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U.S. Lentil Planted Acreage Down 29 Percent from 2006 Washington's Dry Pea and Lentil Yields Increased over 2006



OLYMPIA, Wash., November 9, 2007--**Dry Edible Peas:** Nationally, planted area of dry edible peas is estimated at 842,500 acres, down 9 percent from 2006. Area for harvest, at 809,300 acres, is 8.5 percent below a year ago. Production is estimated at 15.6 million cwt, up 18 percent from the previous year. Washington producers planted dry edible peas on 67,000 acres, equal to the previous year's planting. Planted acres in North Dakota are at 515,000 acres, down about 16 percent from 2006. Montana dry edible pea growers planted 230,000 acres, up 9.5 percent from a year ago. Washington's yield was 1,950 lbs. per acre, 150 lbs. above 2006. Production, at 1.3 million cwt, is 8 percent above the previous year due to the increase in yield from 2006. Washington planting began in early April and was slightly ahead

of the previous year due to dry conditions during May. Early June brought needed rain showers, while dry peas were in bloom and harvest progressed normally ending in early September.

Lentils: Planted area of lentils in the U.S. is estimated at 303,000 acres, down 29 percent from 2006. Harvested area is estimated at 296,000 acres, down 27 percent from last year. Production increased 7.5 percent to 3.5 million cwt. Planted acreage in North Dakota is 110,000 acres, down 31 percent from 2006. Montana growers planted 87,000 acres this year, 39 percent less than last year. Washington growers planted 68,000 acres compared with 77,000 in 2006. Although, planted and harvested acreage was down from the previous year, production increased 5.7 percent to 804,000 cwt. The increased production was due to a 200 lb per acre increase in yield over 2006, to 1,200 lbs per acre. Washington ranks third behind North Dakota and Montana. Planting progressed at a normal pace and was slightly ahead of the previous year. Early June brought much-needed showers to lentil growing areas. Harvest progressed at a normal pace ending in September.

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Dry Edible Peas: Area Planted and Harvested, Yield and Production, by States, and U.S., 2006-2007

State	2006				2007			
	Planted	Harvested	Yield Per Harvested Acre	Production	Planted	Harvested	Yield Per Harvested Acre	Production
	1,000 Acres		Pounds	1,000 Cwt.	1,000 Acres		Pounds	1,000 Cwt.
Idaho	30.0	29.0	1,600	464	25.0	24.0	1,700	408
Montana	210.0	191.0	1,080	2,063	230.0	215.0	1,600	3,440
N. Dakota	610.0	590.0	1,580	9,322	515.0	500.0	2,080	10,400
Oregon	8.5	8.1	2,050	166	5.5	4.3	2,100	90
Washington	67.0	66.0	1,800	1,188	67.0	66.0	1,950	1,287
United States	925.5	884.1	1,493	13,203	842.5	809.3	1,931	15,625

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State	2006				2007			
	Planted	Harvested	Yield Per Harvested Acre	Production	Planted	Harvested	Yield Per Harvested Acre	Production
	1,000 Acres		Pounds	1,000 Cwt.	1,000 Acres		Pounds	1,000 Cwt.
Idaho	50.0	49.0	950	466	38.0	37.0	1,150	426
Montana	142.0	134.0	600	804	87.0	86.0	1,100	946
N. Dakota	160.0	148.0	820	1,214	110.0	106.0	1,240	1,314
Washington	77.0	76.0	1,000	760	68.0	67.0	1,200	804
United States	429.0	407.0	797	3,244	303.0	296.0	1,179	3,490

Dry Edible Peas: Acreage, Yield, Production, Price, & Value, Washington, 1997-2007

Crop Year	Planted	Harvested	Yield Per Harvested Acre	Production	Marketing Year Average Price	Value of Production	Value Per Harvested Acre
	Acres		Pounds	Cwt.	\$ Per Cwt.	1,000 Dollars	Dollars
1997	126,000	126,000	2,080	2,621,000	7.80	20,444	162
1998	108,000	108,000	2,170	2,344,000	7.80	18,283	169
1999	110,000	110,000	2,020	2,222,000	5.80	12,888	117
2000	65,000	65,000	2,100	1,365,000	6.00	8,190	126
2001	62,000	62,000	2,000	1,240,000	6.40	7,936	128
2002	76,000	76,000	2,000	1,520,000	8.85	13,452	177
2003	83,000	82,000	1,500	1,230,000	8.80	10,824	132
2004	88,000	87,000	2,400	2,088,000	2/ 6.80	14,198	163
2005	80,000	78,000	1,700	1,326,000	5.54	7,346	94
2006	67,000	66,000	1,800	1,188,000	6.64	7,888	120
2007	67,000	66,000	1,950	1,287,000	1/	1/	1/

1/ Preliminary price available February 14, 2008. 2/ Revised September 28, 2007.

Lentils: Acreage, Yield, Production, Price, & Value, Washington, 1997-2007

Year	Planted	Harvested	Yield Per Harvested Acre	Production	Marketing Year Average Price	Value of Production	Value Per Harvested Acre
	Acres		Pounds	Cwt.	\$ Per Cwt.	1,000 Dollars	Dollars
1997	83,000	82,000	1,360	1,115,000	13.00	14,495	177
1998	62,000	62,000	1,350	837,000	11.80	9,877	159
1999	75,000	75,000	1,300	975,000	12.30	11,993	160
2000	85,000	85,000	1,500	1,275,000	9.80	12,495	147
2001	80,000	80,000	1,600	1,280,000	9.40	12,032	150
2002	80,000	80,000	1,400	1,120,000	15.20	17,024	213
2003	93,000	91,000	1,000	910,000	18.20	16,562	182
2004	95,000	93,000	1,200	1,116,000	2/ 14.90	16,628	179
2005	85,000	84,000	900	756,000	11.70	8,845	105
2006	77,000	76,000	1,000	760,000	15.70	11,932	157
2007	68,000	67,000	1,200	804,000	1/	1/	1/

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