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## Washington's May 1, 2012 Hay Stocks Down 34 percent from 2011



The quantity of hay stored on Washington farms (sold or unsold) on May 1, 2012 totaled 230,000 tons, compared with 350,000 tons in 2011 and 280,000 tons in 2010. This calculates to 6.8 percent of the 2011 total hay production, compared to 10.2 percent of the 2010 crop, and 8.5 percent of the 2009 crop stored on May 1.

Idaho reported 700,000 tons of hay stored on May 1, 2012, up 150 percent from 2011 and 10 percent below two years ago. Oregon's hay stocks stood at 275,000 tons compared with 280,000 tons last year and 420,000 tons in 2010.

The combined Pacific Northwest stocks totaled 1.21 million tons on May 1, 2012, up 32 percent from last year. Nationally, all hay stored on farms totaled 21.4 million tons, down 3.8 percent from the previous year. Compared with last year, hay stocks decreased across much of the Nation's midsection. In many cases, these decreases were attributed to a decrease in total hay production in 2011. Stocks on hand were up throughout much of the western half of the United States and along the Atlantic Coast. A wet spring and mild winter in many areas along the Atlantic Coast increased production and helped winter pastures. Overall, the largest percentage declines occurred in Texas, Oklahoma, and Colorado due to drought conditions.

## HAY STOCKS

Crop Year	Washington	Oregon	Idaho	Pacific NW	United States
<b>1,000 Tons</b>					
2009:					
Production	3,297	3,249	5,528	12,074	147,700
Stocks: Dec. 1, 2009	1,418	2,200	2,750	6,368	107,222
May 1, 2010	280	420	775	1,475	20,913
2010:					
Production	3,420	3,108	5,460	11,988	145,624
Stocks: Dec. 1, 2010	1,607	2,100	2,300	6,007	102,134
May 1, 2011	350	280	280	910	22,217
2011:					
Production	3,376	3,312	5,070	11,758	131,144
Stocks: Dec. 1, 2011	1,460	2,200	2,000	5,660	90,726
May 1, 2012	230	275	700	1,205	21,381

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