

2000 CROP PRODUCTION

The 2000 crop season was one marked by both record yields and drier than normal weather conditions. From mid-May through August, below normal precipitation levels were reported in South-Central and Eastern areas, stressing irrigation water supplies. Rainfall was above normal in Northern areas until mid-summer. Overall, crops remained in good condition through harvest, as record yields were set this season for potatoes, sugarbeets, winter wheat, and corn for grain.

Winter conditions during the month of January brought heavy snow to the mountains and rain to the valleys. A major wind storm during mid-February damaged irrigation systems in Eastern Idaho. During the month of March, fruit trees were approaching bloom in Northern and Southwestern areas and producers were preparing ground for spring planting.

In early April, high winds damaged some winter wheat stands in Eastern areas. Spring planting progressed rapidly ahead of last year and the five year average in most areas throughout the month. Rain showers during late April interrupted fieldwork for many producers across the state and topsoil moisture was reported to be mostly adequate.

Intermittent rain showers and warm temperatures in early May allowed for crop planting and emergence to progress rapidly. Some replanting of sugarbeets was necessary in Mindoka and Power Counties due to strong winds. Warm temperatures returned the last two weeks accelerating crop growth. Planting of potatoes, small grains, corn, and lentils were near completion by the end of the month.

Lack of rainfall and high sustained winds stressed emerging crops in various Eastern areas throughout the month of June. In mid-June, the harvest of cherries began in the Treasure Valley. Crops remained in good condition throughout most of the state despite the lingering warm, dry weather. By month's end, the 1st cutting of alfalfa hay was over three-quarters complete, well ahead of normal.

July brought drier than normal weather conditions to the Gem state. Early harvest of winter wheat had begun in

Southwestern and Eastern areas by mid-month. In late July, fires started by lightning strikes damaged summer and fall range in Southern and Eastern Idaho, forcing producers to move livestock earlier than normal from some grazing areas. In Northern Idaho, dry conditions accelerated grain maturity.

In August, the harvest of small grains progressed well ahead of the five year average, as did lentils, dry beans, sweet corn, and mint. With below normal precipitation levels, wildfires continued to burn intensely throughout the state damaging more grazing areas. Many producers took advantage of emergency grazing on Conservation Reserve Program ground, while others began supplemental feeding. By month's end, the lowest topsoil moisture levels since 1994 were reported.

The first two weeks of September brought much needed moisture, slowing the harvest of grains and hay in Northern and Eastern areas. Fire danger was reduced considerably across the state by the timely rain. The harvest of spring wheat and barley was completed by mid-September and fruit harvest in the Treasure Valley progressed rapidly ahead of last year and the five year average. By the end of the month, the harvest of sugarbeets was well underway in South-Central and Eastern areas, while nearly a quarter of the state's potato crop was harvested.

Despite precipitation in October, range and pasture remained in poor condition from the long dry summer. In Eastern Idaho, the harvest of potatoes and sugarbeets was slowed and in some areas halted by mid-month rains. Harvest activities across most of the state came to a close with both potato and apple harvest wrapping up by month's end. Some sugarbeet acreage remained unharvested through December in Minidoka, Canyon and Owyhee Counties due to unfavorable weather conditions. The harvest of corn for grain continued through the month of December.

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Crop	Year	Acres		Yield Per Acre	Unit	Production	Price Per Unit ^{1/}	Value of Production ^{1/}
		Planted	Harvested					
		<i>Thousands</i>			<i>Bu.</i>	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
WHEAT, ALL	1998	1,350	1,280	80.0	"	102,410	2.38	241,741
	1999	1,420	1,350	77.4	"	104,520	2.59	269,152
	2000	1,370	1,300	83.4	"	108,450	2.75	292,658
WHEAT, WINTER	1998	820	770	82	"	63,140	2.28	143,959
	1999	760	710	76	"	53,960	2.43	131,123
	2000	780	730	90	"	65,700	2.60	170,820
WHEAT, WINTER WHITE	1998	--	--	--	"	54,930	--	--
	1999	--	--	--	"	45,330	--	--
	2000	--	--	--	"	55,190	--	--
WHEAT, SPRING (EXCLUDING DURUM)	1998	530	510	77	"	39,270	2.49	97,782
	1999	660	640	79	"	50,560	2.73	138,029
	2000	590	570	75	"	42,750	2.85	121,838
WHEAT, SPRING WHITE (EXCLUDING DURUM)	1998	--	--	--	"	19,630	--	--
	1999	--	--	--	"	28,820	--	--
	2000	--	--	--	"	22,230	--	--
BARLEY	1998	780	760	78	"	59,280	2.40	142,272
	1999	710	690	78	"	53,820	2.60	139,932
	2000	750	730	76	"	55,480	2.70	149,796
OATS	1998	80	30	75	"	2,250	1.30	2,925
	1999	80	25	68	"	1,700	1.05	1,785
	2000	80	15	70	"	1,050	1.20	1,260
CORN, ALL	1998	145	142	--	"	--	--	--
	1999	165	161	--	"	--	--	--
	2000	195	192	--	"	--	--	--
CORN, GRAIN	1998	--	52	150	"	7,800	2.55	19,890
	1999	--	55	155	"	8,525	2.34	19,949
	2000	--	57	160	"	9,120	2.55	23,256
CORN, SILAGE	1998	--	90	25.5	<i>Ton</i>	2,295	--	--
	1999	--	106	24.5	"	2,597	--	--
	2000	--	135	25.0	"	3,375	--	--
HAY, ALL	1998	--	1,430	3.88	"	5,549	83.00	452,316
	1999	--	1,430	3.59	"	5,132	83.00	417,788
	2000	--	1,390	3.81	"	5,292	90.50	472,290
HAY, ALFALFA	1998	--	1,130	4.30	"	4,859	84.00	408,156
	1999	--	1,150	4.00	"	4,600	84.00	386,400
	2000	--	1,130	4.20	"	4,746	91.00	431,886
HAY, OTHER	1998	--	300	2.30	"	690	64.00	44,160
	1999	--	280	1.90	"	532	59.00	31,388
	2000	--	260	2.10	"	546	74.00	40,404
SUGARBEETS	1998	204	203	27.1	"	5,501	39.90	219,490
	1999	211	210	24.3	"	5,103	42.30	215,857
	2000	212	195	29.2	"	5,694	2/	2/
DRY EDIBLE BEANS (COMMERCIAL)	1998	105	103	20.5	<i>Cwt.</i>	2,112	17.20	36,326
	1999	105	103	20.5	"	2,112	15.30	32,314
	2000	90	88	19.5	"	1,716	17.50	30,030
POTATOES, ALL	1998	410	408	338	"	138,000	4.55	627,900
	1999	395	393	339	"	133,330	4.95	659,984
	2000	415	413	369	"	152,320	3.80	578,816
POTATOES 10 S.W. COUNTIES	1998	28	28	450	"	12,600	--	--
	1999	26	26	470	"	12,220	--	--
	2000	28	28	490	"	13,720	--	--
POTATOES OTHER COUNTIES	1998	382	380	330	"	125,400	--	--
	1999	369	367	330	"	121,110	--	--
	2000	387	385	360	"	138,600	--	--
LENTILS	1998	58	56	11.50	"	644	11.80	7,599
	1999	61	60	14.00	"	840	11.20	9,408
	2000	65	64	14.50	"	928	10.50	9,744

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		Planted	Harvested					
		<i>Thousands</i>				<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
AUSTRIAN WINTER PEAS	1998	8.0	7.0	14.00	<i>Cwt.</i>	98	12.00	1,176
	1999	5.0	4.0	14.00	"	56	7.40	414
	2000	4.0	3.7	18.10	"	67	7.00	469
DRY EDIBLE PEAS	1998	69	67	17.00	"	1,139	7.80	8,884
	1999	54	53	19.00	"	1,007	6.40	6,445
	2000	25	24	19.00	"	456	5.20	2,371
WRINKLED SEED PEAS	1998	--	--	--	"	248	14.40	3,571
	1999	--	--	--	"	340	16.00	5,440
	2000	--	--	--	"	331	14.50	4,800
ONIONS ^{3/}	1998	8.2	8.0	580	"	4,640	13.00	52,390
	1999	8.1	7.9	700	"	5,530	5.40	22,842
	2000	7.6	7.4	650	"	4,810	10.80	42,228
HOPS	1998	--	3.9	1,159	<i>Lb.</i>	4,529	1.55	7,021
	1999	--	3.4	1,408	"	4,734	1.61	7,622
	2000	--	3.3	1,484	"	4,930	1.78	8,775
MINT, PEPPERMINT	1998	--	21.0	95	"	1,995	10.30	20,549
	1999	--	18.0	83	"	1,494	8.50	12,699
	2000	--	15.0	95	"	1,425	9.00	12,825
MINT, SPEARMINT	1998	--	2.0	103	"	206	11.60	2,390
	1999	--	1.8	95	"	171	8.90	1,522
	2000	--	1.0	130	"	130	7.40	962
APPLES ^{4/} (COMMERCIAL CROP)	1998	--	--	--	"	115,000	0.085	9,793
	1999	--	--	--	"	70,000	0.171	11,960
	2000	--	--	--	"	150,000	0.125	18,725
PEACHES ^{4/}	1998	--	--	--	"	8,700	0.436	3,791
	1999	--	--	--	"	7,900	0.472	3,726
	2000	--	--	--	"	13,000	0.387	5,034
PRUNES & PLUMS ^{4/}	1998	--	--	--	<i>Ton</i>	4.3	553.00	2,377
	1999	--	--	--	"	1.8	287.00	508
	2000	--	--	--	"	3.4	397.00	1,330
CHERRIES, SWEET ^{4/}	1998	--	--	--	"	2.1	1,070.00	2,207
	1999	--	--	--	"	1.7	1,630.00	2,720
	2000	--	--	--	"	3.0	1,590.00	4,733
SWEET CORN FOR PROCESSING	1998	16.8	16.1	9.00	"	144.9	76.20	11,041
	1999	15.8	15.3	9.19	"	140.6	82.20	11,558
	2000	20.3	19.0	8.57	"	162.9	56.30	9,164

^{1/} Marketing year price. 2000 is preliminary. ^{2/} 2000 sugarbeet price and value not yet determined. ^{3/} Production includes some quantities of storage crop onions harvested but not sold because of shrinkage and loss. ^{4/} Data shown are for utilized production which is the amount of fruit sold plus quantities used at home or held in storage.

1999 and 2000 Idaho Annual Crop Summary Totals

Type of Crop	Acres Harvested		Value of Production	
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	
	1999	2000	1999	2000
Field Crops (including sugarbeets)	4,502.2	4,434.0	1,800,311	--
Field Crops (excluding sugarbeets)	4,292.2	4,239.0	1,584,454	1,588,052
Fruit Crops	--	--	18,914	29,822
Vegetable Crops	23.2	26.4	34,400	51,392
Total, All (including sugarbeets)	4,525.4	4,460.4	1,853,625	--
Total, All (excluding sugarbeets)	4,315.4	4,265.4	1,637,768	1,669,266

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2000 United States Crop Summary

Crop	Year	Acres		Yield Per Acre	Unit	Production	Price Per Unit ^{1/}	Value of Production ^{1/}
		Planted	Harvested					
		<i>Thousands</i>			<i>Bu.</i>	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
WHEAT, WINTER	1998	46,449	40,126	46.9	"	1,880,733	2.52	4,740,361
	1999	43,331	35,486	47.8	"	1,696,580	2.29	3,870,955
	2000	43,348	35,022	44.6	"	1,562,733	2.55	3,986,686
WHEAT, SPRING (EXCLUDING DURUM)	1998	15,567	15,148	34.9	"	528,469	3.00	1,587,402
	1999	15,348	14,768	34.1	"	503,108	2.88	1,438,357
	2000	15,244	14,434	38.2	"	550,902	2.90	1,656,379
BARLEY	1998	6,337	5,864	60.0	"	352,125	1.98	686,517
	1999	5,194	4,734	59.2	"	280,292	2.13	597,038
	2000	5,844	5,201	61.1	"	317,865	2.15	632,098
OATS	1998	4,892	2,755	60.2	"	165,981	1.10	199,748
	1999	4,673	2,453	59.6	"	146,193	1.10	169,576
	2000	4,477	2,324	64.2	"	149,195	1.05	164,555
CORN, GRAIN ^{2/}	1998	80,165	72,589	134.4	"	9,758,685	1.94	18,922,084
	1999	77,386	70,487	133.8	"	9,430,612	1.82	17,103,991
	2000	79,545	72,732	137.1	"	9,968,358	1.85	18,621,160
CORN, SILAGE	1998	--	5,913	16.1	<i>Ton</i>	95,479	--	--
	1999	--	6,037	15.8	"	95,633	--	--
	2000	--	5,868	16.8	"	98,538	--	--
HAY, ALL	1998	--	60,076	2.53	"	151,780	84.60	11,606,734
	1999	--	63,220	2.53	"	159,707	76.90	11,014,373
	2000	--	59,854	2.54	"	152,183	83.00	11,179,702
SUGARBEETS	1998	1,497.8	1,450.7	22.4	"	32,499	36.40	1,181,494
	1999	1,560.6	1,527.3	21.9	"	33,420	37.20	1,242,895
	2000	1,564.2	1,378.1	23.6	"	32,521	3/	3/
DRY EDIBLE BEANS (COMMERCIAL)	1998	2,014.1	1,917.7	15.86	<i>Cwt.</i>	30,418	19.00	567,243
	1999	2,023.0	1,877.0	17.63	"	33,085	16.40	547,636
	2000	1,756.2	1,606.4	16.46	"	26,440	15.30	422,565
POTATOES, ALL	1998	1,416.6	1,387.7	343	"	475,771	5.56	2,635,279
	1999	1,376.8	1,332.4	359	"	478,216	5.77	2,745,712
	2000	1,387.3	1,351.6	382	"	515,964	4.95	2,539,561
POTATOES, FALL	1998	1,235.1	1,214.0	356	"	432,737	--	--
	1999	1,203.0	1,166.1	369	"	429,847	--	--
	2000	1,228.0	1,197.2	393	"	470,504	--	--
LENTILS	1998	162.0	158.5	12.23	"	1,938	11.30	21,863
	1999	182.0	174.5	13.68	"	2,387	11.70	28,026
	2000	217.0	214.0	14.15	"	3,029	10.50	31,805
AUSTRIAN WINTER PEAS	1998	9.0	7.4	14.05	"	104	12.00	1,248
	1999	6.1	4.4	13.64	"	60	7.30	440
	2000	5.2	4.1	17.80	"	73	7.00	511
DRY EDIBLE PEAS	1998	323.4	309.1	19.20	"	5,934	6.90	40,994
	1999	268.6	253.6	18.82	"	4,773	5.60	26,945
	2000	188.0	179.0	19.55	"	3,499	4.90	17,012
WRINKLED SEED PEAS	1998	--	--	--	"	674	14.10	9,535
	1999	--	--	--	"	658	15.00	9,860
	2000	--	--	--	"	680	14.60	9,895
ONIONS ^{4/}	1998	177.6	171.3	393	"	67,282	13.80	838,441
	1999	183.4	173.4	424	"	73,562	9.78	635,128
	2000	177.4	166.2	431	"	71,604	11.20	732,283
APPLES ^{5/}	1998	--	--	--	<i>Lb.</i>	10,762,500	0.122	1,316,172
	1999	--	--	--	"	10,446,500	0.148	1,549,815
	2000	--	--	--	"	10,334,700	0.150	1,553,536
PEACHES, ^{5/}	1998	--	--	--	"	2,325,600	0.192	446,534
	1999	--	--	--	"	2,433,400	0.190	462,836
	2000	--	--	--	"	2,519,700	0.196	495,067
PRUNES & PLUMS (4 STATES) ^{5/ 6/}	1998	--	--	--	<i>Ton</i>	24.8	311.00	7,707
	1999	--	--	--	"	21.6	208.00	4,500
	2000	--	--	--	"	22.0	224.00	4,907
CHERRIES, SWEET ^{5/}	1998	--	--	--	"	208.4	1,090.00	226,236
	1999	--	--	--	"	227.8	1,090.00	248,493
	2000	--	--	--	"	214.9	1,330.00	286,774

1/ Marketing year price. Averages computed by weighting State prices by estimated State sales and therefore may differ from the computed averages. 2000 is preliminary. 2/ Planted acreage is all corn planted (excluding sweet corn). 3/ Not available. 4/ Production includes some quantities of storage crop onions harvested but not sold because of shrinkage and loss. 5/ Data shown are for utilized production which is the amount of fruit sold plus quantities used at home or held in storage. 6/ Includes only Idaho, Washington, Michigan and Oregon.