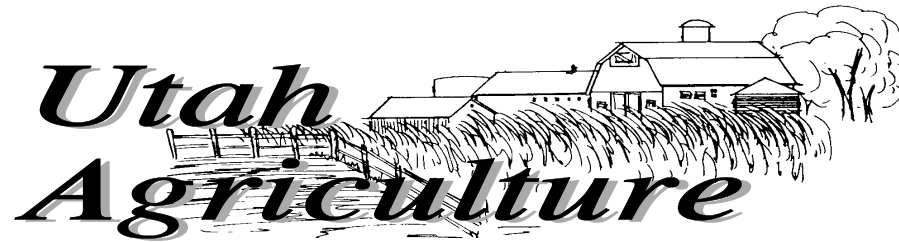




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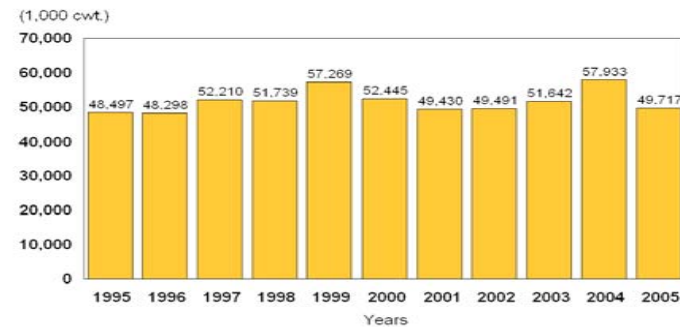


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## Summer Storage Onion Production Down 14 Percent

**UNITED STATES:** Summer storage onion production is forecast at 49.7 million hundredweight (cwt), down 14 percent from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 103,620 acres, down 5 percent from 2004. The yield is down 54 cwt from last year at 480 cwt per acre.

Storage Onion Production  
United States, 1995-2005



## Manufactured Dairy Products

**UTAH:** Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) in August 2005, at 5.2 million pounds, was up 4.1 percent from August 2004, but 9.8 percent below July 2005. Hard ice cream production totaled 2.6 million gallons, up 8.6 percent from August 2004 and 7.4 percent from July 2005.

Manufactured Dairy Production - August 2004-2005 with Comparisons

Product	Utah			United States		
	Aug 2004	Jul <sup>1</sup> 2005	Aug 2005	Aug 2004	Jul <sup>1</sup> 2005	Aug 2005
1,000 Pounds						
Total Cheese .....	4,956	5,717	5,157	719,538	737,713	748,042
1,000 Gallons						
Hard ice cream .....	2,413	2,441	2,621	73,697	87,648	89,421

<sup>1</sup> Revised.

## September Milk Production Up 4.9 Percent

Milk production in the 23 major States during September totaled 13.0 billion pounds, up 4.9 percent from September 2004. August revised production, at 13.6 billion pounds, was up 4.8 percent from August 2004. The August revision represented an increase of 22 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,597 pounds for September, 64 pounds above September 2004. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.16 million head, 54,000 head more than September 2004, and 1,000 head more than August 2005.

Milk Cows and Production: By State and United States,  
Preliminary July-September, 2004-2005

State	Jul-Sep Milk Cows <sup>1</sup>		Jul-September Milk Production <sup>2</sup>		Change From 2004 Percent
	2004 1,000 Head	2005 1,000 Head	2004 Million Pounds	2005 Million Pounds	
AL	17	16	52	47	-9.6
AK	1.2	1.1	3.8	3.4	-10.5
AZ	162	161	839	871	3.8
AR	24	22	74	69	-6.8
CA	1,733	1,763	9,133	9,360	2.5
CO	103	105	550	610	10.9
CT	20	20	95	92	-3.2
DE	7.0	7.5	29.0	32.3	11.4
FL	138	135	495	496	0.2
GA	84	81	319	309	-3.1
HI	6.0	5.3	19.0	17.4	-8.4
ID	430	466	2,358	2,684	13.8
IL	107	104	476	473	-0.6
IN	150	156	718	778	8.4
IA	192	187	937	931	-0.6
KS	115	112	549	564	2.7
KY	110	106	341	327	-4.1
LA	37	34	101	87	-13.9
ME	34	33	156	151	-3.2
MD	73	72	277	281	1.4
MA	17	16	73	72	-1.4
MI	303	313	1,580	1,685	6.6
MN	465	453	1,984	2,018	1.7
MS	27	25	80	81	1.3
MO	121	116	436	407	-6.7
MT	18	19	88	96	9.1
NE	61	60	254	264	3.9
NV	25	25	129	137	6.2
NH	16	16	74	74	
NJ	12	12	49	47	-4.1
NM	327	331	1,693	1,778	5.0
NY	655	648	2,907	3,053	5.0
NC	56	54	241	233	-3.3
ND	34	32	134	132	-1.5
OH	266	270	1,128	1,175	4.2
OK	77	75	307	311	1.3
OR	120	121	581	583	0.3
PA	560	561	2,465	2,630	6.7
RI	1.1	1.1	4.7	4.7	
SC	17	17	63	63	
SD	80	81	333	358	7.5
TN	75	69	265	250	-5.7
TX	320	320	1,412	1,552	9.9
UT	88	88	416	427	2.6
VT	145	143	645	656	1.7
VA	104	105	415	426	2.7
WA	236	242	1,356	1,433	5.7
WV	13	13	47	48	2.1
WI	1,240	1,236	5,541	5,829	5.2
WY	4.3	5.0	16.3	18.5	13.5
US <sup>3</sup>	9,027	9,054	42,239	44,024	4.2

<sup>1</sup> Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes milk sucked by calves.

<sup>3</sup> May not add due to rounding.

## Livestock Slaughter

**UTAH: Commercial red meat production** totaled 43 million pounds in September 2005, 20 percent above September of the previous year. **Cattle slaughter** in Utah for September 2005 totaled 53,500 head, 18 percent above a year earlier. The average live weight was 1,259 pounds, up 30 pounds from September 2004. **Hog slaughter** totaled 4,400 head, 13 percent above September 2004. The average live weight was 238 pounds, up 5 pounds from the previous year. **Sheep and lamb slaughter** during September 2005 totaled 2,400 head, down 100 head from the previous year. Average live weight, at 138 pounds, was up 1 pounds from the previous year.

**UNITED STATES: Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 3.93 billion pounds in September, up 1 percent from the 3.91 billion pounds produced in September 2004. **Beef production**, at 2.16 billion pounds, was 3 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.78 million head, up 1 percent from September 2004. The average live weight was up 11 pounds from the previous year, at 1,276 pounds. **Veal production** totaled 13.2 million pounds, 2 percent above September a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 60,700 head, down 10 percent from September 2004. The average live weight was 43 pounds above last year, at 363 pounds. **Pork production** totaled 1.74 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.87 million head, 1 percent below September 2004. The average live weight was unchanged the previous year, at 265 pounds. **Lamb and mutton production**, at 15.6 million pounds, was down 4 percent from September 2004. Sheep slaughter totaled 231,300 head, 5 percent below last year. The average live weight was 135 pounds, up 2 pounds from September a year ago. **January to September 2005 commercial red meat production** was 33.9 billion pounds, up slightly from 2004. Accumulated beef production was up slightly from last year, veal was down 7 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

### Commercial Livestock Slaughter,

September 2004-2005 <sup>1</sup>

Item	Utah		United States	
	September		September	
	2004	2005	2004	2005
<i>Production (Million Pounds)</i>				
Red Meat . . . . .	35.7	43.0	3,906.3	3,932.8
<i>Number Slaughtered (Thousand Head)</i>				
Cattle . . . . .	45.5	53.5	2,737.1	2,777.6
Calves . . . . .	1	1	67.3	60.7
Hogs . . . . .	3.9	4.4	8,999.2	8,869.9
Sheep & Lamb . . . . .	2.5	2.4	243.9	231.3
<i>Average Live Weight (Pounds)</i>				
Cattle . . . . .	1,229	1,259	1,265	1,276
Calves . . . . .	1	1	320	363
Hogs . . . . .	233	238	265	265
Sheep & Lamb . . . . .	137	138	133	135

<sup>1</sup> Missing data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

## Crop Production Forecast

**UNITED STATES: Corn production** is forecast at 10.9 billion bushels, up 2 percent from last month but 8 percent below 2004. If realized, this would be the second largest crop on record. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 146.1 bushels per acre, up 2.9 bushels from September but 14.3 bushels below last year. Forecast yields are either unchanged or higher than last month in all forecasting States, except Alabama and Mississippi. As harvest progresses, producers are finding the warm, dry conditions during July and August did not reduce yields as much as originally expected. Yields are better than last year in the northern tier States but are still well below last year's record highs in the central and eastern Corn Belt. Based on administrative information, acreage updates were made in several States and farmers now expect to harvest 74.3 million acres of corn for grain, up 15,000 acres from September and up 1 percent from 2004.

**Alfalfa and Alfalfa Mixtures:** Production is forecast at 75.9 million tons, up 3 percent from the August forecast and up 1 percent from last year. Yields are expected to average 3.43 tons per acre, up 0.09 ton from August but down 0.04 ton from 2004. Harvested area is forecast at 22.1 million acres, unchanged from August but up 2 percent from last year.

**Other Hay:** Production is forecast at 76.9 million tons, up 1 percent from August but down 7 percent from 2004. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 1.94 tons, up 0.02 ton from August but down 0.11 ton from last year. Harvested area, at 39.6 million acres, is unchanged from August but down 2 percent from the previous year.



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## Agricultural Prices

**Utah:** Mid-October 2005 prices received by Utah farmers and ranchers for alfalfa and other hay were up from last month. Baled alfalfa hay was \$97.00 per ton, \$2.00 above last month and \$11.00 above last year. Other hay, at \$82.00 per ton, was \$2.00 above September 2005 and \$2.00 above October 2004.

**United States:** The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in October, at 110, based on 1990-92=100, decreased 7 points (6.0 percent) from September. The Crop Index is down 11 points (9.8 percent) while the Livestock Index is unchanged. Producers received lower commodity prices for broilers, corn, eggs, and soybeans. Higher prices were received for cattle, sweet corn, wheat, and turkeys. The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities a producer sells. Decreased average marketings of dairy, sweet corn, grapes, and wheat offset increased marketings of soybeans, corn, cotton, and cottonseed. Preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 4 points (3.5 percent) from October 2004. The Food Commodities Index, at 115, decreased 6 points (5.0 percent) from last month and 3 points (2.5 percent) from October 2004.

### Average Prices Received by Farmers <sup>1</sup>

Commodity	Utah						United States					
	Barley		Alfalfa Hay, Baled		Other Hay, Baled		Barley		Alfalfa Hay, Baled		Other Hay, Baled	
Month	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
January	2.39	2.11	84.00	85.00	71.00	75.00	2.69	2.41	84.80	94.50	70.20	73.30
February	2.74	1.96	78.00	91.00	66.00	80.00	2.73	2.31	85.10	94.00	72.10	74.20
March	2.59	1.89	75.00	99.00	62.00	80.00	2.77	2.49	86.20	98.60	72.00	77.80
April	2.72	2.04	81.00	92.00	70.00	80.00	2.78	2.26	92.70	105.00	76.20	81.60
May	2.71	(2)	90.00	90.00	75.00	80.00	2.78	2.46	108.00	116.00	79.70	75.40
June	2.51	2.10	88.00	95.00	80.00	85.00	2.63	2.57	102.00	112.00	75.90	73.60
July	2.42	2.03	90.00	95.00	80.00	85.00	2.54	2.38	98.70	109.00	74.80	75.90
August	2.30	2.17	87.00	90.00	80.00	85.00	2.77	2.52	99.30	109.00	71.90	74.80
September	2.05	1.97	85.00	95.00	78.00	80.00	2.43	2.36	97.50	107.00	74.30	74.60
October	1.96	(2)	86.00	97.00	80.00	82.00	2.29	2.43	100.00	106.00	73.80	76.50
November	2.39		92.00		88.00		2.45		95.20		73.50	
December	1.91		87.00		83.00		2.49		92.10		72.40	

<sup>1</sup> October 2005 is mid-month price. <sup>2</sup> Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.