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Utah Wheat Acreage Down

Utah's planted acreage for other spring wheat, corn, oats, winter wheat, and all wheat were down from last year. Dry beans and all other hay were unchanged, while barley, alfalfa and all hay were up.

Corn planted, at 53,000 acres, is down 4 percent from 2003. Corn acres to be harvested for grain, at 13,000 acres, is the same as last year. **Oats** planted, at 55,000 acres, is 15 percent lower than the previous year. Oats harvested for grain is forecast at 6,000 acres, the same as 2003. **Barley** planted, at 50,000 acres, is 11 percent above 2003. Barley harvested for grain is forecast at 40,000 acres, up 14 percent from the previous year. **All wheat** planted acreage is estimated at 142,000, a decrease of 33,000 acres from 2003. All wheat harvested for grain is down 18 percent from last year, with 111,000 forecasted acres. **Other spring** wheat planted, at 12,000 acres, is 3,000 acres less than in 2003. Other spring wheat harvested for grain is expected to be 11,000 acres, up 1,000 acres. **Winter wheat** planted acreage in Utah for 2004, at 130,000, is down 19 percent from a year ago. Acreage to be harvested for grain is forecast at 100,000 acres, a decrease of 25,000 acres from last year.

Dry beans planted in Utah for 2004, at 5,600 acres, is the same as 2003. Dry bean acreage to be harvested also remained the same. **Alfalfa hay** acreage, at 550,000, is 5,000 acres more than last year. **All other hay**, at 155,000 acres, remained the same as 2003. **All hay**, at 705,000 acres, increased 5,000 acres from 2003.

Nationally, **Corn** planted area for all purposes is estimated at 81.0 million acres, up 3 percent from both 2002 and 2003. Growers expect to harvest 73.4 million acres for grain, up 3 percent from 2003. Farmers increased corn plantings 1.96 million acres from their March intentions. **All wheat** planted area is estimated at 59.9 million acres,

down 3 percent from 2003. Harvested area is expected to total 50.7 million acres, down 4 percent from last year. **Oats** acres seeded for the 2004 crop year totaled 4.22 million, down 8 percent from last year's planted area. Growers expect to harvest 1.94 million acres for grain, down 13 percent from the 2003 harvested acreage of 2.22 million. **Barley** growers seeded 4.67 million acres for 2004, down 12 percent from the 5.30 million acres seeded a year ago. Acres for harvest, at 4.15 million, are down 11 percent from the 2003 level. **Durum Wheat** planted area for 2004 is estimated at 2.74 million acres, down 6 percent from last year. Area to be harvested for grain is expected to total 2.67 million acres, 7 percent below last year's level. **Other Spring Wheat** acreage planted for 2004 is estimated at 13.7 million, down 1 percent from 2003. Grain area is expected to total 13.2 million acres, down 2 percent from last year. **Hay** producers expect to harvest 61.6 million acres of all hay in 2004, three percent below 2003. Harvested area of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures are forecast at 22.2 million acres, down 6 percent from last year. All other hay harvested area is expected to total 39.4 million acres, down 1 percent. **Dry Bean** growers planted 1.42 million acres for 2004, up 1 percent from last year but 26 percent below two years ago. The June planted acres estimate is 7 percent above growers plans in March. Acres to be harvested are forecast at 1.33 million, down 2 percent from last year and 24 percent below 2002. Nine of the 18 dry bean States have increased planted acreage from a year ago, 8 are down, and 1 remains the same.

Grain Stocks

UTAH: On June 1, 2004 stocks of corn at off-farm locations in Utah were at 838,000 bushels, down 129,000 bushels from last year. All wheat stocks at off-farm locations totaled 4,636,000 bushels compared with 4,050,000 bushels on June 1, 2003. Off-farm barley stocks on June 1, 2004 were at 329,000 bushels, up from the 256,000 bushels last year. Oats stocks were at 52,000 bushels on June 1, 2004, up 7,000 bushels from last year. No on-farm stocks are published in Utah.

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: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000 + Capacity Feedlots, United States, June 1, 2002- 2004

Item	Number			2004 as % of	
	2002	2003	2004	2002	2003
	1,000 Head			Percent	
On Feed May 1 ¹	10,971	10,535	10,360	94	98
Placed on Feed during May	2,267	2,307	2,363	104	102
Fed Cattle Marketed during May	2,171	2,238	2,028	93	91
Other Disappearance during May ²	77	65	79	103	122
On Feed Jun 1 ¹	10,990	10,539	10,616	97	101

¹ Cattle and 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 pasture and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

U.S. Cold Storage Highlights

Stocks in Cold Storage, United States

Commodity	May 31, 2003	Apr 30, 2004	May 31, 2004
	1,000 Pounds		
Total Frozen			
Eggs	17,699	20,906	20,472
Chicken	687,241	645,821	670,479
Turkey	658,839	548,773	567,636
Total Poultry	1,352,075	1,195,614	1,239,135
Cherries, Tart			
RTP	18,375	32,281	23,962
Juice	1,160	1,001	977
Cherries, Sweet	4,834	4,985	5,205
Potatoes	1,106,626	1,158,702	1,186,023
Beef	385,122	421,180	398,535
Pork	499,719	455,141	419,972
Lamb & Mutton	5,838	3,251	3,319
Total Meat	901,508	890,191	831,766
Total in Storage			
Apples, Fresh	1,104,658	1,447,861	923,880
Butter	297,959	155,718	180,741
Cheese, Natural			
American	538,513	528,510	558,832
Swiss	26,596	26,989	27,351
Other Natural	225,928	214,271	216,967

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on May 31, 2004 were greater than year earlier levels for frozen eggs, orange juice, potatoes, beef, cheese and vegetables. Butter stocks were up 16 percent from last month, but down 39 percent from a year ago. **Total red meat supplies** in freezers were down 7 percent from last month and down 8 percent from last year. Frozen pork supplies were down 8 percent from last month and down 16 percent from the previous year. Stocks of pork bellies were down 14 percent from last month and down 10 percent from last year. **Total frozen poultry supplies** on May 31, 2004 were 4 percent higher than the previous month, but 8 percent lower than a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were up 4 percent from the previous month, but 2 percent below last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were up 3 percent from last month, but down 14 percent from May 31, 2003.

Livestock Slaughter

UTAH: Commercial red meat production totaled 34.3 million pounds in May 2004, 11.1 percent below May of the previous year. **Cattle slaughter** in Utah for May 2004 totaled 47,500 head, 8.7 percent below a year earlier. The average live weight was 1,134 pounds, down 31 pounds from May 2003. **Hog slaughter** totaled 3.3 head, down 600 head from May 2003. The average live weight was 222 pounds, 6 pounds above previous year. **Sheep and lamb slaughter** during May 2004 totaled 2,400 head, 200 head below the previous year. Average live weight, at 134 pounds, was up 13 pounds from the previous year.

UNITED STATES: Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.60 billion pounds in May, down 9 percent from the 3.94 billion pounds produced in May 2003. **Beef production**, at 2.07 billion pounds, was 12 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.84 million head, down 13 percent from May 2003. The average live weight was down 4 pounds from the previous year, at 1,204 pounds. **Veal production** totaled 13.8 million pounds, 13 percent below May a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 64,900 head, down 15 percent from May 2003. The average live weight was 12 pounds above last year, at 355 pounds. **Pork production** totaled 1.50 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.58 million head, 3 percent below May 2003. The average live weight was 1 pound below the previous year, at 266 pounds. **Lamb and mutton production**, at 13.0 million pounds, was down 14 percent from May 2003. Sheep slaughter totaled 188,500 head, 15 percent below last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, up 1 pound from May a year ago.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter,

May 2003-2004 ¹

Item	Utah		United States	
	May		May	
	2003	2004	2003	2004
Production (Million Pounds)				
Red Meat	38.6	34.3	3,942.4	3,597.0
Number Slaughtered (Thousand Head)				
Cattle	52.0	47.5	3,247.6	2,836.2
Calves	1	1	76.4	64.9
Hogs	3.9	3.3	7,815.8	7,578.7
Sheep & Lamb	2.6	2.4	222.2	188.5
Average Live Weight (Pounds)				
Cattle	1,165	1,134	1,208	1,204
Calves	1	1	343	355
Hogs	216	222	267	266
Sheep & Lamb	121	134	137	138

¹ Missing data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Utah Cherry Production Down

UTAH: 2004 tart cherry production forecast is 23.0 million pounds, compared to 26.0 million pounds produced in 2003 and 3.0 million pounds in 2002. Although production is forecast to be down from 2003, favorable weather conditions have allowed for another good crop. Utah is forecasting sweet cherry production to be 1,700 tons, down 23 percent from 2003 but a significant increase over the 2002 crop of 400 tons. Poor pollination in Box Elder County contributed to the decrease in production from last year.

United States: Tart cherry production is forecast at 215 million pounds, 5 percent below 2003 production but more than 3 times the production of the weather-devastated crop in 2002. Michigan, the largest producing State, expects a crop of 145 million pounds, down 6 percent from 2003 but nearly 10 times as much as in 2002. In the Northwest, Michigan's largest producing region, a freeze in early May damaged buds. In general, the weather has been cold and was poor during pollination. Sweet cherry production is forecast 276,550 tons, up 17 percent from 2003 and 52 percent above 2002. The Washington crop, at a record high production of 130,000 tons, is down 4 percent from the June 1 forecast but is 12 percent above 2003. Washington's cherry crop experienced unusually warm conditions during the spring, which contributed to a good bloom. Most growers are reporting crop sizes equal to or greater than a year ago. Rain in early June caused some crop loss due to splitting.

US May Egg Production Up 2 Percent

U.S. egg production totaled 7.50 billion during May 2004, up 2 percent from last year. Production included 6.39 billion table eggs, and 1.11 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.05 billion were broiler-type and 59.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during May 2004 averaged 342 million, up 2 percent from a year earlier. May egg production per 100 layers was 2,192 eggs, up 1 percent from May 2003. May 2004 contained 21 weekdays, 5 Saturdays and 1 holiday compared to May 2003 which contained 22 weekdays, 5 Saturdays and 1 holiday.

US Hog Inventory Up 1 Percent

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2004 was 60.1 million head. This was 1 percent above both June 1, 2003 and March 1, 2004. **Breeding inventory**, at 5.91 million head, was down 2 percent from June 1, 2003, and down slightly from last quarter. **Market hog inventory**, at 54.2 million head, was 1 percent above both last year and last quarter. **The March - May 2004 U.S. pig crop**, at 25.5 million head, was down less than one-half of one percent from 2003, and down 2 percent from 2002. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.86 million head, 1 percent below last year. cent of the breeding herd.



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Agriculture Prices

Utah: Prices received by Utah farmers and ranchers during mid-June 2004, compared with May 2004, were down for barley, and alfalfa hay, but up for other hay, according to the Utah Agricultural Statistics Service.

The lamb price for May 2004 was \$103.00 per cwt, up \$7.00 from June 2003. The May 2004 sheep price, at \$30.00 was \$3.00 above June 2003.

Barley, at \$2.66 per bushel, was down 5 cents from the previous month's price but 9 cents above last year. Baled alfalfa hay was \$88.00 per ton, down \$2.00 from last month and \$5.00 below last year. Other hay, at \$80.00 per ton, was \$5.00 higher than last month and \$8.00 higher than June 2003.

United States: The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in June at 129, based on 1990-92=100, is unchanged from the May Index, but up 22 points (21 percent) from June 2003. The Livestock & Products Index remained unchanged from May while the All Crops Index decreased 1 point (0.8 percent). Producers received higher prices for lettuce, broilers, sweet corn, and cattle. Lower prices were received for milk, soybeans, tomatoes, and grapes. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell, based on the past 3-year average, also affects the overall index. Increased average marketings of wheat, grapes, hay, and cantaloup offset decreased marketings of strawberries, oranges, sweet corn, and tomatoes.

The Food Commodities Index, at 131, is unchanged from last month. The index stands 24 points (22 percent) above June 2003.

Average Prices Received by Farmers

Commodity	Unit	Utah			United States		
		Entire Month		Preliminary	Entire Month		Preliminary
		Jun 2003	May 2004	Jun 2004 ¹	Jun 2003	May 2004	Jun 2004 ¹
Livestock & Products							
Lambs	Dol/Cwt	96.00	103.00	(²)	96.60	103.00	(²)
Sheep	Dol/Cwt	27.00	30.00	(²)	30.30	36.50	(²)
Crops							
Barley	Dol/Bu	2.57	2.71	2.66	2.99	2.78	2.68
Alfalfa Hay, Baled	Dol/Ton	93.00	90.00	88.00	98.90	109.00	102.00
Other Hay, Baled	Dol/Ton	72.00	75.00	80.00	79.20	74.90	76.90

¹ Prices refer to sales occurring about the 15th of the month.

² May data will be published next month.