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2004 Small Grain Production Estimates

Oregon

Winter wheat production for 2004 is estimated at 47.6 million bushels, down from 47.9 million bushels in 2003. Area harvested for grain totaled 780,000 acres, a decrease of 160,000 acres from the previous year. The average yield is estimated at 61 bushels per acre, 10 bushels higher than last year, and the highest yield since 2000.

Spring wheat production totaled 8.4 million bushels, up 50 percent from the previous year, and the highest production since 1979. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 175,000 acres, up 35,000 acres from 2003. The average yield, at 48 bushels per acre, is up 8 bushels from last year and is the highest yield since 1998.

Barley production is estimated at 4.8 million bushels, a 25 percent increase from the previous year. Harvested acres, at 66,000, is up 6,000 acres from last year. The average yield is estimated at 73 bushels per acre. That is the highest average yield since 1995.

Oat production totaled 2.0 million bushels, up 500,000 bushels from 2003. Area harvested for grain totaled 20,000 acres, the same as last year, but down 10,000 acres from 2002. The average yield is estimated at 100 bushels per acre, 25 bushels per acre higher than last year. Oregon oat growers produced the highest average yield in the U.S.

United States

The 2004 **winter wheat** production is estimated at 1.50 billion bushels, 13 percent below last year's crop. The U.S. yield is 43.5 bushels per acre, 3.2 bushels below last year's final yield. Acreage for grain is estimated at 34.5 million acres, 6 percent below 2003.

Spring Wheat production in 2004 is estimated at 574 million bushels, up 8 percent from 2003. Harvested area is 13.3 million acres, 1 percent lower than last year. The U.S. yield is a record high 43.1 bushels per acre, 3.6 bushels better than last year and 1.3 bushels higher than the previous record set in 1992.

Barley production is estimated at 280 million bushels, up 1 percent from last year's estimate. Average yield per acre, at 69.5 bushels, is 10.6 bushels above 2003. The area harvested for grain is estimated at 4.03 million acres, 15 percent below a year ago. Nationally, harvested area is the smallest since 1894 but yield is a new record high, 7.0 bushels above the previous record of 62.5 bushels set in 1992.

Oat production is estimated at 117 million bushels, 19 percent below last year's 144 million bushels. The estimated yield is 64.5 bushels per acre, down 0.5 bushel from a year ago. Harvested area is 1.81 million acres, 19 percent below last year. This is the smallest acreage harvested for grain on record, continuing a steady downward trend.

Small grains summary: Oregon, Pacific Northwest, and United States, 2003-2004

Year	Oregon			Pacific Northwest ^{1/}			United States		
	Harvested <i>1,000 acres</i>	Yield <i>Bushels/Acre</i>	Production <i>1,000 bushels</i>	Harvested <i>1,000 acres</i>	Yield <i>Bushels/Acre</i>	Production <i>1,000 bushels</i>	Harvested <i>1,000 acres</i>	Yield <i>Bushels/Acre</i>	Production <i>1,000 bushels</i>
All wheat									
2003	1,080	49.6	53,540	4,555	60.9	277,545	53,063	44.2	2,344,760
2004	955	58.6	55,980	4,420	68.1	301,190	50,204	43.1	2,163,520
Winter wheat									
2003	940	51.0	47,940	3,460	64.3	222,540	36,753	46.7	1,716,721
2004	780	61.0	47,580	3,230	70.5	227,830	34,462	43.5	1,499,434
Spring wheat									
2003	140	40.0	5,600	1,095	50.2	55,005	13,441	39.5	531,402
2004	175	48.0	8,400	1,190	61.6	73,360	13,294	43.1	573,618
Barley									
2003	60	64.0	3,840	1,090	60.5	65,930	4,727	58.9	278,283
2004	66	73.0	4,818	961	85.1	81,768	4,031	69.5	280,103
Oats									
2003	20	75.0	1,500	60	64.6	3,875	2,220	65.0	144,383
2004	20	100.0	2,000	47	86.3	4,056	1,807	64.5	116,505

^{1/} Pacific Northwest includes Oregon, Idaho and Washington.