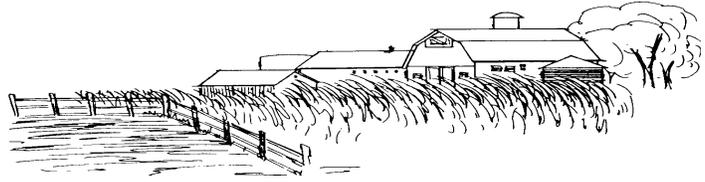




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2003 Crop Values

UTAH: The preliminary value of principal crops including field crops, fruits, and vegetables produced in Utah during 2003 was \$284.5 million, up 6.1 percent from the 2002 crop year, according to the Utah Agricultural Statistics Service.

The 2003 all hay crop was valued at \$215.8 million, up \$5.4 million from 2002. The price per ton was down \$6.50 to \$88.00. Alfalfa hay was valued at \$194.0 million, down slightly from the 2002 value. The price per ton was \$89.00, down \$7.50 from the previous year. All other hay was valued at \$21.9 million, up 37.2 percent from the previous year. Oats, valued at \$1,156,000 was up slightly from 2002. The price of \$2.35 per bushel was down 20 cents from the previous year. Barley was valued at \$6.3 million, down 9.6 percent from the 2002 crop. The average price of \$2.25 per bushel was down 17 cents from 2002. The all wheat crop, at \$20.3 million, was down 10.7 percent. The price per bushel at \$3.65 was down \$1.00 from last year. Winter wheat was valued at \$18.5 million, down 8.3 percent from 2002. The average price per bushel for winter wheat was \$3.60, a decrease of \$1.00 from the previous year. Spring wheat was valued at \$1,840,000, down 29.5 percent from last year. The average price per bushel for other spring wheat, at \$4.00 per bushel, was down \$1.05. Corn for grain was valued at \$6.05 million, down 6.4 percent from the previous year. The average price per bushel, at \$3.00, was down 18 cents from 2002. Dry edible beans was valued at \$283,000, an increase of \$190,000 million from 2002. It was valued at \$17.70 per cwt, down \$.80 from 2002. All potatoes was valued at \$2.8 million, up 15.3 percent from 2002.

UNITED STATES: Nationally, the value of principal crops totaled \$106.1 billion, up 11.6 percent from 2002. The value of principal crops compared with 2002 is as follows: all hay \$12.3 billion, down 1.0 percent; alfalfa hay \$6.9 billion, down 3.8 percent; all other hay \$5.41 billion, up 2.9 percent; oats \$218 million, up 1 percent; barley \$765.8 million, up 26.8 percent; all wheat \$8.0 billion, up 40.1 percent; winter wheat \$5.57 billion, up 45.3 percent; other spring wheat \$2.0 billion, up 30.1 percent; corn for grain \$24.8 billion, up 18.3 percent; dry edible beans \$411.9 million, down 19.8 percent; and all potatoes \$2.7 billion, down 12.3 percent.