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DECEMBER 1 WHEAT STOCKS LOWER IN WASHINGTON, LOWER IN THE UNITED STATES

OLYMPIA, Wash., January 11, 2008--The total quantities of wheat stored in all positions, as of December 1, 2007 decreased from the previous year. Dennis Koong, Deputy Director for the USDA/NASS, Washington Field Office, announced the results of a survey stating, "The quantity of wheat stored in Washington totaled 70.4 million bushels, a decrease of 34 percent from December 1, 2006, and the lowest level since 1973."

Wheat stored on-farms in Washington on December 1, 2007 totaled 7.5 million bushels, down 7.0 million bushels from December 1, 2006. Wheat stored off-farms totaled 62.9 million bushels, a decrease of 31 percent from last year.

The quantity of wheat stored in the Pacific Northwest (Washington, Oregon and Idaho) on December 1, 2007 totaled 128.9 million bushels, down 29 percent from December 1, 2006. On-farm stocks totaled 26.5 million bushels, compared with 44.5 million bushels a year ago and off-farm stocks totaled 102.4 million bushels, a decrease of 25 percent from last year.

The quantity of wheat stored in all positions in the Nation on December 1, 2007 totaled 1.1 billion bushels, down 14 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks, at 289.5 million bushels, were 28 percent below 2006. Holdings off-farm were 838.4 million bushels, down 8 percent from a year ago.

Barley stored on-farm in Washington on December 1, 2007 totaled 900,000 bushels, down 400,000 bushels from 2006 and the lowest level since 1952. The quantity of barley stored in all positions in the Pacific Northwest totaled 37.8 million bushels, down 29 percent from 2006. The U.S. total barley stocks decreased from 172.8 million bushels in 2006 to 135.1 million bushels in 2007.

Lentils stored in all positions in the United States on December 1, 2007 totaled 2.1 million cwt, down from 2.8 million cwt in 2006. **Dry Edible Peas** stored in all positions in the Nation on December 1, 2007 totaled 8.5 million cwt, up from 6.3 million cwt in 2006. **Chickpeas (Garbanzo Beans)** stored in all positions in the Nation on December 1, 2007 totaled 1.1 million cwt, up 30 percent from a year ago.

GRAIN STOCKS: DECEMBER 1, 2006; SEPTEMBER 1, 2007; & DECEMBER 1, 2007

Crop/ Quarter	Washington			Pacific Northwest 1/			United States		
	On-Farm	Off-Farm 2/	Total	On-Farm	Off-Farm 2/	Total	On-Farm	Off-Farm 2/	Total
	1,000 Bushels								
Wheat									
Dec. 1, 2006	14,500	91,328	105,828	44,500	136,087	180,587	403,250	911,408	1,314,658
Sep. 1, 2007 3/	15,000	101,302	116,302	46,000	162,888	208,888	495,000	1,221,927	1,716,927
Dec. 1, 2007	7,500	62,873	70,373	26,500	102,418	128,918	289,540	838,371	1,127,911
Barley									
Dec. 1, 2006	1,300	5,644	6,944	21,450	31,905	53,355	83,650	89,171	172,821
Sep. 1, 2007 3/	2,000	9,051	11,051	22,500	33,863	56,363	105,600	83,095	188,695
Dec. 1, 2007	900	5,741	6,641	13,600	24,247	37,847	62,050	73,028	135,078
Oats									
Dec. 1, 2006	*	178	*	*	625	*	53,000	45,889	98,889
Sep. 1, 2007 3/	*	98	*	*	811	*	53,650	34,710	88,360
Dec. 1, 2007	*	101	*	*	617	*	43,100	51,370	94,470
Corn									
Dec. 1, 2006	*	5,740	*	*	10,443	*	5,627,000	3,305,707	8,932,707
Sep. 1, 2007 3/	*	3,758	*	*	5,142	*	460,100	843,547	1,303,647
Dec. 1, 2007	*	11,921	*	*	16,601	*	6,530,000	3,738,599	10,268,599

1/ Includes Washington, Oregon, and Idaho.

2/ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors.

3/ Revised.

* "Off farms unallocated" includes State data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations; "on farms unallocated" includes minor producing States' data not published separately.

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