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## Idaho Winter Wheat Production Decreases 4 Percent

Idaho's 2004 winter wheat production is forecast at 55.1 million bushels, 4 percent less than last year, but up 14 percent from the 2002 crop. Based on May 1 conditions, yield is estimated at 81.0 bushels per acre, up one bushel per acre from last year's yield. Acres expected to be harvested are set at 680,000 acres, a decrease of 40,000 acres from 2003.

Idaho's May 1 hay stocks totaled 445,000 tons, down 30 percent from May 1, 2003. Hay production during 2003 was down 6 percent from the previous year.

Nationally, winter wheat production is forecast at 1.55 billion bushels, down 9 percent from 2003. Based on May 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 44.2 bushels per acre, 2.5 bushels per acre less than last year. Area for harvest as grain is forecast at 35.1 million acres, down 4 percent from last season. Hay stocks on farms totaled 25.9 million tons on May 1, 2004, up 17 percent from May 1, 2003. The increase in May 1 stocks was mainly the result of higher hay production in 2003.

### Winter Wheat: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production Selected States and United States, 2002-2003 and Forecasted May 1, 2004

State	Area Harvested			Yield			Production		
	2002	2003	2004	2002	2003	2004	2002	2003	2004
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>			<i>Bushels</i>			<i>Thousands</i>		
Arkansas	830	570	630	46.0	50.0	51.0	38,180	28,500	32,130
California	300	370	310	76.0	61.0	75.0	22,800	22,570	23,250
Colorado	1,650	2,200	1,800	22.0	35.0	30.0	36,300	77,000	54,000
<b>IDAHO</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>77.0</b>	<b>80.0</b>	<b>81.0</b>	<b>48,510</b>	<b>57,600</b>	<b>55,080</b>
Illinois	630	810	970	49.0	65.0	62.0	30,870	52,650	60,140
Indiana	310	430	420	53.0	69.0	63.0	16,430	29,670	26,460
Kansas	8,200	10,000	9,000	33.0	48.0	41.0	270,600	480,000	369,000
Kentucky	330	330	350	52.0	62.0	65.0	17,160	20,460	22,750
Michigan	440	660	620	67.0	68.0	69.0	29,480	44,880	42,780
Missouri	760	870	950	44.0	61.0	55.0	33,440	53,070	52,250
Montana	780	1,720	1,600	28.0	37.0	33.0	21,840	63,640	52,800
Nebraska	1,520	1,820	1,850	33.0	46.0	39.0	50,160	83,720	72,150
North Carolina	430	410	480	42.0	36.0	45.0	18,060	14,760	21,600
Ohio	810	1,000	880	62.0	68.0	68.0	50,220	68,000	59,840
Oklahoma	3,700	4,600	4,300	28.0	39.0	36.0	103,600	179,400	154,800
Oregon	710	940	840	42.0	51.0	53.0	29,820	47,940	44,520
South Dakota	670	1,380	1,440	30.0	43.0	38.0	20,100	59,340	54,720
Tennessee	300	270	270	47.0	50.0	53.0	14,100	13,500	14,310
Texas	2,700	3,450	3,600	29.0	28.0	33.0	78,300	96,600	118,800
Washington	1,800	1,800	1,700	58.0	65.0	63.0	104,400	117,000	107,100
Wyoming	125	145	135	19.0	27.0	25.0	2,375	3,915	3,375
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>29,742</b>	<b>36,541</b>	<b>35,082</b>	<b>38.2</b>	<b>46.7</b>	<b>44.2</b>	<b>1,137,001</b>	<b>1,707,069</b>	<b>1,550,395</b>

## Mid-April Prices Received by Farmers

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

For the U.S., the Preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in April is 124 based on 1990-92=100, is 3 points (2.5 percent) above the March index. Producers received higher commodity prices for milk, cattle, corn, and lettuce. Lower prices were received for eggs, strawberries, hogs, and tobacco.

### Prices Received by Farmers for Selected Commodities, April 2003-April 2004

Commodity	Unit	Idaho			Unites States			
		April 2003	March 2004	April 2004 <sup>1/</sup>	April 2003	March 2004	April 2004	
							Price <sup>7/</sup>	% Parity
<b>CROPS:</b>								
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	89.00	86.00	82.00	96.50	85.90	92.70	--
Barley, All	Bu.	3.14	3.22	3.20	2.85	2.79	2.73	41
Feed	Bu.	2.23	2.55	2.60	2.20	2.20	2.17	--
Malting	Bu.	3.18	3.39	3.40	3.11	2.99	2.98	--
Dry Beans	Cwt.	17.30	18.70	19.30	18.70	21.10	21.10	41
Potatoes <sup>2/</sup>	Cwt.	5.40	4.25	4.80	6.94	6.09	7.19	47
Fresh <sup>3/</sup>	Cwt.	4.70	3.80	--	8.46	6.95	--	--
Processing	Cwt.	4.50	4.00	--	5.37	5.34	--	--
Wheat, All	Bu.	3.04	3.73	3.75	3.37	3.84	3.82	38
<b>LIVESTOCK &amp; PRODUCTS:</b>								
Beef Cattle <sup>4/</sup>	Cwt.	68.40	77.90	78.90	74.50	83.40	85.30	50
Cows <sup>5/</sup>	Cwt.	40.00	44.50	47.10	40.20	46.60	49.00	--
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	77.40	88.50	89.00	78.80	87.90	89.70	--
Calves	Cwt.	96.00	110.00	111.00	98.90	115.00	116.00	51
Lambs	Cwt.	88.00	97.00	--	93.70	104.00	--	--
Milk, All <sup>6/</sup>	Cwt.	10.10	15.00	17.50	11.00	15.40	7/18.00	8/54
Fluid Grade <sup>9/</sup>	Cwt.	10.10	15.00	--	11.00	15.40	7/18.00	--
Mfg. Grade	Cwt.	10.10	16.10	--	10.00	15.20	7/18.60	--

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 3.66, fluid milk 3.66, mfg grade 3.82. 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 2003	April 2003	March 2004		April 2004 Preliminary
			Preliminary	Revised	
Prices Received	99	101	122	121	124
Prices Paid	128	128	131	133	133
Ratio <sup>1/</sup>	77	79	93	91	93

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

### Idaho Milk Production Up 2.0 Percent

Idaho milk production during April 2004 totaled 729 million pounds, a 2.0 percent increase from the same month last year but 1 percent less than March 2004. Production for March 2003 totaled 735 million pounds, down from the preliminary estimate, but four million pounds above March 2003. Average milk production per cow in April 2004 was 1,760 pounds, 40 pounds below April 2003 and 20 pounds below March 2004. The average number of milk cows during April was 414,000 head, up 1,000 head from the previous month, and 17,000 head more than April 2003.

Nationally, April milk production totaled 12.6 billion pounds, down 0.9 percent from April 2003. March revised production, at 12.8 billion pounds, was down 1.7 percent from March 2003. The March revision represented an increase of 0.2 percent or 22 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,630 pounds for April, 3 pounds above April 2003. The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.72 million head, 81,000 head less than April 2003, but 2,000 head more than March 2004.

## Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, April 2003-2004

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		2004 As Percent of 2003
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	155	155	2,045	2,055	317	319	101
California	1,685	1,714	1,800	1,790	3,033	3,068	101
Florida	144	138	1,415	1,505	204	208	102
<b>IDAHO</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>1,760</b>	<b>715</b>	<b>729</b>	<b>102</b>
Illinois	111	108	1,610	1,580	179	171	96
Indiana	148	147	1,685	1,660	249	244	98
Iowa	203	194	1,610	1,580	327	307	94
Kentucky	120	110	1,140	1,190	137	131	96
Michigan	301	297	1,730	1,750	521	520	100
Minnesota	475	465	1,500	1,480	713	688	96
Missouri	130	124	1,325	1,370	172	170	99
New Mexico	315	327	1,810	1,735	570	567	99
New York	679	658	1,505	1,480	1,022	974	95
Ohio	261	261	1,490	1,500	389	392	101
Pennsylvania	582	561	1,575	1,550	917	870	95
Texas	320	317	1,600	1,705	512	540	105
Vermont	150	144	1,495	1,495	224	215	96
Virginia	116	102	1,355	1,460	157	149	95
Washington	248	240	1,895	1,905	470	457	97
Wisconsin	1,260	1,243	1,480	1,500	1,865	1,865	100
<b>20 STATE TOTAL</b>	<b>7,800</b>	<b>7,719</b>	<b>1,627</b>	<b>1,630</b>	<b>12,693</b>	<b>12,584</b>	<b>99</b>

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

## U.S. Dairy Products March 2004 Highlights

**Total cheese** output (excluding cottage cheese) was 779 million pounds, 6.6 percent above March 2003 and 10.6 percent above February 2004.

**American type cheese** production totaled 325 million pounds, 2.3 percent above March 2003 and 9.3 percent above February 2004.

**Butter** production was 97.7 million pounds in March, 22.7 percent below March 2003 and 7.7 percent below February 2004.

**Frozen dessert:** (comparisons with March 2003)

Ice cream

Regular (hard) ---79.7 million gallons, up 5.3 percent.

Lowfat (total) —36.1 million gallons, up 22.0 percent

Nonfat (hard) --- 1.70 million gallons, up 6.6 percent.

Sherbet (hard) ---5.58 million gallons, up 19.2 percent.

Frozen Yogurt (total) — 6.16 million gallons, up 6.2 percent.

**Nonfat dry milk for human food:** (compared with March 2003)—118 million pounds, down 24.0 percent.

## Idaho Onion Intentions

Onion acreage planted in Idaho is expected to be 9,400 acres, a 12 percent increase from the 2003 acreage and a 16 percent increase from 2002.

Nationally, onion growers intend to plant 177,270 acres of onions in 2004, a 6 percent increase from 2003. Spring onion producers planted 38,800 acres, up 10 percent from last year, but slightly

below 2002. Summer, non-storage acreage is 23,200 acres, up 2 percent from last year and slightly above 2002. Summer storage onion producers intend to plant 115,270 acres this year, up 6 percent from the previous year and 7 percent above 2002 acreage.

### Onions: Area Planted by Season, State, and United States, 2002-2004

Season and State	Acres			2004 As Percent of 2003
	2002	2003	2004	
Spring <sup>1/</sup>	38,900	35,200	38,800	110
Summer <sup>1/</sup>				
Non-storage				
California	7,500	7,800	7,700	99
Nevada	3,300	3,100	3,200	103
New Mexico	8,100	7,700	7,400	96
Texas	3,000	2,700	3,400	126
Washington <sup>2/</sup>	1,100	1,400	1,500	107
<b>Summer Non-Storage Total</b>	<b>23,000</b>	<b>22,700</b>	<b>23,200</b>	<b>102</b>
Storage				
California <sup>3/</sup>	31,500	34,500	33,000	96
Colorado	12,500	10,500	12,000	114
<b>IDAHO</b>	<b>8,100</b>	<b>8,400</b>	<b>9,400</b>	<b>112</b>
Michigan	4,000	3,700	3,800	103
Minnesota	280	280	270	96
New York	12,700	12,100	12,500	103
Ohio	470	380	400	105
Oregon				
Malheur	12,000	12,200	13,000	107
Other	5,400	6,500	8,000	123
Utah	2,200	1,900	1,800	95
Washington	16,000	16,000	19,000	119
Wisconsin	2,100	2,100	2,100	100
<b>Summer Storage Total</b>	<b>107,250</b>	<b>108,560</b>	<b>115,270</b>	<b>106</b>
<b>Summer Total</b>	<b>130,250</b>	<b>131,260</b>	<b>138,470</b>	<b>105</b>
<b>U.S.</b>	<b>169,150</b>	<b>166,460</b>	<b>177,270</b>	<b>106</b>

<sup>1/</sup> Primarily fresh market. <sup>2/</sup> 2004 forecast includes Walla Walla and other non-storage onions. <sup>3/</sup> Primarily dehydrated and other processing.