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Idaho Winter Wheat Production Increases

Idaho's 2002 winter wheat production is forecast at 53.1 million bushels, nearly 3 percent more than last year, but down 19 percent from the 2000 crop. Based on May 1 conditions, yield is estimated at 77.0 bushels per acre, up 4.0 bushels per acre from last year. Acres expected to be harvested are set at 690,000 acres, a decrease of 20,000 acres from last year. This is Idaho's lowest winter wheat harvested area since 1962.

Idaho's May 1 hay stocks totaled 444,000 tons, down from 2.57 million tons on hand December 1, 2001. This is a return to more normal levels after two years of low hay stock levels. Current stocks are 68 percent above the May 1, 2001 total of 265,000 tons and 73 percent greater than the May 1, 2000 total of 257,000 tons.

Nationally, winter wheat production is forecast at 1.30 billion bushels, down 4 percent from 2001 to the lowest level since 1978. Based on May 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 43.1 bushels per acre, 0.4 bushels per acre less than last year. Area for harvest as grain is forecast at 30.2 million acres, down 4 percent from last season. This is the lowest harvested acreage since 1917. Hay stocks on U.S. farms totaled 22.5 million tons on May 1, 2002, up 7 percent from May 1, 2001. The increase in May 1 stocks was mainly the result of the 2001 hay crop increasing by 3 percent.

*Winter Wheat: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production
Selected States and United States, 2000-2001 and Forecasted May 1, 2002*

State	Area Harvested			Yield			Production		
	2000	2001	2002	2000	2001	2002	2000	2001	2002
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>			<i>Bushels</i>			<i>Thousands</i>		
Arkansas	1,100	970	800	54.0	52.0	53.0	59,400	50,440	42,400
California	390	380	310	70.0	70.0	75.0	27,300	26,600	23,250
Colorado	2,350	2,000	1,800	29.0	33.0	30.0	68,150	66,000	54,000
IDAHO	730	710	690	90.0	73.0	77.0	65,700	51,830	53,130
Illinois	920	720	650	57.0	61.0	60.0	52,440	43,920	39,000
Indiana	510	380	330	69.0	66.0	62.0	35,190	25,080	20,460
Kansas	9,400	8,200	8,000	37.0	40.0	37.0	347,800	328,000	296,000
Kentucky	420	360	380	57.0	66.0	66.0	23,940	23,760	25,080
Michigan	500	560	460	72.0	64.0	67.0	36,000	35,840	30,820
Missouri	950	760	760	52.0	54.0	55.0	49,400	41,040	41,800
Montana	1,350	870	1,000	33.0	22.0	28.0	44,550	19,140	28,000
Nebraska	1,650	1,600	1,600	36.0	37.0	36.0	59,400	59,200	57,600
North Carolina	550	470	470	50.0	39.0	47.0	27,500	18,330	22,090
Ohio	1,110	900	825	72.0	67.0	66.0	79,920	60,300	54,450
Oklahoma	4,200	3,700	3,600	34.0	33.0	31.0	142,800	122,100	111,600
Oregon	730	700	750	62.0	40.0	50.0	45,260	28,000	37,500
South Dakota	1,280	370	1,050	42.0	32.0	40.0	53,760	11,840	42,000
Tennessee	380	340	270	55.0	54.0	54.0	20,900	18,360	14,580
Texas	2,200	3,200	2,500	30.0	34.0	32.0	66,000	108,800	80,000
Washington	1,800	1,750	1,700	73.0	61.0	66.0	131,400	106,750	112,200
Wyoming	170	120	130	24.0	24.0	25.0	4,080	2,880	3,250
UNITED STATES	35,072	31,295	30,174	44.7	43.5	43.1	1,566,023	1,361,479	1,300,726

Mid-April Prices Received by Farmers

Preliminary indications of prices received by Idaho farmers for the month of April showed increases for all barley, feed barley, malting barley, potatoes, and all milk. Prices decreased for dry beans, all wheat, beef cattle, cows, steers and heifers, calves, and alfalfa hay.

For the U.S., the Preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in April was 95 based on 1990-92=100, down 10 points (9.5 percent) from the revised March index. Declining lettuce prices along with decreases for hogs, eggs, and cattle, more than offset increased prices for onions, hay, apples, and potatoes.

Prices Received by Farmers for Selected Commodities, April 2001-April 2002

Commodity	Unit	Idaho			Unites States			
		April 2001	March 2002	April 2002 ^{1/}	April 2001	March 2002	April 2002	
							Price ^{1/}	% Parity
CROPS:								
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	98.00	101.00	88.00	105.00	98.80	106.00	--
Barley, All	Bu.	2.71	2.78	2.83	2.05	2.18	2.10	33
Feed	Bu.	1.98	2.13	2.15	1.73	1.75	1.75	--
Malting	Bu.	10/	2.97	3.00	2.37	2.60	2.54	--
Dry Beans	Cwt.	17.20	23.15	23.10	15.60	26.60	26.70	56
Potatoes ^{2/}	Cwt.	4.00	6.35	6.75	5.47	8.50	8.61	64
Fresh ^{3/}	Cwt.	2.00	8.20	--	7.14	13.00	--	--
Processing	Cwt.	4.40	5.10	--	5.14	5.46	--	--
Wheat, All	Bu.	3.07	3.19	3.08	2.86	2.87	2.80	29
LIVESTOCK & PRODUCTS:								
Beef Cattle ^{4/}	Cwt.	64.40	65.90	63.50	75.40	70.70	67.80	43
Cows ^{5/}	Cwt.	41.10	40.30	36.80	43.30	41.60	40.50	--
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	78.30	74.00	71.90	79.60	74.30	71.20	--
Calves	Cwt.	102.00	96.00	93.00	112.00	104.00	102.00	49
Lambs	Cwt.	77.00	61.00	--	84.30	66.30	--	--
Milk, All ^{6/}	Cwt.	13.00	11.80	11.90	14.60	12.70	7/12.50	8/41
Fluid Grade ^{9/}	Cwt.	13.00	11.80	--	14.60	12.70	7/12.50	--
Mfg. Grade	Cwt.	13.00	11.30	--	12.80	11.30	7/11.20	--

1/Mid-month price. 2/ Average price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stock, processing, seed and livestock feed. 3/ Fresh market prices only, includes table stock prices. 4/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined. 5/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. 6/ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies. 7/ Fat test percent: all milk 3.69, fluid milk 3.68, mfg grade 3.83. 8/ Seasonally adjusted price as percentage of parity price. 9/ Includes milk diverted to manufacturing. 10/ Prices not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	March 2001	April 2001	March 2002		April 2002 Preliminary
			Preliminary	Revised	
Prices Received	103	106	106	105	95
Prices Paid	124	124	122	123	123
Ratio ^{1/}	83	85	87	85	77

1/ Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid.

Idaho Milk Production Up 5.9 Percent

Idaho milk production during April 2002 totaled 663 million pounds, up 5.9 percent from the same month last year, but 1.2 percent below March 2002. Revised production for March 2002 totaled 671 million pounds, down 1.3 percent from the preliminary estimate, but 5.8 percent above March 2001. Average milk production per cow in April 2002 was 1,740 pounds, unchanged from a year ago, but 20 pounds less than March 2002. The average number of milk cows in April was 381,000 head, 21,000 more than in April 2001 and unchanged from last month.

Nationally, April milk production in the 20 major States totaled 12.5 billion pounds, up 2.9 percent from production in these same States in April 2001. March revised production, at 12.8 billion pounds, was up 3.1 percent from March 2001. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,614 pounds for April, 43 pounds above April 2001. The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.75 million head, 12,000 head more than in April 2001 and 8,000 head more than in March 2002.

Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, April 2001-2002

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		2002 As Percent of 2001
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		
Arizona	140	140	1,855	2,020	260	283	109
California	1,576	1,636	1,770	1,790	2,790	2,928	105
Florida	154	151	1,475	1,420	227	214	94
IDAHO	360	381	1,740	1,740	626	663	106
Illinois	117	115	1,555	1,610	182	185	102
Indiana	152	152	1,435	1,485	218	226	104
Iowa	212	209	1,545	1,585	328	331	101
Kentucky	128	123	1,180	1,240	151	153	101
Michigan	304	296	1,620	1,675	492	496	101
Minnesota	515	490	1,495	1,515	770	742	96
Missouri	148	138	1,265	1,325	187	183	98
New Mexico	261	295	1,760	1,815	459	535	117
New York	670	679	1,450	1,500	972	1,019	105
Ohio	261	260	1,390	1,470	363	382	105
Pennsylvania	599	581	1,540	1,600	922	930	101
Texas	332	310	1,435	1,580	476	490	103
Vermont	152	154	1,455	1,495	221	230	104
Virginia	118	120	1,380	1,400	163	168	103
Washington	246	247	1,860	1,895	458	468	102
Wisconsin	1,295	1,275	1,460	1,480	1,891	1,887	100
20 STATE TOTAL	7,740	7,752	1,571	1,614	12,156	12,513	103

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

U.S. Dairy Products March 2002 Highlights

Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 717 million pounds, 0.5 percent above March 2001 and 10.8 percent above February 2002.

American type cheese production totaled 316 million pounds, 6.5 percent above March 2001 and 10.1 percent above February 2002.

Cream cottage cheese production was 31.7 million pounds, 3.8 percent below March 2001 but 10.0 percent above February 2002.

Lowfat cottage cheese production was 32.4 million pounds, 1.8 percent below March 2001 but 8.0 percent above February 2002.

Butter production was 129 million pounds in March, 15.8 percent above March 2001 and 2.9 percent above February 2002.

Frozen dessert: (comparisons with March 2001)

Ice cream

Regular (hard) ---76.7 million gallons, down 0.5 percent.

Lowfat (total) --- 31.2 million gallons, down 11.3 percent.

Nonfat (hard) ---2.04 million gallons, up 18.9 percent.

Sherbet (hard) --- 4.79 million gallons, up 6.5 percent.

Frozen Yogurt (total) ---7.18 million gallons, down 2.8 percent.

Dry milk products: (comparisons with March 2001)

Nonfat Dry Milk

for human food --143 million pounds, up 17.9 percent.

Dry whole milk - 1.92 million pounds, down 32.4 percent.

Dry buttermilk - 5.79 million pounds, up 12.2 percent.

Idaho Onion Intentions

Onion acreage planted in Idaho is expected to be 8,500 acres, a 6 percent increase from the 2001 acreage and a 12 percent increase from 2000. This is highest onion acreage in the state of Idaho since 1996.

acres, up 3 percent from last year, but 5 percent below 2000. Summer, non-storage acreage is 21,900 acres, up 1 percent from last year and 4 percent below 2000. Summer storage onion acreage at 109,450 acres is up 3 percent from the previous year, but down 3 percent from 2000.

Nationally, onion growers intend to plant 170,850 acres of onions in 2002, a 2 percent increase from last year, but down 4 percent from 2000. Spring onion producers planted 39,500

Onions: Area Planted by Season, State, and United States, 2000-2002

Season and State	Acres			2002 As Percent of 2001
	2000	2001	2002	
Spring ^{1/}	41,400	38,500	39,500	103
Summer ^{1/}				
Non-storage				
California ^{2/}	6,500	7,000	6,900	99
Nevada	3,300	2,900	3,000	103
New Mexico	8,000	8,100	8,000	99
Texas	4,100	2,800	3,000	107
Washington	800	800	1,000	125
Summer Non-Storage Total	22,700	21,600	21,900	101
Storage				
California ^{3/}	38,000	29,500	31,500	107
Colorado	12,000	14,000	12,500	89
IDAHO	7,600	8,000	8,500	106
Michigan	4,100	3,900	3,700	95
Minnesota	300	230	280	122
New York	13,400	13,200	13,200	100
Ohio	480	470	470	100
Oregon				
Malheur	11,700	11,400	11,600	102
West	6,200	5,800	6,600	114
Utah	2,500	2,200	2,100	95
Washington	15,000	16,000	17,000	106
Wisconsin	2,000	2,000	2,000	100
Summer Storage Total	113,280	106,700	109,450	103
Summer Total	135,980	128,300	131,350	102
U.S.	177,380	166,800	170,850	102

1/ Primarily fresh market. 2/ Added to vegetable program in 2000. 3/ Primarily dehydrated and other processing.