

Spring Wheat Yields Down from Last Month

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Based on conditions as of August 1, Idaho's spring wheat yield is forecast at 73.0 bushels per acre, down 2 bushels from the July 1 forecast, but 5 bushels more than last year. Production of 38.7 million bushels from 530,000 harvested acres is up 16 percent from 2001. Winter wheat yield of 75.0 bushels per acre is unchanged from last month's estimate, and up 2 bushels from 2001. Producers are expected to harvest 690,000 acres with a total production of 51.8 million bushels, down slightly from last year and the lowest production level since 1991. Barley yield, at 80.0 bushels per acre, is unchanged from July 1, and up 5 bushels from last year. Total production of 55.2 million bushels is expected from 690,000 harvested acres, up 10 percent from 2001. Sugarbeet production of 5.25 million tons from 210,000 harvested acres is up 13 percent from a year ago. Yield of 25.0 tons per acre is down from last year's 25.9 tons per acre.

Dry bean production is expected to total 1.77 million cwt from 93,000 harvested acres, an increase of 24 percent from last year's recent low. Yields are forecast at 1,900 pounds per acre (clean basis), down 50 pounds from last year. Alfalfa hay production is estimated to be 5.13 million tons, a 17 percent increase from last year, and a new record high. The expected yield for alfalfa is 4.1 tons per harvested acre, up 0.2 tons per acre from 2001.

Nationally, all wheat production is forecast at 1.69 billion bushels, down 14 percent from 2001, and down 4 percent from last month. This is the lowest production since 1972. Winter wheat production is expected to total 1.16 billion bushels, the lowest level since 1971. This is down 2 percent from last month, and 15 percent below 2001. Spring wheat production is forecast at 448 million bushels, down 8 percent from last month and 13 percent below 2001. Barley production is forecast at 252 million bushels, up 1 percent from 2001, but down 5 percent from the July forecast. Dry bean production is forecast at 27.2 million cwt, up 39 percent from last year and 3 percent above two years ago. Sugarbeet production is expected to total 27.6 million tons, up 7 percent from 2001. Alfalfa hay production is forecast at 74.6 million tons, down 7 percent from a year ago.

Harvested Acreage, Yield and Production, Idaho & U.S., 2001 and Forecasted August 1, 2002

CROP	UNIT	HARVESTED ACREAGE		YIELD		PRODUCTION		2002 AS A PERCENT OF 2001
		2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	
		<i>Thousand Acres</i>				<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Percent</i>
IDAHO:								
All Wheat	Bu.	1,200	1,220	71.0	74.1	85,150	90,440	106
Winter Wheat	Bu.	710	690	73.0	75.0	51,830	51,750	100
Spring Wheat ^{1/}	Bu.	490	530	68.0	73.0	33,320	38,690	116
Oats	Bu.	20	25	68.0	75.0	1,360	1,875	138
Barley	Bu.	670	690	75.0	80.0	50,250	55,200	110
Alfalfa Hay	Tons	1,120	1,250	3.90	4.10	4,368	5,125	117
Other Hay	Tons	300	300	1.90	2.00	570	600	105
Sugarbeets	Tons	179	210	25.9	25.0	4,636	5,250	113
Dry Beans ^{2/3/}	Lbs.	73	93	1,950	1,900	1,424	1,767	124
UNITED STATES:								
All Wheat ^{4/}	Bu.	48,653	47,628	40.2	35.4	1,957,643	1,686,306	86
Winter Wheat	Bu.	31,295	29,764	43.5	38.9	1,361,479	1,158,710	85
Spring Wheat ^{1/}	Bu.	14,569	15,172	35.2	29.5	512,608	448,051	87
Oats	Bu.	1,905	2,633	61.3	54.2	116,856	142,580	122
Barley	Bu.	4,289	4,499	58.2	55.9	249,590	251,700	101
Alfalfa Hay	Tons	23,812	24,134	3.37	3.09	80,266	74,640	93
Other Hay	Tons	39,699	40,575	1.93	1.92	76,437	77,976	102
Sugarbeets	Tons	1,244	1,352	20.7	20.4	25,787	27,601	107
Dry Beans ^{2/3/}	Lbs.	1,243	1,691	1,572	1,609	19,541	27,207	139

1/ Excludes durum wheat. 2/ Yield in pounds, production in 1,000 cwt. 3/ Excludes garden bean seed. 4/ Includes durum wheat.

Dry Bean Production Up from 2001

Idaho's 2002 dry edible bean production is expected to increase 24.0 percent from last year. Last year's dry edible bean production was the lowest on record since 1939. Production is forecast at 1.77 million cwt, up from last year's 1.42 million cwt. Planted acreage, at 95,000, is up 20,000 acres from last year and is the largest planted acreage in three years. Yields are expected to average 1,900 pounds per acre, down from last year's 1,950 pounds per acre.

Pinto bean acreage is once again Idaho's leading dry edible bean class with 35,800 acres, the largest pinto acreage since 1998. Garbanzo beans fell to second with 17,000 acres, after being the top acreage class last year. Pinks and small reds follow with 11,600 acres respectively. This is over double the acreage of pinks reported in 2001 and over triple the acreage of small reds. The next leading class is navy beans with a total of 5,400 acres planted. Black turtles follow with 4,000 acres and great northerns with 3,200 acres. Of the eleven classes of dry beans estimated five recorded acreage decreases in 2002. Those classes are garbanzo, great northern, cranberry, dark red kidney, and small white.

Nationally, dry edible bean production is expected to total 27.2 million cwt., up 39 percent from last year, and up 3 percent from 2000. This is the largest production since 1999. Planted acreage, at 1.87 million acres, increased 31 percent from last year. Harvested acreage of 1.69 million acres is up 36 percent from 2001. Yields are expected to be 1,609 pounds per acre, up 37 pounds from last year.

Class	Idaho Planted Acreage 1,000 acres	
	2001	2002
Navy	3.0	5.4
Great Northern	4.2	3.2
Small White	0.9	0.2
Pinto	22.2	35.8
Light Red Kidney	0.6	1.3
Dark Red Kidney	1.9	1.4
Pink	4.9	11.6
Small Red	3.8	11.6
Cranberry	2.6	2.5
Black Turtle	0.6	4.0
Garbanzo	28.8	17.0
Other Dry Edible Beans	1.5	1.0
All Dry Edible Beans	75.0	95.0

July 1 Cattle Inventory Down 1 Percent

All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2002, totaled 105.2 million head, 1 percent below the 105.8 million on July 1, 2001, and down 1 percent from the 106.3 million two years ago. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 42.9 million, were slightly below the 43.0 million on July 1, 2001 and 1 percent below the 43.2 million two years ago. Beef cows, at 33.8 million, were down slightly from July 1, 2001 and 1 percent below two years ago. Milk cows, at 9.15 million, were up 1 percent from July 1, 2001 but were down 1 percent from two years ago.

Other class estimates on July 1, 2002, and the changes from July 1, 2001, are as follows: Beef replacement heifers, 4.6 million, unchanged; Milk replacement heifers, 3.7 million, up 3 percent; Other heifers, 7.9 million, down 4 percent; Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 14.5 million, down 1 percent; Calves under 500 pounds, 29.5 million, down 1 percent.

The 2002 calf crop is expected to be 38.4 million, up slightly from 2001, but down 1 percent from 2000. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 28.0 million, down slightly from 2001 and down 1 percent from 2000.

U.S. Dairy Products June 2002 Highlights

Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 686 million pounds, 1.0 percent above June 2001 but 5.3 percent below May 2002.

American type cheese production totaled 309 million pounds, 1.6 percent above June 2001 but 5.1 percent below May 2002.

Butter production was 97.9 million pounds in June, 12.8 percent above June 2001 but 22.6 percent below May 2002.

Frozen dessert: (comparisons with June 2001)

Ice cream

Regular (hard) --- 81.1 million gallons, down 4.3 percent.

Lowfat (total) --- 39.3 million gallons, down 10.5 percent.

Nonfat (hard) --- 1.42 million gallons, down 32.0 percent.

Sherbet (hard) --- 5.47 million gallons, up 3.1 percent

Frozen Yogurt (total) --- 6.93 million gallons, down 10.7 percent.

Nonfat dry milk for human food: (compared with June 2001)
-148 million pounds, up 12.9 percent.

Mid-July Prices Received by Farmers

Preliminary indications of prices received by Idaho farmers for the month of July showed increases for alfalfa hay, all barley, dry beans, potatoes, and all wheat. Price declines were recorded for feed barley, beef cattle, cows, all milk and steers and heifers. The calve price remained unchanged from last month.

Nationally, the Preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in July was 100 based on 1990-1992=100, up 2 points (2.0 percent) from the June Index. Higher prices for wheat, soybeans, hogs, and corn more than offset decreased prices for broilers, milk, eggs, and cattle.

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

Commodity	Unit	Idaho			United States			
		July 2001	June 2002	July 2002 ^{1/}	July 2001	June 2002	July 2002	
							Price ^{1/}	% Parity
CROPS:								
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	125.00	96.00	102.00	105.00	102.00	102.00	--
Barley, All	Bu.	2.65	2.74	2.82	2.00	2.09	2.07	33
Feed	Bu.	1.99	2.08	2.05	1.63	1.83	1.89	--
Malting	Bu.	10/	10/	10/	2.26	2.49	2.39	--
Dry Beans	Cwt.	17.70	23.20	23.40	16.80	26.70	25.60	54
Potatoes ^{2/}	Cwt.	5.15	8.50	8.75	6.46	9.95	11.40	85
Fresh ^{3/}	Cwt.	5.60	11.00	--	10.10	16.60	--	--
Processing	Cwt.	5.10	5.50	--	5.25	5.73	--	--
Wheat, All	Bu.	3.14	3.13	3.22	2.63	2.93	3.22	34
LIVESTOCK & PRODUCTS:								
Beef Cattle ^{4/}	Cwt.	65.60	57.70	57.40	71.80	64.10	63.30	40
Cows ^{5/}	Cwt.	41.60	37.60	37.50	42.90	39.30	37.70	--
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	72.80	64.00	63.40	75.00	67.00	66.10	--
Calves	Cwt.	103.00	87.00	87.00	108.00	94.80	93.20	45
Lambs	Cwt.	56.00	72.00	--	64.30	72.80	--	--
Milk, All ^{6/}	Cwt.	14.80	10.70	10.30	16.20	11.60	7/11.20	8/35
Fluid Grade ^{9/}	Cwt.	14.80	10.70	--	16.20	11.70	7/11.20	--
Mfg. Grade	Cwt.	14.90	10.10	--	14.90	10.30	7/9.90	--

1/ Mid-Month. 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 3.56, fluid milk 3.56, mfg grade 3.62. 8/Seasonally adjusted price as percentage of parity price. 9/Including milk diverted to manufacturing. 10/Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	June 2001	July 2001	June 2002		July 2002 Preliminary
			Preliminary	Revised	
Prices Received	107	108	98	98	100
Prices Paid	124	124	123	123	123
Ratio ^{1/}	86	87	80	80	81

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

Idaho Garden Seed Bean Production and Value

A garden seed bean survey was conducted for the 2001 crop year. A total of 12,500 acres of garden seed beans were harvested in 2001.

The average yield per harvested acre was 1,960 pounds and production totaled 24.5 million pounds. The farm level value of production was \$9.07 million.

Year	Harvested Acreage	Yield	Production	Price	Value
			<i>Lbs. (1,000)</i>	<i>\$/Cwt</i>	<i>(1,000)</i>
1997	25,000	1,700	42,500	\$40.20	\$17,085
1998	16,000	2,060	33,000	\$40.70	\$13,431
1999	19,000	2,050	39,000	\$39.60	\$15,444
2000	18,500	1,730	32,000	\$36.50	\$11,680
2001	12,500	1,960	24,500	\$37.00	\$9,065

Idaho Alfalfa Seed and Clover Seed

Producers in Idaho harvested 27,000 acres of alfalfa seed in 2001, down 41 percent from the 46,000 acres harvested in 2000. Average yield, on a clean basis, was 720 pounds per harvested acre in 2001, down 80 pounds from the previous year. Production for 2001 totaled 19.4 million pounds, 47 percent below the 2000 crop. The average price received by growers for the 2001 crop dropped \$5 per hundredweight from the previous year to \$124 per hundredweight, resulting in a farm level value of production of \$24.1 million.

Harvested acreage of red clover seed in Idaho totaled 2,500 acres during 2001, a 29 percent decrease from 2000. Average clean yield was 580 pounds per acre, up 60 pounds from the previous year. Production for 2001 totaled 1.45 million pounds, a 20 percent decrease from 2000. The average price received by growers for the 2001 crop was \$102 per hundredweight, \$2 per hundredweight less than 2000. This results in a farm level value of production of \$1.48 million. This survey was completed in cooperation with the Idaho Alfalfa and Clover Seed Commission.

Alfalfa Seed Acreage, Yield, Production and Value, Selected States, 2001

State	Harvested Acreage	Yield (Pounds)	Production (1,000 lbs.)	Average Price (\$/Cwt.)	Value of Production (\$1,000)
Idaho	27,000	720	19,440	\$124.00	\$24,106
Montana	9,000	367	3,300	\$127.00	\$4,191
Nevada	9,500	660	6,270	\$125.00	\$7,838
Oregon	7,030	670	4,710	\$131.00	\$6,155
Washington	14,500	790	11,500	\$120.00	\$13,800
Wyoming	7,240	744	5,390	1/	1/

1/Not estimated.

Idaho Red Clover Seed Acreage, Yield, Production and Value, 2001

Year	Harvested Acreage	Yield (Pounds)	Production (1000 lbs.)	Average Price (\$/Cwt.)	Value of Production (\$1000)
2000	3,500	520	1,820	\$104.00	\$1,893
2001	2,500	580	1,450	\$102.00	\$1,479