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Washington's Winter Wheat and Spring Wheat for Harvest Up From Last Year Washington's Field Corn Planted Acreage Down

OLYMPIA, Wash., June 30, 2008—The results of a State and National survey conducted in early June 2008 showed that Washington growers expect to harvest 1.77 million acres of winter wheat in 2008, 80,000 more acres harvested than last year. Planted acres of field corn are down 25,000 acres from 2007 to 170,000 acres. Harvested acres for alfalfa hay, barley, oats, other hay, dry bean and field corn are expected to be below last year. David Knopf, Director of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, Washington Field Office states, "Winter wheat acres for harvest in 2008 is expected to be up 80,000 acres from 2007 and spring wheat harvested acres increased 168,000 acres from last year."

All hay harvested is expected to reach 710,000 acres, 80,000 acres below last year's crop. Alfalfa cut for hay is forecast at 380,000 acres, 60,000 acres below 2007 while other hay acreage for harvest is estimated at 330,000 acres, down 20,000 acres.

Oats, dry beans, and sugarbeet acreage for harvest was also collected in the survey. Dry bean planted and harvested acres dropped to 50,000 acres. Growers expect to harvest 5,000 acres of oats for grain from 25,000 planted acres for all purposes.

Pacific Northwest (Washington, Oregon, and Idaho) showed all wheat acres for 2008 harvest up 503,000 acres to 4.67 million acres. Growers planted 288,000 more spring wheat acres than last year. Barley acreage for harvest in the three states decreased 68,000 acres to 760,000 acres.

Nationally, the all wheat harvested area is estimated at 56.6 million acres, up 11 percent from 2007. The 2008 winter wheat harvested area, at 40.3 million acres, is 12 percent above last year and up 1 percent from the previous estimate. Area planted to other spring wheat for 2008 is estimated at 13.8 million acres harvested, up 6 percent from 2007.

The next estimate for field crops will be published July 10, 2008.

JUNE ACREAGE SUMMARY, 2007-2008

CROP	WASHINGTON				ACREAGE FOR HARVEST			
	Planted		Harvested		Pacific NW 1/		United States	
	2007	2008	2007	2008 5/	2007	2008 5/	2007	2008 5/
	1,000 Acres							
All Wheat	2,170	2,420	2,137	2,385	4,167	4,670	51,011	56,586
Winter Wheat	1,720	1,800	1,690	1,770	3,135	3,350	35,952	40,252
Spring Wheat	450	620	447	615	1,017	1,305	12,947	13,751
Barley	235	205	225	195	828	760	3,508	3,640
Oats 2/	30	25	9	5	51	40	1,505	1,443
Corn 3/	195	170	120	80	260	215	86,542	78,940
Alfalfa	-	-	440	380	2,040	1,930	21,670	20,778
Hay, Other	-	-	350	330	1,250	1,250	39,955	39,661
Dry Edible Beans 4/	60.0	50.0	60.0	50.0	156.9	128.7	1,478.7	1,339.2
Sugarbeets	2.0	1.6	2.0	1.6	180.0	124.5	1,246.8	1,027.3

1/ Includes Oregon, Idaho, and Washington.

2/ Includes area planted in preceding fall.

3/ Planted acreage includes planted for all purposes; harvested acres for grain only.

4/ Excludes beans grown for garden seed.

5/ Forecasted.

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