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Survey results

This report contains forecasts of 2004 crop production as summarized from the results of recent surveys of producers across Oregon and the Nation.

June 1 forecast for winter wheat

Oregon winter wheat production in Oregon is forecast at 49.6 million bushels, up from the May 1 forecast of 44.5 million bushels, and up from 47.9 million bushels last year. Acreage to be harvested for grain is expected to be 840,000 acres, down 100,000 acres from last year. Average yield is forecast at 59 bushels per harvested acre, up 6 bushels from the May 1 forecast and 8 bushels higher than last year. At the time of this forecast, the Oregon Crop-Weather report showed the winter wheat crop condition to be 8 percent excellent, 51 percent good, 33 percent fair, 7 percent poor, and 1 percent very poor.

Pacific Northwest (Oregon, Idaho, and Washington) winter wheat production is expected to total 213.4 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.

Nationally, winter wheat production is forecast at 1.53 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the May 1 forecast and 10 percent below 2003. The U.S. yield is forecast at 43.6 bushels per acre, down 0.6 bushel from the previous forecast. Grain area totals 35.1 million acres, unchanged from the May 1 forecast, but 1.5 million acres lower than 2003.

Hard Red Wheat production is down 3 percent from a month ago to 887 million bushels. Soft Red Wheat is down less than 1 percent from last month, and now totals 397 million bushels. White Wheat production totals 247 million bushels, up 2 percent from last month.

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

Winter Wheat: Acres Harvested, Yield and Production, Selected States and U.S., Forecasted, June 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	59.0	47,940	49,560	103
Idaho	720	680	94	80.0	81.0	57,600	55,080	96
Washington	1,800	1,700	94	65.0	64.0	117,000	108,800	93
Pacific Northwest ^{1/}	3,460	3,220	93	64.3	66.3	222,540	213,440	96
U.S. Total	36,541	35,082	96	46.7	43.6	1,707,069	1,530,742	90

1/ Includes Oregon, Idaho and Washington.

Hop acres down slightly in 2004

Acres strung for harvest in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho is forecast at 27,946 acres, 3 percent below 2003 and 5 percent below 2002. Acres strung for harvest in Oregon and Washington are down in 2004, but are up in Idaho. Oregon growers expect the largest acreage change this year, down 11 percent from 2003. Washington acres are down 1 percent from last year, and Idaho acres are up 2 percent. The Willamette variety was again number one in both Oregon and Washington.

Hops: Area harvested, by variety, by states, and United States, 2002-2003 and forecasted June 1, 2004

State and variety	Area harvested		Strung for harvest
	2002	2003	2004
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>
IDAHO			
Idaho total	3,399	3,429	3,505
OREGON			
Cascade	217	-	91
Glacier	-	245	243
Golding	-	95	105
Liberty	36	-	-
Millenium	421	-	264
Mt. Hood	243	217	215
Nugget	1,967	1,529	1,286
Perle	452	450	259
Sterling	86	84	222
Willamette	1,912	2,224	2,175
Other varieties	243	904	247
Oregon total	5,577	5,748	5,107
WASHINGTON			
Cascade	1,216	2,120	1,460
Chelan	295	180	201
Chinook	422	453	490
Cluster	48	430	467
Columbus/Tomahawk	3,663	2,738	2,988
Galena	3,239	2,856	3,412
Golding	26	22	36
Hallertauer	76	53	46
Horizon	337	135	35
Millenium	1,455	1,386	1,126
Mt. Hood	107	32	39
Northern Brewer	97	65	65
Nugget	1,288	918	719
Perle	124	104	47
Tettnanger	48	-	-
Tillicum	194	194	-
Willamette	3,639	3,645	3,543
YCR-5(Warrior TM)	988	1,242	811
Zeus	2,265	2,333	2,899
Other varieties	374	586	950
Washington total	20,333	19,492	19,334
United States	29,309	28,669	27,946

- Included in other varieties to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Frozen strawberry holdings up

Frozen strawberry holdings in the United States on April 30, 2004 were 227.6 million pounds; 6 percent more than on April 30 of last year and 48 percent more than two years ago. In the Pacific Region (Oregon, Washington, and California), preliminary frozen strawberry holdings totaled 191.1 million pounds, also up 6 percent from last year and 44 percent from two years ago. The region held 84 percent of the U.S. frozen strawberry holdings on April 30, 2004, the same as April 30, 2003, but 2 percent less than April 30, 2002.

Cold storage holdings: Frozen strawberries

Date	Pacific Region ^{1/}	United States
	---1,000 pounds---	
September 30		
2001	278,408	312,681
2002	326,561	369,630
2003	336,351	381,667
April 30		
2002	132,472	153,603
2003	180,750	214,089
2004	191,124	227,560

1/ California, Oregon and Washington.

Dairy products: Quantities manufactured, April 2004

Product	Production	
	April 2004	Change From 2003
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Oregon		
American cheese lbs.	8,241	1.1
Ice cream, hard gal.	1,320	11.7
United States		
Butter lbs.	97,082	-21.0
American cheese lbs.	320,223	4.3
Creamed cottage cheese lbs.	31,247	-7.7
Canned evap. and condensed whole milk lbs.	40,519	-28.8
Non-fat dry milk lbs.	134,027	-16.2
Yogurt-plain & flavored lbs.	214,773	6.9
Ice cream, hard gal.	77,120	-8.6
Ice cream, low fat, soft gal.	27,572	19.3
Frozen yogurt, all gal.	6,038	-14.0

June 1 stocks up ten percent

Potato stocks in Oregon totaled 2.9 million cwt. as of June 1, 2004, reflecting an increase of 600,000 cwt. from June 1, 2003. This total accounts for 14 percent of the 2003 crop production in Oregon, compared to 9 percent last year at this time. Stocks include potatoes received from other States now being stored in Oregon.

About 85 percent of Oregon's stocks were in the Hermiston/Boardman area as of June 1, while almost 14 percent were in Malheur County. Last year at this time, 76 percent of Oregon's stocks were in the Hermiston/Boardman area, while 22 percent were in Malheur County. Hermiston/Boardman area stocks are up 42 percent from last year, while Malheur County stocks are down 20 percent from last year.

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 June 1.

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

State	Crop of 2002			Crop of 2003		
	Production	Total stocks June 1, 2003 ^{2/}	June 1 stocks as % of production	Production	Total Stocks June 1, 2004 ^{2/}	June 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	2,300	9	20,991	2,900	14
Idaho	133,385	21,000	16	123,180	20,500	17
Washington	92,340	9,000	10	93,150	7,000	8
Pacific Northwest ^{1/}	250,661	32,300	13	237,321	30,400	13
California	4,316	700	16	3,444	-	-
Colorado	27,885	3,800	14	23,652	1,800	8
Maine	16,960	2,100	12	17,030	2,300	14
Michigan	13,878	-	-	15,015	-	-
Minnesota	18,810	2,300	12	22,330	3,500	16
Montana	3,224	-	-	3,339	-	-
Nebraska	8,611	-	-	9,860	-	-
New York	5,500	-	-	6,510	-	-
North Dakota	23,460	2,700	12	27,440	5,000	18
Ohio	902	-	-	1,290	-	-
Pennsylvania	2,128	-	-	3,915	-	-
Wisconsin	30,750	1,300	4	32,800	2,000	6
Other States	-	780	-	-	2,410	-
15 State total	407,085	45,980	11	403,946	47,410	12

1/ Includes Oregon, Idaho and Washington.

2/ Missing stocks combined into "Other States".

U.S. Cattle on Feed Up 1 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.62 million head on June 1, 2004. The inventory was 1 percent above June 1, 2003 but 3 percent below June 1, 2002.

Placements in feedlots during May totaled 2.36 million, 2 percent above 2003 and 4 percent above 2002. Net placements were 2.28 million. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 495,000, 600-699 pounds were 486,000, 700-799 pounds were 772,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 610,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 2.03 million, 9 percent below 2003 and 7 percent below 2002.

Other disappearance totaled 79,000 during May, 22 percent above 2003 and 3 percent above 2002.

Cattle on feed: 1,000+ capacity feedlots, United States, June 1, 2002-2004

Item	Number			2004
	2002	2003	2004	2003
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>percent</i>
On feed May 1 ^{1/}	10,971	10,535	10,360	98
Placed on feed during May.	2,267	2,307	2,363	102
Fed cattle marketed during May.	2,171	2,238	2,028	91
Other disappearance during May ^{2/}	77	65	79	122
On feed June 1. ^{1/}	10,990	10,539	10,616	101

^{1/} Cattle & calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

^{2/} Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

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