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Milk cows and milk production, selected states and United States, March 2004 and 2005

State	Milk cows [1]		Milk per cow		Milk production		Change from 2004
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	
	1,000 head	*1,000 head*	*Pounds*	*Pounds*	*Million pounds*	*Million pounds*	*Percent*
CA	1,710	1,748	1,815	1,845	3,104	3,225	3.9
ID	413	440	1,780	1,870	735	823	12.0
OR	**120**	**121**	**1,560**	**1,620**	**187**	**196**	**4.8**
WA	239	238	1,945	2,030	465	483	3.9
WI	1,244	1,233	1,510	1,560	1,878	1,923	2.4
United States	9,002	9,010	1,640	1,684	14,762	15,172	2.8

[1] Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

Dairy products: Production, selected products, Oregon and United States

Product and unit		Feb 2004	Jan [1] 2005	Feb 2005	Change from Feb 2004	Change from Jan 2005
		1,000	*1,000*	*1,000*	*Percent*	*Percent*
		Oregon				
American cheese	Pounds	7,813	9,722	8,875	13.6	-8.7
Ice cream, hard	Gallons	880	769	803	-8.8	4.4
		United States				
Total cheese	Pounds	704,288	754,684	708,116	0.5	-6.2
American cheese	Pounds	297,241	322,188	292,386	-1.6	-9.2
Cheddar cheese	Pounds	223,308	237,513	216,409	-3.1	-8.9
Butter	Pounds	105,788	128,653	113,498	7.3	-11.8
Nonfat dry milk						
For human consumption	Pounds	115,772	93,775	94,266	-18.6	0.5
Cottage cheese, cream	Pounds	30,642	29,496	27,913	-8.9	-5.4
Cottage cheese, lowfat	Pounds	30,591	29,468	30,454	-0.4	3.3
Ice cream, hard	Gallons	65,823	60,440	64,100	-2.6	6.1
Ice cream, lowfat, total	Gallons	26,832	27,079	27,982	4.3	3.3
Sherbet, hard	Gallons	3,973	4,194	4,083	2.8	-2.6
Frozen yogurt, total	Gallons	4,973	4,299	4,520	-9.1	5.1

[1] Revised.

Oregon processed vegetable intentions decreasing

Oregon processed vegetable producers intend to plant 57,500 acres of snap beans, sweet corn and green peas. This is a decrease of 6,900 acres from 2004. Snap bean intentions at 17,700 acres, is down 3 percent from the previous year. Green pea acreage is 15,300 and sweet corn acreage is 24,500, down 2,400 and 4,000 acres respectively. Nationally, acreage for the three crops has increased slightly due to the 7 percent increase in green peas. Sweet corn intentions decreased 1 percent, for a total of 408,800 acres. Snap bean acreage decreased 4 percent, totaling 194,800 acres.

Processing vegetables: Planted acreage and contract inentions Oregon, Washington and United States, 2003-2004 and forecasted 2005

Crop	Area planted				Contract change 2005/ 2004
	2003 total	2004		2005 contract intentions [1]	
		Total	Contract [1]		
	Acres	*Acres*	*Acres*	*Acres*	*Percent*
	Oregon				
Green peas	22,400	17,700	17,700	15,300	86
Snap beans	16,500	18,200	18,200	17,700	97
Sweet corn	31,000	28,500	28,500	24,500	86
	Washington				
Green peas	45,500	35,600	35,600	36,000	101
Sweet corn	101,500	96,100	96,100	80,600	84
	United States				
Green peas	245,600	211,100	211,100	224,900	107
For freezing	138,900	126,700	126,700	129,700	102
For canning	106,700	84,400	84,400	95,200	113
Snap beans	200,900	206,900	202,950	194,800	96
For freezing	58,700	62,400	59,550	60,900	102
For canning	142,200	144,500	143,400	133,900	93
Sweet corn	438,400	412,700	412,400	408,800	99
For freezing	215,800	197,400	197,100	193,000	98
For canning	222,600	215,300	215,300	215,800	100

[1] Includes acreage from major brokers.

Strawberries

Oregon strawberry growers expect to harvest 2,100 acres in 2005, down 300 acres from last year. The number of strawberry acres harvested in Oregon has been decreasing since 1993. Acreage in California and Florida is expected to increase slightly from 2004, up about 3 percent in both states.

Strawberries: Area harvested, yield and production [1] by season, state and total, 2003-2004 and forecasted 2005

State	Harvested		For harvest 2005	Yield per acre			Production		
	2003	2004		2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005
	Acres	*Acres*	*Acres*	*Cwt*	*Cwt*	*Cwt*	*1,000 cwt*	*1,000 cwt*	*1,000 cwt*
	Winter								
Florida	7,100	7,100	7,300	220	230	245	1,562	1,633	1,789
	Spring								
California	29,600	33,200	34,300	645	590	580	19,092	19,588	19,894
Michigan [2]	1,100	900	-	57	46	-	63	41	-
Oregon [3]	**2,600**	**2,400**	**2,100**	**115**	**135**	**-**	**295**	**324**	**-**
Major states total	40,400	43,600	43,700	520	495	-	21,012	21,586	-

[1] Includes fresh market and processing.
[2] Season estimate discontinued. Estimate to be published in January 2006.
[3] First production forecast will be published July 8, 2005.

Oregon onion forecast

Growers in Malheur County, Oregon expect to harvest 11,400 acres of onions in 2005; growers in other counties expect to harvest 7,300 acres. California intends to harvest the most onion acres at 29,000, followed by Washington with 19,000 acres. Oregon is a close third at 18,700 onion acres. Nationally, onion producers expect to harvest 5,400 less acres in 2005.

Onions: Area planted by season, state, and United States 2003-2004 and forecasted 2005

State	Area planted			2005/ 2004
	2003	2004	2005	
	Acres	*Acres*	*Acres*	*Percent*
	Spring [1]			
Arizona	1,500	1,600	2,300	144
California	7,700	7,300	7,500	103
Georgia	14,000	16,500	14,000	85
Texas	12,800	14,500	15,500	107
Total	**36,000**	**39,900**	**39,300**	**98**
	Summer: non-storage [1]			
California	7,800	8,800	9,000	102
Nevada	3,100	3,400	3,300	97
New Mexico	7,700	7,300	7,400	101
Texas	2,700	2,900	2,900	100
Washington [2]	1,400	1,500	1,400	93
Total	**22,700**	**23,900**	**24,000**	**100**
	Summer: storage			
California [3]	36,000	29,400	29,000	99
Colorado	10,500	12,500	12,000	96
Idaho	10,000	11,000	9,900	90
Michigan	3,700	3,700	3,500	95
Minnesota [4]	280	-	-	-
New York	12,100	13,500	13,300	99
Ohio	380	-	-	-
Oregon				
Malheur	12,400	13,500	11,400	84
Other	6,900	7,000	7,300	104
Utah	1,900	1,600	-	-
Washington	18,000	19,000	19,000	100
Wisconsin	2,100	2,000	1,800	90
Other states [5]	-	700	1,800	-
Total	**114,260**	**113,900**	**109,000**	**96**
	All spring and summer			
United States	**172,960**	**177,700**	**172,300**	**97**

[1] Primarily fresh market. [2] Includes Walla Walla and other non-storage onions. [3] Primarily dehydrated and other processing. [4] Estimate discontinued in 2005. [5] 2004 - MN and OH, 2005 - OH and UT.

Oregon's April 1 Stocks Down from Last Year

Potato stocks in Oregon totaled 6.2 million cwt as of April 1, 2005, reflecting a decrease of 26 percent from one year ago. This total accounts for 31 percent of the 2004 crop production in Oregon, compared to 40 percent last year at this time. Stocks include potatoes received from other States now being stored in Oregon.

About 65 percent of Oregon's stocks were in the Hermiston/Boardman area as of April 1, while 18 percent were in Malheur County and 13 percent were in Klamath County. The remaining 4 percent were located in the Willamette Valley and in central and northeastern Oregon. Last year at this time, 79 percent of Oregon's stocks were in the Hermiston/Boardman area, 10 percent were in Malheur County and 5 percent was in Klamath County. The Willamette Valley and central and northeastern Oregon stocks accounted for 6 percent of the State total 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 the target date.

Potatoes: Production and total stocks of fall potatoes, 2003 and 2004 crops [1]

State	Crop of 2003			Crop of 2004		
	Production	Total stocks Apr 1, 2004	Apr 1 stocks as % of production	Production	Total stocks Apr 1, 2005	Apr 1 stocks as % of production
	1,000 cwt.	*1,000 cwt.*	*Percent*	*1,000 cwt*	*1,000 cwt*	*Percent*
Oregon	**20,991**	**8,400**	**40**	**19,775**	**6,200**	**31**
Idaho	123,180	46,000	37	131,970	52,000	39
Washington	93,150	21,500	23	93,810	22,000	23
Pacific Northwest [2]	**237,321**	**75,900**	**32**	**245,555**	**80,200**	**33**
California	3,528	1,000	28	3,876	900	23
Colorado	23,652	7,500	32	23,148	8,500	37
Maine	17,030	6,500	38	19,220	7,500	39
Michigan	15,015	3,200	21	13,650	2,700	20
Minnesota	22,330	7,600	34	18,920	6,500	34
Montana	3,339	2,300	69	3,551	2,000	56
Nebraska	9,744	([3])	-	9,288	([3])	-
New York	6,510	300	5	5,184	320	6
North Dakota	27,440	11,200	41	26,765	10,300	38
Ohio	1,097	([3])	-	1,080	([3])	-
Pennsylvania	3,375	400	12	2,640	600	23
Wisconsin	32,800	7,600	23	30,450	7,700	25
Other states		2,610	-		2,400	-
15 State Total	403,181	126,110	31	403,327	129,620	32

[1] Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2004 totaled 26.4 million cwt. [2] Includes Oregon, Idaho and Washington. [3] Stocks combined into "other states" to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

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