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**Idaho Winter Wheat Production Increases**

Idaho's 2003 winter wheat production is forecast at 56.1 million bushels, nearly 3 percent more than last year, and up 8 percent from the 2001 crop. Based on May 1 conditions, yield is estimated at 79.0 bushels per acre, equal to last year's yield. Acres expected to be harvested are set at 710,000 acres, an increase of 20,000 acres from 2002.

Idaho's May 1 hay stocks totaled 673,000 tons, up 52 percent from May 1, 2002. Hay production during 2002 was a record 5.61 million tons.

Nationally, winter wheat production is forecast at 1.56 billion bushels, up 37 percent from 2002. Based on May 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 42.9 bushels per acre, 4.4 bushels per acre more than last year. Area for harvest as grain is forecast at 36.4 million acres, up 23 percent from last season. This sharp increase in harvested acreage is the result of both increased plantings and a rebound from larger than normal abandonment last year. Hay stocks on farms totaled 22.2 million tons on May 1, 2003, down 1 percent from May 1, 2002. The decrease in May 1 stocks was mainly the result of lower hay production in 2002.

**Winter Wheat: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production  
Selected States and United States, 2001-2002 and Forecasted May 1, 2003**

State	Area Harvested			Yield			Production		
	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>			<i>Bushels</i>			<i>Thousands</i>		
Arkansas	970	840	610	52.0	46.0	52.0	50,440	38,640	31,720
California	380	300	350	70.0	75.0	70.0	26,600	22,500	24,500
Colorado	2,000	1,650	2,200	33.0	22.0	30.0	66,000	36,300	66,000
<b>IDAHO</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>73.0</b>	<b>79.0</b>	<b>79.0</b>	<b>51,830</b>	<b>54,510</b>	<b>56,090</b>
Illinois	720	650	780	61.0	49.0	56.0	43,920	31,850	43,680
Indiana	380	330	420	66.0	53.0	64.0	25,080	17,490	26,880
Kansas	8,200	8,100	9,700	40.0	33.0	40.0	328,000	267,300	388,000
Kentucky	360	340	300	66.0	53.0	59.0	23,760	18,020	17,700
Michigan	560	490	660	64.0	67.0	66.0	35,840	32,830	43,560
Missouri	760	760	780	54.0	45.0	51.0	41,040	34,200	39,780
Montana	870	750	1,700	22.0	28.0	36.0	19,140	21,000	61,200
Nebraska	1,600	1,520	1,650	37.0	32.0	38.0	59,200	48,640	62,700
North Carolina	470	480	420	39.0	42.0	41.0	18,330	20,160	17,220
Ohio	900	810	960	67.0	62.0	68.0	60,300	50,220	65,280
Oklahoma	3,700	3,500	4,700	33.0	28.0	34.0	122,100	98,000	159,800
Oregon	700	710	940	40.0	41.0	53.0	28,000	29,110	49,820
South Dakota	370	625	1,440	32.0	29.0	39.0	11,840	18,125	56,160
Tennessee	340	300	300	54.0	46.0	52.0	18,360	13,800	15,600
Texas	3,200	2,700	3,700	34.0	29.0	31.0	108,800	78,300	114,700
Washington	1,750	1,750	1,800	61.0	59.0	62.0	106,750	103,250	111,600
Wyoming	120	120	160	24.0	19.0	26.0	2,880	2,280	4,160
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>31,295</b>	<b>29,651</b>	<b>36,447</b>	<b>43.5</b>	<b>38.5</b>	<b>42.9</b>	<b>1,361,479</b>	<b>1,142,802</b>	<b>1,563,314</b>

## 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, potatoes, beef cattle and all milk. Prices decreased for alfalfa hay, malting barley, dry beans, and all wheat.

For the U.S., the Preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in April is 101 based on 1990-92=100, up 2 points (2.0 percent) from the revised March index. Higher prices for cattle, lettuce, onions, and soybeans more than offset lower prices for tomatoes, broilers, wheat, and hogs.

### Prices Received by Farmers for Selected Commodities, April 2002-April 2003

Commodity	Unit	Idaho			Unites States			
		April 2002	March 2003	April 2003 <sup>1/</sup>	April 2002	March 2003	April 2003	
							Price <sup>1/</sup>	% Parity
<b>CROPS:</b>								
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	102.00	90.00	89.00	103.00	96.20	96.20	--
Barley, All	Bu.	2.69	3.03	3.04	2.09	2.83	2.87	44
Feed	Bu.	2.10	2.46	2.50	1.79	2.30	2.34	--
Malting	Bu.	2.81	3.13	3.10	2.43	3.06	3.14	--
Dry Beans	Cwt.	23.20	18.70	18.20	27.50	15.20	15.50	31
Potatoes <sup>2/</sup>	Cwt.	6.40	4.80	5.30	8.00	6.68	7.11	52
Fresh <sup>3/</sup>	Cwt.	8.10	4.10	--	12.10	7.96	--	--
Processing	Cwt.	5.20	4.40	--	5.70	5.33	--	--
Wheat, All	Bu.	3.05	3.25	3.22	2.83	3.54	3.34	35
<b>LIVESTOCK &amp; PRODUCTS:</b>								
Beef Cattle <sup>4/</sup>	Cwt.	62.50	67.10	68.90	67.30	72.70	75.00	47
Cows <sup>5/</sup>	Cwt.	37.90	39.00	40.00	40.10	39.50	40.10	--
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	70.30	76.00	78.00	70.60	76.70	79.30	--
Calves	Cwt.	90.00	94.00	97.00	101.00	97.00	99.10	46
Lambs	Cwt.	61.00	88.00	--	64.70	97.10	--	--
Milk, All <sup>6/</sup>	Cwt.	11.60	10.00	10.20	12.50	11.00	7/10.90	8/34
Fluid Grade <sup>9/</sup>	Cwt.	11.60	10.00	--	12.50	11.00	7/10.90	--
Mfg. Grade	Cwt.	11.20	10.00	--	11.30	9.80	7/9.90	--

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 3.67, fluid milk 3.67, mfg grade 3.84. 8/ Seasonally adjusted price as percentage of parity price. 9/ Includes milk diverted to manufacturing.

### United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	March 2002	April 2002	March 2003		April 2003 Preliminary
			Preliminary	Revised	
Prices Received	105	94	99	99	101
Prices Paid	123	123	128	127	128
Ratio <sup>1/</sup>	85	76	77	78	79

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

### Idaho Milk Production Up 6.9 Percent

Idaho milk production during April 2003 totaled 711 million pounds, a 6.9 percent increase from the same month last year but 2.7 percent less than March 2003. Production for March 2003 totaled 731 million pounds, unchanged from the preliminary estimate and 8.9 percent above March 2002. Average milk production per cow in April 2003 was 1,800 pounds, 60 pounds more than April 2002 but 50 pounds below March 2003. The average number of milk cows during April was 395,000 head, unchanged from the previous month and 13,000 head more than April 2002.

12.7 billion pounds, up 0.8 percent from production in these same States in April 2002. March revised production, at 13.0 billion pounds, was up 1.2 percent from March 2002. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,625 pounds for April 2003, 4 pounds above April 2002. The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.80 million head, 42,000 head more than April 2002, but 11,000 head less than March 2003.

Nationally, April milk production in the 20 major States totaled

## Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, April 2002-2003

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		2003 As Percent of 2002
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	144	150	2,195	2,115	316	317	100
California	1,635	1,695	1,795	1,785	2,935	3,026	103
Florida	151	146	1,455	1,465	220	214	97
<b>IDAHO</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>1,740</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>665</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>107</b>
Illinois	115	111	1,610	1,610	185	179	97
Indiana	152	145	1,480	1,530	225	222	99
Iowa	209	203	1,585	1,610	331	327	99
Kentucky	123	120	1,240	1,130	153	136	89
Michigan	296	300	1,675	1,695	496	509	103
Minnesota	490	475	1,510	1,485	740	705	95
Missouri	138	130	1,325	1,325	183	172	94
New Mexico	295	315	1,815	1,810	535	570	107
New York	680	684	1,520	1,510	1,034	1,033	100
Ohio	262	261	1,470	1,490	385	389	101
Pennsylvania	581	582	1,600	1,575	930	917	99
Texas	309	312	1,585	1,640	490	512	105
Vermont	154	150	1,495	1,495	230	224	97
Virginia	120	118	1,410	1,330	169	157	93
Washington	247	248	1,910	1,900	472	471	100
Wisconsin	1,275	1,260	1,475	1,495	1,881	1,884	100
<b>20 STATE TOTAL</b>	<b>7,758</b>	<b>7,800</b>	<b>1,621</b>	<b>1,625</b>	<b>12,575</b>	<b>12,675</b>	<b>101</b>

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

### U.S. Dairy Products March 2003 Highlights

**Total cheese** output (excluding cottage cheese) was 733 million pounds, 1.3 percent below March 2002 but 12.2 percent above February 2003.

**American type cheese** production totaled 316 million pounds, 1.9 percent below March 2002 and 10.6 percent above February 2003.

**Butter** production was 127 million pounds in March, 1 percent below March 2002 and 1.4 percent below February 2003.

**Frozen dessert:** (comparisons with March 2002)

Ice cream

Regular (hard) ---73.4 million gallons, down 3.2 percent.

Lowfat (total) --- 35.6 million gallons, up 15.2 percent.

Nonfat (hard) --- 1.58 million gallons, down 15.0 percent.

Sherbet (hard) ---5.00 million gallons, up 4.7 percent.

Frozen Yogurt (total) — 5.79 million gallons, down 13.5 percent.

**Nonfat dry milk for human food:** (compared with March 2002)—146 million pounds, down 4.5 percent.

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## Idaho Onion Intentions

Onion acreage planted in Idaho is expected to be 7,900 acres, a 2 percent decrease from the 2002 acreage and a 1 percent decrease from 2001.

from last year and 11 percent below 2001. Summer, non-storage acreage is 23,200 acres, up 1 percent from last year and 6 percent above 2001. Summer storage onion producers intend to plant 103,860 acres this year, down 3 percent from the previous year and 4 percent below 2001 acreage.

Nationally, onion growers intend to plant 161,960 acres of onions in 2003, a 4 percent decrease from the last two years. Spring onion producers planted 34,900 acres, down 10 percent

### Onions: Area Planted by Season, State, and United States, 2001-2003

Season and State	Acres			2003 As Percent of 2002
	2001	2002	2003	
Spring <sup>1/</sup>	39,200	38,900	34,900	90
Summer <sup>1/</sup>				
Non-storage				
California	7,300	7,500	8,000	107
Nevada	2,900	3,300	3,400	103
New Mexico	8,100	8,100	7,700	95
Texas	2,800	3,000	2,700	90
Washington <sup>2/</sup>	800	1,100	1,400	127
<b>Summer Non-Storage Total</b>	<b>21,900</b>	<b>23,000</b>	<b>23,200</b>	<b>101</b>
Storage				
California <sup>3/</sup>	31,000	31,500	33,500	106
Colorado	14,000	12,500	9,500	76
<b>IDAHO</b>	<b>8,000</b>	<b>8,100</b>	<b>7,900</b>	<b>98</b>
Michigan	4,100	4,000	3,700	93
Minnesota	230	280	260	93
New York	13,200	12,700	12,100	95
Ohio	470	470	400	85
Oregon				
Malheur	11,400	12,000	11,500	96
West	5,800	5,400	5,900	109
Utah	2,200	2,200	2,200	100
Washington	16,000	16,000	15,000	94
Wisconsin	2,000	2,100	1,900	90
<b>Summer Storage Total</b>	<b>108,400</b>	<b>107,250</b>	<b>103,860</b>	<b>97</b>
<b>Summer Total</b>	<b>130,300</b>	<b>130,250</b>	<b>127,060</b>	<b>98</b>
<b>U.S.</b>	<b>169,500</b>	<b>169,150</b>	<b>161,960</b>	<b>96</b>

<sup>1/</sup> Primarily fresh market. <sup>2/</sup> 2003 forecast includes Walla Walla and other non-storage onions. <sup>3/</sup> Primarily dehydrated and other processing.