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Highlights

- Annual milk production • Livestock value
- Winter wheat • Hay stocks



Winter Wheat Crop Production Forecast

Winter wheat production in **Oregon** is forecast at 44.5 million bushels, down from 47.9 million bushels last year. Acreage to be harvested for grain is expected to be 840,000 million acres, down 100,000 acres from last year. Average yield is forecast at 53 bushels per harvested acre, up 2 bushels when compared to last year. As of May 23rd, winter wheat conditions were rated 1 percent very poor, 10 poor, 29 fair, 51 good, and 9 excellent.

Pacific Northwest (Oregon, Idaho, and Washington) winter wheat production is expected to total 206.7 million bushels, down from 222.5 million bushels in 2003. Acreage to be harvested for grain is estimated at 3.2 million acres, down 7 percent when compared to last year.

United States winter wheat production is forecast at 1.55 billion bushels, down 9 percent from 2003. The U.S. yield is forecast at 44.2 bushels per acre, 2.5 bushels less than last year. Area to be harvested for grain is expected to total 35.1 million acres, down 4 percent from last season.

The preceding crop production forecasts are based on yield projections and acreage reports collected from a cross-section of producers on and around May 1. This report is based on conditions on May 1 and assumes no extreme conditions the remainder of the crop season.

Winter Wheat: Acres Harvested, Yield and Production, Selected States and U.S., Forecasted, May 1, 2004

State	Area Harvested			Yield		Production		
	2003	Forecast 2004	<u>2004</u> 2003	2003	Forecast 2004	2003	Forecast 2004	<u>2004</u> 2003
	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	%	Bushels	Bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	%
Oregon	940	840	89	51.0	53.0	47,940	44,520	93
Idaho	720	680	94	80.0	81.0	57,600	55,080	96
Washington	1,800	1,700	94	65.0	63.0	117,000	107,100	92
Pacific Northwest ^{1/}	3,460	3,220	93	64.3	64.2	222,540	206,700	93
U.S. Total	36,541	35,082	96	46.7	44.2	1,707,069	1,550,395	91

^{1/} Includes Oregon, Idaho and Washington.

Oregon Hay Stocks

Hay stocks on **Oregon** farms and ranches on May 1, 2004 totaled 377,000 tons, up 11 percent from the previous year. The increase in part can be contributed to higher hay production in 2003 and an early spring. December 1, 2003 stocks were 2,395,000 tons.

Pacific Northwest hay stocks on May 1, 2004 totaled 1,292,000 tons, up 3 percent from May 1, 2003. Disappearance of hay totaled 5,495,000 tons from December 1, 2003 to May 1, 2004.

On farm hay stocks: Selected states and U.S. 2002 and 2003 crops

State	2002 crop			2003 crop		
	Production	Dec 1, 2002 stocks	May 1, 2003 stocks	Production	Dec 1, 2003 stocks	May 1, 2004 stocks
	<i>1,000 tons</i>	<i>1,000 tons</i>	<i>1,000 tons</i>	<i>1,000 tons</i>	<i>1,000 tons</i>	<i>1,000 tons</i>
Oregon	3,407	2,550	340	3,629	2,395	377
Idaho	5,608	2,824	635	4,950	2,772	445
Washington	3,346	1,600	285	3,603	1,620	470
Pacific Northwest ^{1/}	12,361	6,974	1,260	12,182	6,787	1,292
U.S. total	150,962	102,978	22,013	157,123	110,752	25,865

^{1/} Includes Oregon, Idaho and Washington.

May 1 Potato Stocks Up Ten Percent

Potato stocks in **Oregon** totaled 5.5 million cwt. as of May 1, 2004, reflecting an increase of 10 percent from May 1, 2003. This total accounts for 26 percent of the 2003 crop production in Oregon, compared to 20 percent last year at this time. Stocks include potatoes received from other States now being stored in Oregon.

Last year at this time, 76 percent of Oregon's stocks were in the Hermiston/Boardman area, while 19 percent were in Malheur County. Hermiston/Boardman area stocks are up almost 26 percent from last year, while Malheur County stocks are down almost 42 percent from last year.

About 86 percent of Oregon's stocks were in the Hermiston/Boardman area as of May 1, while almost 10 percent were in Malheur County.

Potato stocks are defined as the quantity (whether sold or not) remaining in storage for all purposes and uses, including shrinkage, waste and other losses that occur after May 1.

Potatoes: Production and total stocks of fall potatoes, 2002 and 2003

State	Crop of 2002			Crop of 2003		
	Production	Total stocks May 1, 2003	May 1 stocks as % of production	Production	Total Stocks May 1, 2004	May 1 Stocks as % of production
	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Oregon	24,936	5,000	20	20,991	5,500	26
Idaho	133,385	34,500	26	123,180	33,500	27
Washington	92,340	16,500	18	93,150	15,000	16
Pacific Northwest ^{1/}	250,661	56,000	22	237,321	54,000	23
California	4,316	1,000	23	3,444	1,200	35
Colorado	27,885	5,800	21	23,652	3,600	15
Maine	16,960	3,900	23	17,030	4,100	24
Michigan	13,878	1,000	7	15,015	1,600	11
Minnesota	18,810	4,300	23	22,330	5,500	25
Montana	3,224	400	12	3,339	500	15
Nebraska	8,611	--	--	9,860	--	--
New York	5,500	--	--	6,510	450	7
North Dakota	23,460	5,500	23	27,440	8,300	30
Ohio	902	--	--	1,290	--	--
Pennsylvania	2,128	--	--	3,915	100	3
Wisconsin	30,750	3,700	12	32,800	3,800	12
Other states ^{2/}	--	1,340	--	--	1,650	--
15 State total	407,085	82,940	20	403,946	84,800	21

^{1/} Includes Oregon, Idaho and Washington.

^{2/} Missing stocks combined into "Other States".

Milk production cash receipts up 4.2 percent from 2002

Oregon's milk production for 2003 was 2.18 billion pounds. The average production per Oregon cow for the year was 18,294 pounds compared to the U. S. average of 18,749 pounds per cow. The number of milk cows in Oregon was 119,000, up 5,000 head from the previous year. The average return per 100 pounds came to \$12.50. Total cash receipts for Oregon totaled \$270.1 million, compared to \$259.3 in 2002.

Nationally, milk production increased 0.1 percent in 2003 to 170.3 billion pounds. The rate per cow at 18,749 pounds, was

141 pounds above 2002. The annual average number of cows on farms was 9.08 million head.

Cash receipts from marketings of milk for 2003 was \$21.2 billion, 3 percent above 2002. Producer returns averaged \$12.55 per cwt, 3 percent above 2002. Marketings totaled 169 billion pounds, 0.2 percent above 2002. Marketings include whole milk sold to plants and dealers as well as milk sold directly to consumers.

Milk production and marketings, 2002-2003

Item	Unit	Oregon		United States	
		2002	2003	2002	2003
Number of milk cows	Thousands	114	119	9,139	9,084
Production of milk:					
Per milk cow	Pounds	18,360	18,294	18,608	18,749
Percentage of fat	Percent	3.67	3.66	3.68	3.67
Total production:					
Milk	Mil. lbs.	2,093	2,177	170,063	170,312
Milk fat	Mil. lbs.	76.8	79.7	6,263.9	6,245.6
Combined marketings of milk & cream					
Milk utilized	Mil. lbs.	2,074	2,161	168,944	169,198
Average returns:					
Per 100 pounds of milk	Dollars	12.50	12.50	12.18	12.55
Per pound milk fat	Dollars	3.41	3.42	3.31	3.42
Cash receipts from marketing	1,000 \$'s	259,250	270,125	20,582,238	21,227,695
Value of all milk produced	1,000 \$'s	261,625	272,125	20,720,482	21,369,706

All livestock value of production up 8 percent

Oregon's value of all livestock production for 2003 totaled \$851 million, up 8 percent from the \$790 million for 2002. Trout, mink, honey and other livestock showed minor decreases. Cattle and calves, the largest component to livestock value of production, increased \$45.6 million to \$429.8 million from \$384.2 million or a 12 percent increase. This increase was also more than \$6.8 million than 2001. Both cattle production and prices showed an increase in 2003. Both sheep and lamb production showed a decrease but both prices were up with lamb prices showing over a \$20 increase in average price per 100 pounds. Hog and pig prices and production both increased in 2003.

Oregon's value of livestock production

Rank 2003	Livestock or livestock products	Value of production		
		2001	2002	2003
		<i>1,000 dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>
1	Cattle & Calves	422,986	384,231	429,811
2	Milk	266,135	261,625	272,125
3	Eggs ^{1/}	45,788	41,616	43,724
4	Equine ^{2/}	23,286	24,043	25,493
5	Sheep & Lambs	8,043	7,006	8,584
6	Mink ^{1/}	7,645	6,919	6,629
7	Hogs & Pigs	6,482	4,696	5,512
8	Honey	1,433	2,844	2,699
9	Wool	408	475	702
10	Trout ^{3/}	2,205	801	506
	Other Livestock ^{2/}	59,741	55,574	55,435
	Total Value	844,152	789,830	851,220

^{1/} Only price data from Oregon State University.

^{2/} Data from Oregon State University.

^{3/} Total value of fish sold.

U.S. Wage Rates Up 1 Percent From a Year Ago

There were 1.08 million hired workers on the farms and ranches in the U.S. for the week of April 11-17, 2004. On average, wage rates were up 1 percent from a year ago. All hired workers were paid \$9.22 an hour, 6 cents more than a year ago. Field workers made \$8.46 per hour, up 6 cents from the previous year. Livestock workers were paid \$8.58 an hour.

There were 64,000 hired workers in the Pacific region, for the week of April 11-17, working an average of 36.8 hours a week.

Wage rates for all hired workers in the region was \$9.91 per hour. Field workers received \$9.02 per hour, while livestock workers were paid \$10.16 per hour.

The average number of hours worked was 40.7, up 1 percent from a year ago.

Hired farm workers, April. 11 - 17, 2004 ^{1/}

Area	Number of hired workers	Expected to be employed		Number of hours worked	Wage rates for all hired workers	Type of worker			
		150 days or more	149 days or less			Field	Livestock	Field & Livestock Combined	
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Dollars per hour</i>	<i>Dollars per hour</i>	<i>Dollars per hour</i>	<i>Dollars per hour</i>	
PNW ^{2/}	2004	64	43	21	36.8	9.91	9.02	10.16	9.16
	2003	52	43	9	40.3	9.34	8.82	9.28	8.90
MTN ^{3/}	2004	24	21	3	42.8	8.57	8.14	8.41	8.31
	2003	19	17	2	46.2	7.93	7.63	7.68	7.66
CALIF	2004	232	187	45	46.2	9.26	8.39	10.00	8.52
	2003	220	185	35	43.1	9.22	8.33	10.15	8.48
U.S.	2004	825	648	177	40.7	9.22	8.46	8.95	8.58
	2003	781	619	162	40.1	9.16	8.40	8.75	8.49

1/ Excludes agricultural service workers.

2/ Includes Oregon and Washington.

3/ Includes Idaho, Montana & Wyoming.

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