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## WASHINGTON'S WHEAT STOCKS LOWEST SINCE 1974

OLYMPIA, Wash., April 1, 2008--The quantity of **wheat** stored in all positions in Washington on March 1, 2008 was lower than the quantity being stored on March 1 a year earlier. Dave Knopf, State Director for the USDA, NASS, Washington Field Office stated that "Wheat stocks in Washington totaled 45.7 million bushels, a decrease of 24 percent from March 1, 2007. This is the lowest March 1 wheat stocks since 1974."

**Wheat** stored on farms in Washington on March 1, 2008, totaled 2.3 million bushels, down 2.7 million bushels from March 1, 2007. Off-farm wheat stocks totaled 43.4 million bushels, down 21 percent from a year ago.

The quantity of wheat stored in the **Pacific Northwest** (Washington, Oregon, and Idaho), on March 1, 2008 totaled 79.4 million bushels, 22 percent lower than last year. On-farm stocks, at 7.8 million bushels, were down 8.7 million bushels from last year. Holdings off-farm were 71.6 million bushels, 16 percent below a year ago. The quantity of wheat stored in the United States totaled 709.6 million bushels, down 17 percent from a year ago.

Washington on-farm **barley** stocks, on March 1, 2008, totaled 630 thousand bushels, up 280 thousand from a year ago. The quantity of barley stored in the state's off-farm storages was 3.9 million bushels, an increase of 22 percent from the quantity in storage on March 1, 2007. Pacific Northwest barley stocks in all positions totaled 27.9 million bushels on March 1, 2008, a decrease of 23 percent from the quantity in storage on March 1, 2007. Nationally, barley stocks in all positions totaled 104.8 million bushels, down 10 percent from last year.



**GRAIN STOCKS: MARCH 1, 2007, DECEMBER 1, 2007 3/, & MARCH 1, 2008**

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
	<b>1,000 Bushels</b>								
Wheat									
Mar. 1, 2007	5,000	55,004	60,004	16,500	85,751	102,251	192,450	664,278	856,728
Dec. 1, 2007	7,500	62,873	70,373	26,500	102,418	128,918	289,540	842,398	1,131,938
Mar. 1, 2008	2,300	43,370	45,670	7,800	71,635	79,435	91,990	617,650	709,640
Barley									
Mar. 1, 2007	350	3,211	3,561	10,600	25,679	36,279	38,310	78,756	117,066
Dec. 1, 2007	900	5,741	6,641	13,600	24,247	37,847	62,050	73,728	135,778
Mar. 1, 2008	630	3,932	4,562	5,890	22,043	27,933	28,270	76,540	104,810
Oats									
Mar. 1, 2007	*	142	*	*	580	*	33,900	37,158	71,058
Dec. 1, 2007	*	101	*	*	617	*	43,100	51,331	94,431
Mar. 1, 2008	*	71	*	*	492	*	31,000	48,038	79,038
Corn									
Mar. 1, 2007	*	7,764	*	*	12,356	*	3,330,000	2,738,250	6,068,250
Dec. 1, 2007	*	11,921	*	*	16,601	*	6,530,000	3,748,085	10,278,085
Mar. 1, 2008	*	9,430	*	*	12,037	*	3,780,000	3,078,895	6,858,895

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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