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WASHINGTON'S WHEAT STOCKS DOWN FROM 2006

OLYMPIA, Wash., September 28, 2007--The quantity of wheat stored in all positions in Washington on September 1, 2007 decreased from a year earlier. Chris Messer, Director for the USDA/NASS, Washington Field Office, announced the results of a survey stating, "The quantity of wheat stored in Washington totaled 116.3 million bushels, a 19 percent decrease from September 1, 2006, to the lowest level since 1973. The quantity of barley in Washington storages totaled 11.1 million bushels, down 3 percent from the same date in 2006."

Wheat stored on farms in Washington on September 1, 2007 totaled 15.0 million bushels, down 6.0 million bushels from the quantity stored on farms on September 1, 2006. Wheat stored off farms totaled 101.3 million bushels compared with 122.9 million bushels on the same date a year ago.

The quantity of wheat stored in the Pacific Northwest (Washington, Oregon and Idaho) on September 1, 2007 totaled 208.9 million bushels, 19 percent below September 1, 2006. On-farm stocks totaled 46.0 million bushels, down 30 percent from a year ago and off-farm stocks totaled 162.9 million bushels, a decrease of 15 percent from last year.

The quantity of wheat stored in all positions in the United States on September 1, 2007 totaled 1.72 billion bushels, down 2 percent from last year. On-farm stocks, at 495.0 million bushels, were down 13 percent from last September. Holdings off-farm were 1.22 billion bushels, up 4 percent from September 2006.

September 1, 2007 on-farm barley stocks in Washington totaled 2.0 million bushels, unchanged from the quantity in storage on the same date a year ago. The quantity of barley stored in the state in off-farm storages was 9.1 million bushels, a decrease of 4 percent from the quantity in storage on September 1, 2006. Pacific Northwest barley stocks in all positions totaled 56.4 million bushels on September 1, 2007, a decrease of 15 percent from the quantity in storage on September 1, 2006. Nationally, barley stocks in all positions were estimated at 188.7 million bushels, down 11 percent from last year.



GRAIN STOCKS: SEPTEMBER 1, 2006, JUNE 1, 2007, & SEPTEMBER 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									
Sep. 1, 2006	21,000	122,874	143,874	66,000	191,509	257,509	572,020	1,178,524	1,750,544
Jun. 1, 2007 3/	750	25,234	25,984	2,700	42,100	44,800	73,190	382,963	456,153
Sep. 1, 2007	15,000	101,302	116,302	46,000	162,888	208,888	495,000	1,221,731	1,716,731
Barley									
Sep. 1, 2006	2,000	9,443	11,443	27,900	38,372	66,272	112,850	99,939	212,789
Jun. 1, 2007 3/	125	1,570	1,695	3,150	17,197	20,347	14,580	54,300	68,880
Sep. 1, 2007	2,000	9,051	11,051	22,500	33,863	56,363	105,600	83,090	188,690
Corn									
Sep. 1, 2006	*	3,006	*	*	6,596	*	749,500	1,217,661	1,967,161
Jun. 1, 2007 3/	*	4,737	*	*	8,056	*	1,826,600	1,706,843	3,533,443
Sep. 1, 2007	*	3,758	*	*	5,142	*	460,100	843,660	1,303,760
Oats									
Sep. 1, 2006	*	263	*	*	825	*	60,800	39,284	100,084
Jun. 1, 2007 3/	*	53	*	*	280	*	18,400	32,198	50,598
Sep. 1, 2007	*	98	*	*	811	*	53,650	34,672	88,322

1/ Includes Washington, Oregon, and Idaho.

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

3/ Revised.

* Data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.



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