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Oregon 2003 Annual Crop Summary

Most small grain and hay production increased in 2003 according to the Oregon Agricultural Statistics Service. Potato, sugarbeet and dry edible bean production decreased.

All wheat production totaled 53.5 million bushels, up significantly from 2002. More acres harvested and higher average yields resulted in a 57 percent increase in production over last year. Winter wheat production in 2003 totaled 47.9 million bushels, 65 percent above 2002. Spring wheat production, at 5.6 million bushels, was up 14 percent from the previous year. Barley production was estimated at 3.8 million bushels, up 13 percent from 2002. Production of oats, at 1.5 million bushels, decreased sharply from 2.6 million bushels produced in 2002.

Fall potato production for 2003 totaled 20.9 million cwt., a decrease of 16 percent from 2002. Average potato yield was 493 cwt. per acre, down 8 cwt. Harvested acres at 42,600 were down 7,200 acres from last year. Alfalfa hay production for 2003 totaled 2.25 million tons, up from 2.04 million tons in 2002. Alfalfa hay was harvested from 490,000 acres, up 15,000 acres from last year. The average yield for alfalfa hay was 4.6 tons per acre, compared to 4.3 tons per acre in 2002. Other hay production totaled 1.38 million tons. Yields averaged 2.2 tons per acre. Acres of other hay harvested increased from 620,000 in 2002 to 625,000 in 2003.

Corn for grain production in 2003 totaled 5.1 million bushels. Acres of corn for grain harvested were 30,000 acres in 2003. The average yield for corn for grain was 170 bushels per acre. Corn for silage production was 440,000 tons.

Dry edible bean production for 2003 was estimated at 99,000 cwt., down 37 percent from last year. Area harvested decreased to 6,000 acres, down from 9,100 acres in 2002. Dry edible pea harvested acreage at 6,500 acres was up 1,800 acres from last year. Production was up 97 percent to 130,000 cwt. Growers harvested 600 acres of Austrian winter peas in 2003, the same as the previous year; however, production decreased to 6,000 cwt.

Sugarbeet production totaled 285,000 tons, down 5 percent from last year. Peppermint production, at 2.38 million pounds, was up 12 percent from the previous year. The 2003 spearmint crop produced 126,000 pounds, up from 119,000 pounds in 2002. Hop production for 2003 totaled 9.3 million pounds, down from 9.4 million pounds last year.

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