



## All Wheat Production Up 3 Percent

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Idaho's 2002 all wheat production increased to 87.7 million bushels, up 3 percent from last year's 85.2 million bushels.

Winter wheat yield, at 79.0 bushels per acre, is up 6.0 bushels from last year. Winter wheat production totaled 54.5 million bushels from 690,000 harvested acres, up 5 percent from last year's 51.8 million bushels. The 2002 winter wheat production is estimated to be 87 percent white and 13 percent red.

Spring wheat yield, at 65.0 bushels per acre, is down 3.0 bushels from a year ago. This is the lowest spring wheat yield since 1989. Idaho's spring wheat production totaled 33.2 million bushels from 510,000 harvested acres, down 1 percent from last year's 33.3 million bushels. The spring wheat crop is estimated to be 46 percent white and 54 percent hard red.

Barley yield is estimated at 76.0 bushels per acre, up 1.0 bushel per acre from last year's yield. Barley production totaled 54.0 million bushels from 710,000 harvested acres, up 7 percent from 2001's production of 50.3 million bushels.

Oat yield, at 70.0 bushels per acre, is up 2.0 bushels from 2001. Oat production totaled 1.75 million bushels from 25,000 harvested acres. This production is 29 percent more than 2001's 1.36 million bushels.

Nationally, all wheat production for 2002 totaled 1.62 billion bushels, down 4 percent from the last forecast and 17 percent below 2001. This is the lowest production since 1972. Winter wheat production is estimated at 1.14 billion bushels, the lowest level since 1970. This is down 1 percent from the August forecast and 16 percent below 2001. The average yield is 38.5 bushels per acre, 5.0 bushels below last year's final yield. Harvested acreage for grain, at 29.7 million acres, is the smallest harvested area since 1917. Other spring wheat production totaled 402 million bushels, down 10 percent from the August forecast and 22 percent less than 2001. Barley production is estimated at 227 million bushels, down 10 percent from the August forecast and down 9 percent from last year's estimate. This year's production is the lowest since 1937. Acreage harvested for grain totaled 4.14 million acres, 4 percent below a year ago and the lowest level since 1898. Oat production is estimated at 119 million bushels, 2 percent above last year's record low 117 million bushels.

### Small Grains: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, Idaho and U.S. 2001-2002

State	Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	1,000 Acres		Bushels		1,000 Bushels	
<b>IDAHO</b>						
Winter Wheat	710	690	73.0	79.0	51,830	54,510
Spring Wheat	490	510	68.0	65.0	33,320	33,150
Barley	670	710	75.0	76.0	50,250	53,960
Oats	20	25	68.0	70.0	1,360	1,750
<b>UNITED STATES</b>						
Winter Wheat	31,295	29,651	43.5	38.5	1,361,479	1,142,802
Spring Wheat	14,549	13,613	35.2	29.5	512,008	401,589
Barley	4,289	4,135	58.2	54.9	249,420	226,873
Oats	1,905	2,098	61.4	56.8	117,024	119,132

## Idaho Dry Bean Production Increases From Last Year

Idaho dry bean production is forecast to be 1.86 million cwt, up 31 percent from last year's recent low of 1.42 million cwt. Yields are expected to average 2,000 pounds per acre, an increase of 50 pounds per acre from 2001 and 100 pounds per acre more than the August forecast. Harvested acreage is expected to total 93,000 acres, up 27 percent from last year's 73,000 acres harvested. Dry Bean estimates include garbanzo beans, which are grown primarily in North Idaho. Production of alfalfa hay is forecast to be 4.88 million tons, up 12 percent from 2001. Although down from the August forecast, expected production remains the largest production level on record in Idaho. Harvested acreage, at a record high of 1.25 million acres, is also up 12 percent from last year. Other hay production is estimated at 600,000 tons from 300,000 harvested acres, up from the 570,000 tons from 300,000 acres in 2001. Idaho sugarbeet production for 2002 is forecast to be 5.38 million tons, up 16 percent from the 4.64 million tons a year ago.

Yield of 25.6 tons per acre is down from last year's 25.9 tons per acre. Harvested area of 210,000 acres is up from the 179,000 acres harvested in 2001.

Nationally, the 2002 crop for dry beans is forecast at 27.6 million cwt, up 41 percent from a year ago and 4 percent above 2000. Harvested area is estimated at 1.69 million acres, 36 percent more than last year. The average yield of 1,632 pounds per acre is 60 pounds above last year. Production of alfalfa hay is expected to total 74.7 million tons, down 7 percent from last year. Other hay production is estimated at 75.8 million tons, 1 percent below last year's production. U.S. sugarbeet production is forecast at 28.6 million tons, 11 percent above the 25.8 million tons produced last year. Harvested area is expected to total 1.37 million acres, 10 percent more than last year.

### Dry Bean Production Top 10 States

	1,000 Cwt.
North Dakota	9,100
Michigan	4,550
Nebraska	3,063
Minnesota	2,310
Idaho	1,860
California	1,780
Colorado	1,700
Washington	861
Wyoming	567
Montana	357

### Alfalfa Hay Production Top 10 States

	1,000 Tons
California	8,236
Minnesota	5,920
Idaho	4,875
Iowa	4,500
Nebraska	4,205
Wisconsin	4,000
Kansas	3,500
South Dakota	3,480
Montana	3,400
Colorado	3,060
Michigan	3,060

## September 1 Grain Stocks Down from 2001

Idaho's September 1, 2002 stocks of wheat stored in all positions totaled 66.5 million bushels, down 13 percent from the 76.7 million bushels stored in all positions last year. On-farm storage was estimated at 33.0 million bushels, down 20 percent from September 1, 2001. Off-farm storage, including stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors was estimated at 33.5 million bushels, down 6 percent from the 35.7 million bushels stored off-farm last year. Idaho's Barley stocks in all positions totaled 40.2 million bushels, down 3 percent from September 1, 2001. On-farm storage was estimated at 24.0 million bushels, unchanged from 2001. Off-farm storage was estimated at 16.2 million bushels, down 6 percent from a year ago.

Nationally, all wheat stored in all positions on September 1, 2002, was estimated at 1.74 billion bushels, down 19 percent from September 1, 2001. On-farm stocks were 588 million bushels, down 16 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks totaled 1.15

billion bushels, down 21 percent from last year. Barley stored in all positions on September 1, 2002, was estimated at 224 million bushels, 9 percent below last year's 245 million bushels. Of the total barley stocks on hand, 132 million bushels were stored on farms, 2 percent below September 1, 2001. Off-farm stocks, at 92.4 million bushels, were down 16 percent from last year. Oats stored in all positions on September 1, 2002, totaled 111 million bushels, 4 percent below September 1, 2001. Of the total oat stocks on hand, 70.5 million bushels were stored on farms, 6 percent less than a year ago. Off-farm stocks totaled 41.0 million bushels, 1 percent below last year. Corn stored in all positions on September 1, 2002, totaled 1.60 billion bushels, down 16 percent from September 1, 2001. Of the total stocks, 587 million bushels were stored on farms, 22 percent less than last year. Off-farm stocks, at 1.01 billion bushels, are down 12 percent from last year.

## Mid-September Prices Received by Farmers

Preliminary indications of prices received by Idaho farmers for the month of September showed increases for all wheat, calves and all milk. Price declines were recorded for alfalfa hay, all barley, feed barley, malting barley, dry beans, potatoes, beef cattle.

Received in September was 99 based on 1990-1992=100, down 1 point (1.0 percent) from the August Index. Lower prices for hogs, potatoes, lettuce, and strawberries more than offset increased prices for wheat, corn, broccoli, and broilers.

Nationally, the Preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices

### Prices Received by Farmers for Selected Commodities, Sept 2001-Sept 2002

Commodity	Unit	Idaho			United States			
		September 2001	August 2002	September 2002 <sup>1/</sup>	September 2001	August 2001	September 2002	
							Price <sup>1/</sup>	% Parity
<b>CROPS:</b>								
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	121.00	99.00	98.00	108.00	101.00	102.00	--
Barley, All	Bu.	2.86	3.06	3.01	2.24	2.70	2.49	39
Feed	Bu.	1.98	2.21	2.20	1.71	2.09	2.06	--
Malting	Bu.	2.97	3.11	3.10	2.72	2.93	2.83	--
Dry Beans	Cwt.	18.60	23.50	20.70	18.10	23.40	17.80	37
Potatoes <sup>2/</sup>	Cwt.	5.75	7.05	6.35	6.04	7.65	6.53	48
Fresh <sup>3/</sup>	Cwt.	8.50	11.40	--	10.20	14.80	--	--
Processing	Cwt.	4.80	5.20	--	4.58	4.83	--	--
Wheat, All	Bu.	3.17	3.38	3.47	2.85	3.63	4.07	42
<b>LIVESTOCK &amp;</b>								
Beef Cattle <sup>4/</sup>	Cwt.	64.00	59.20	57.00	69.00	64.30	64.60	41
Cows <sup>5/</sup>	Cwt.	39.00	33.80	32.90	40.80	36.40	35.40	--
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	71.00	64.80	63.80	72.10	67.10	67.60	--
Calves	Cwt.	98.00	84.00	85.00	107.00	94.40	93.00	44
Lambs	Cwt.	48.00	72.00	--	52.50	75.00	--	--
Milk, All <sup>6/</sup>	Cwt.	15.70	10.60	10.70	17.10	11.30	7/11.50	8/32
Fluid Grade <sup>9/</sup>	Cwt.	15.70	10.60	--	17.10	11.40	7/11.60	--
Mfg. Grade	Cwt.	16.10	9.90	--	16.00	9.80	7/10.00	--

<sup>1/</sup> Mid-Month. <sup>2/</sup> Average price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stock, processing, seed and livestock feed. <sup>3/</sup> Fresh market prices only, includes table stock prices. <sup>4/</sup> "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined. <sup>5/</sup> Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. <sup>6/</sup> Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies. <sup>7/</sup> Fat test percent: all milk 3.63, fluid milk 3.63, mfg grade 3.74. <sup>8/</sup> Seasonally adjusted price as percentage of parity price. <sup>9/</sup> Including milk diverted to manufacturing.

### United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	August 2001	September 2001	August 2002		September 2002 Preliminary
			Preliminary	Revised	
Prices Received	110	106	101	100	99
Prices Paid	124	124	124	124	125
Ratio <sup>1/</sup>	89	85	81	81	79

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

## Idaho Onion Production

Onion production in Idaho is expected to be 5.1 million cwt, a 1 percent increase from 2001's production of 5.0 million cwt. The yield for Idaho is forecast to be 640 cwt, unchanged from last year. Cool weather conditions this spring and record heat this summer took a toll on onion growth this year. As of September 30<sup>th</sup>, 80 percent of the state's onions had been harvested.

Nationally, summer storage onion production is forecast at 33.5

million cwt, down 4 percent from last year and from 2000. This production total does not include California, where summer storage onions are mostly for processing. California farmers expect to produce 12.4 million cwt of summer onions. This is a 5 percent increase from last year. Production in Oregon is forecast at 9.8 million cwt, down 2 percent from 2001. Washington production, at 9.0 million cwt, is up 2 percent from 2001.

## U.S. Dairy Products August 2002 Highlights

**Butter** production was 88.5 million pounds in August, 17.2 percent above August 2001 but 5.8 percent below July 2002.

**American type cheese** production totaled 305 million pounds, 8.2 percent above August 2001 and 1.1 percent above July 2002.

**Total cheese output** (excluding cottage cheese) was 686 million pounds, 3.9 percent above August 2001 and 2.1 percent above July 2002.

**Frozen dessert:** (comparisons with August 2001)

Ice Cream

Regular (hard)–78.2 million gallons, down 2.0 percent.

Lowfat (total)– 36.6 million gallons, down 8.4 percent.

Nonfat (hard)–1.46 million gallons, down 20.3 percent.

Sherbet (hard)–5.09 million gallons, up 9.4 percent.

Frozen Yogurt (total)–7.30 million gallons, down 9.5 percent.

**Nonfat dry milk for human food:** (compared with August 2001) – 114 million pounds, up 18.3 percent.

## U.S. Hog Inventory Up 1 Percent

**U.S. inventory** of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2002 was 60.2 million head. This was 1 percent above September 1, 2001, and slightly above June 1, 2002.

**The June-August 2002 U.S. pig crop** at 25.1 million head, was 2 percent less than both 2001, and 2000. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.83 million head, 2 percent below last year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 46 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs per litter was 8.87 pigs saved per litter for the June-August 2002 period, unchanged from last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.60

for operations with 1-99 hogs to 9.00 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

**U.S. hog producers** intend to have 2.82 million sows farrow during the September-November 2002 quarter, 2 percent below the actual farrowings during the same period in 2001, and 1 percent below 2000. Intended farrowings for December 2002-February 2003, at 2.81 million sows, are 1 percent below the same period in 2002, but up 2 percent from 2001.