alaska.

3/ All hired farm workers and wage rates includes supervisor/manager and other workers which are not published separately.

4/ The January 2007 Farm Labor Survey was not conducted

The farm labor reference week is the week that included the 12th of the month.

CATTLE ON FEED, 1,000 + HEAD CAPACITY FEEDLOTS

ITEM	IDAHO	WASHINGTON	U.S. TOTAL
	1,000 Head		
Cattle on Feed, Oct. 1 1/	195	157	10,415
Placed on Feed During Oct.	55	38	2,438
Fed Cattle Marketed During Oct.	39	31	1,814
Other Disappearances during Oct. 2/	1	1	67
Cattle on Feed, Nov. 1 1/	210	163	10,972

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

2/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

LAYER AND EGG PRODUCTION

Washington's egg production totaled 137 million during October 2008, 11 million more than the 126 million produced in 2007. All layers in Washington during October 2008 totaled 5.9 million, up 5.3 percent from a year ago. Six and a half percent of the layers in Washington were being molted as of November 1, while 28.0 percent of all the layers had completed at least one molting in their lifetime. United States egg production totaled 7.61 billion during October 2008, down 1 percent from the 7.73 billion produced in 2007. All layers in the United States during October 2008 totaled 334.6 million layers, down 2 percent from a year ago.

LAYER AND EGG PRODUCTION OCTOBER 2007-2008, SELECTED STATES

State & Year 1/		All Layers 2/ Thousand	Eggs Per 100 Layers 2/ Number	Egg Production Million	November 1 3/	
					Being Molted	Molt Complete
				Percent		
California	2007	18,853	2,207	416	4.0	32.0
	2008	19,446	2,232	434	2.0	35.5
Oregon	2007	2,601	2,461	64	3.5	34.0
	2008	2,368	2,618	62	2.5	35.5
Washington	2007	5,557	2,267	126	8.0	40.5
	2008	5,852	2,341	137	6.5	28.0
United States	2007	342,637	2,255	7,726	2.6	24.0
	2008	334,560	2,276	7,613	2.3	22.9

1/ 2008 preliminary, 2007 revised.

2/ Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table eggs and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.

3/ As of the first of the month.



COLD STORAGE

Total fresh apples in storage for the United States on October 31, 2008, totaled 6.43 billion pounds, (153.1 million boxes). The quantity in storage was up 6 percent from last year's level. Frozen French fries in storage for the three Pacific Coast States and eight Mountain States on October 31, 2008, totaled 581.9 million pounds, and accounted for 61 percent of the nation's French fries in storage.

Apples (Regular & Controlled Atmosphere) Stocks in Cold Storage, October 31

State	October 31					
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
1,000 Pounds						
Washington	3,700,000	4,700,000	4,400,000	4,400,000	4,500,000	4,750,000
New York	506,100	352,590	279,846	362,376	560,406	558,222
Michigan	438,345	336,351	351,515	383,675	322,867	312,665
Pennsylvania	291,284	280,000	259,434	256,326	234,318	233,058
Other States	571,866	621,713	530,856	547,650	432,641	574,730
United States	5,507,595	6,290,654	5,821,651	5,950,027	6,050,232	6,428,675



SELECTED STOCKS IN COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Oct. 31, 2007	Sep. 30, 2008	Oct. 31, 2008
1,000 Pounds			
Apples, Fresh			
Regular Storage	1,411,482	1,263,957	1,667,238
Controlled Atmosphere	4,638,750	1,930,533	4,761,437
U.S. Total	6,050,232	3,194,490	6,428,675
Potatoes, French Fries			
Mountain 1/	203,064	184,384	189,668
Pacific 2/	426,037	397,912	392,274
U.S. Total	914,312	925,985	957,305
Potatoes, Total			
Mountain 1/	275,811	277,674	280,599
Pacific 2/	490,050	465,208	448,991
U.S. Total	1,133,758	1,180,803	1,201,021

1/ Mountain states include: AZ, CO, ID, MT, NV, NM, UT, & WY.

2/ Pacific states include: CA, OR, & WA.

MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in Washington State during October 2008 totaled 473 million pounds, 6 million pounds more than in October 2007. September production, at 466 million pounds, was 9 million pounds lower than September 2007. Production per cow averaged 1,930 pounds for October, which was the same as in 2007. The number of cows on farms in Washington was 245,000 head, 3,000 head more than October 2007.

Milk Cows & Production, October 2007 and September & October 2008

Item	Month/Year	Idaho	Oregon	Washington	23 State Total 1/
Milk Cows 2/ (1,000 Head)	Oct. 2007	522	114	242	8,355
	Sep. 2008 *	554	114	245	8,459
	Oct. 2008	554	114	245	8,460
Milk Per Cow 3/ (Pounds)	Oct. 2007	1,880	1,545	1,930	1,697
	Sep. 2008 *	1,870	1,605	1,900	1,651
	Oct. 2008	1,880	1,615	1,930	1,700
Milk Production 3/ (Million Pounds)	Oct. 2007	981	176	467	14,176
	Sep. 2008 *	1,036	183	466	13,963
	Oct. 2008	1,042	184	473	14,382

1/ 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.

* Revised.

