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JULY REVIEW

July was an extremely dry, hot month for ag producers. Winter wheat started turning color during the first week of the month. Harvest quickly began a week later in Walla Walla, Franklin, Adams, and Grant Counties. By the end of the month, winter wheat and spring cereals were being harvested. Statewide triple digit temperatures throughout the state allowed for ideal haying conditions. In Thurston County, growers of young Noble firs reported an estimated 25 percent heat scorch damage to new growths. Also, some poultry producers in Thurston County reported greater than normal fatalities due to extremely warm temperatures. Pacific County oyster growers continued Spartina and shrimp burrowing control operations. They also transferred older oysters to fattening grounds. Cranberry growers completed early season weed control efforts and had to continually irrigate bogs. Blueberry fruit was ripening rapidly causing a strain on both pickers and berry processing facilities. Apricot harvest started in Yakima County and mint harvest began in Benton County. Raspberry harvest was in full swing throughout most of the month.

FIELD CROP SUMMARY, AUGUST 1, 2004

CROP	WASHINGTON						PACIFIC NW 1/		UNITED STATES		
	Harvested		Unit	Yield		Production		Production		Production	
	2003	2004		2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	Thousand Acres					Thousand		Thousand		Thousand	
All Wheat	2,345	2,255	Bu.	59.4	64.3	139,345	145,050	280,185	301,350	2,239,889	2,033,943
Winter Wheat	1,800	1,700	Bu.	65.0	69.0	117,000	117,300	222,540	228,310	1,707,069	1,489,408
Spring Wheat	545	555	Bu.	41.0	50.0	22,345	27,750	57,645	73,040	532,820	544,535
Barley	310	280	Bu.	47.0	65.0	14,570	18,200	65,930	84,948	276,087	272,824
Corn, Grain	70	100	Bu.	195.0	195.0	13,650	19,500	NA	NA	10,113,887	10,923,099
Hops	19.49	19.41	Lbs.	2,050	2,120	39,951	41,143	54,565.1	55,537.9	54,565.1	55,537.9
Sugarbeets	4.0	3.8	Tons	40.3	37.6	161	143	6,506	5,611	30,583	28,378
All Hay	810	790	Tons	4.4	4.4	3,603	3,474	12,182	11,998	157,123	161,763
Alfalfa Hay	510	480	Tons	5.3	5.3	2,703	2,544	9,397	8,890	76,307	77,264
Other Hay	300	310	Tons	3.0	3.0	900	930	2,785	3,108	80,816	84,499
Dry Edible Beans	27.5	29.0	Cwt.	19.1	19.0	525	551	2,121	2,296	22,515	21,323
Potatoes, Fall	162	160	Cwt.	575.0	2/	93,150	2/	237,321	2/	411,386	2/

1/ Includes Oregon, Idaho, and Washington.

2/ First production forecast November 12, 2004.

DRY EDIBLE BEANS, ACREAGE PLANTED BY COMMERCIAL CLASS

Commercial Class	Washington			United States 1/		
	2002	2003	2004	2002	2003	2004
	1,000 Acres			1,000 Acres		
Dark Red Kidney	2/	2/	2/	70.5	49.9	53.7
Light Red Kidney	1.4	2/	2/	70.3	68.1	55.8
Small Red	6.4	3.7	3.5	30.9	33.2	29.1
Pinto	11.0	7.0	6.5	813.3	662.9	642.8
Cranberry	2/	2/	2/	24.2	15.4	13.1
Small White	0.8	0.3	0.5	3.3	2.7	2.6
Pink	6.1	4.3	5.0	34.8	32.8	29.7
Garbanzo, All:	11.0	8.2	8.0	82.1	43.5	41.6
Large 3/	-	7.9	7.8	-	37.5	35.0
Small 3/	-	0.3	0.2	-	6.0	6.6
Great Northern	0.9	0.9	2/	93.8	109.4	51.4
Black	2.6	1.5	3.0	196.8	84.3	140.7
Navy	2/	2/	2/	345.3	158.2	192.0
Other	0.8	1.6	2.5	81.7	61.1	53.1
Total	41.0	27.5	29.0	1,922.1	1,406.1	1,360.4

1/ Total of published states. Non-published states are included in "Other" category.

2/ Estimates not published, combined with "Other" category.

3/ Estimates began in 2003.

ALL DRY BEANS, MAJOR STATES AND U.S., 2003-2004, 1/

STATE	Planted Acres		Harvested Acres		Yield		Production	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	1,000 Acres				Pounds		1,000 Cwt.	
California	77.0	67.0	75.0	65.0	1,870	2,000	1,403	1,300
Colorado	80.0	75.0	73.0	67.0	1,600	1,750	1,168	1,173
Idaho	75.0	80.0	73.0	78.0	2,050	2,150	1,497	1,677
Michigan	170.0	185.0	165.0	175.0	1,500	1,700	2,475	2,975
North Dakota	540.0	550.0	520.0	530.0	1,500	1,450	7,800	7,685
Washington	27.5	29.0	27.5	29.0	1,910	1,900	525	551
United States	1,406.1	1,360.4	1,346.9	1,301.1	1,672	1,639	22,515	21,323

1/ Excludes beans grown for garden seeds.

FRUIT PRODUCTION, AUGUST 1, 2004

Crop & State	Total Production 1/		
	2002	2003	Ind. 2004
Million Pounds			
Apples			
California	470.0	450.0	440.0
Michigan	520.0	840.0	760.0
New York	680.0	990.0	1,050.0
Pennsylvania	370.0	442.0	428.0
Virginia	250.0	270.0	260.0
Washington	5,100.0	4,500.0	5,200.0
United States	8,523.4	8,613.3	9,365.9
Million Pounds			
Peaches			
California: 2/ Clingstone	1,124.0	1,072.0	1,150.0
Freestone	796.0	826.0	780.0
Washington	46.0	39.0	35.0
United States	2,535.0	2,519.0	2,598.4
Tons			
Grapes:			
California:			
Wine Types	3,149,000	2,909,000	2,900,000
Table Types 3/	743,000	732,000	750,000
Raisin Types 3/ 4/	2,804,000	2,149,000	2,050,000
Michigan	42,700	94,500	70,000
New York	156,000	198,000	149,000
Pennsylvania	53,200	85,000	69,000
Washington, All	332,000	344,000	310,000
Wine Types	115,000	112,000	110,000
Concord/Niagara	217,000	232,000	200,000
United States	7,338,900	6,572,730	6,361,400
Tons			
Bartlett Pears			
California	232,000	217,000	230,000
Oregon	58,000	54,000	57,000
Washington	158,000	185,000	170,000
Total	448,000	456,000	457,000
Tons			
Other Pears			
California	51,600	55,000	48,000
Oregon	141,000	150,000	151,000
Washington	231,000	237,000	225,000
Total	423,600	442,000	424,000
Tons			
Prunes & Plums			
Idaho	2,000	2,500	3,000
Michigan	250	3,600	2,500
Oregon	8,000	5,500	14,000
Washington	5,400	4,700	5,000
Total	15,650	16,300	24,500

1/ In orchards of 100 or more bearing age trees. 2/ Estimates for current year carried forward from an earlier forecast. 3/ Fresh basis. 4/ The Raisin Industry Diversion Program (RID) was not implemented in 2003 and 2004, but was implemented on the 2002 bearing acres only. No production was realized from these acres. Acres enrolled are 27,000 for 2002.

FRUIT

Olympia - "Washington's first production forecast for the 2004 apple crop is 5.2 billion pounds, up 16 percent from last year's crop," stated Ray Garibay with the Washington Agricultural Statistics Service. The major apple producing areas in the state experienced a mild spring and excellent weather conditions during bloom. This resulted in a good fruit set. Most growers initiated aggressive fruit thinning this season. Wind and hail damage during May impacted only a small percentage of the crop.

Nationally, apple production is forecast at 9.37 billion pounds, up 9 percent from last year and 10 percent above 2002. Increased production in the Eastern and Western States more than offset a projected decrease in the Central States.

Washington's **peach** production is forecast at 35.0 million pounds, down 12 percent from the previous forecast and 10 percent below last year. The California Freestone crop stands at 780 million pounds, 6 percent below last year and 2 percent below 2002. The Clingstone crop in California is 1.15 billion pounds, 7 percent above last year and 2 percent than the 2002 season.

U.S. grape production is forecast at 6.36 million tons, down 3 percent from 2003 and 13 percent below 2002. California leads the U.S. in grape production with 90 percent of the total. Washington and New York are the next largest producing states, with 5 percent and 2 percent, respectively. **Washington** expects to harvest 310,000 tons, down 10 percent from 2003. Washington's wine grape production is forecast at 110,000 tons, 2 percent less than last year.

Bartlett pear production for California, Oregon and Washington is forecast at 457,000 tons, 1 percent higher than the June forecast but virtually unchanged from a year ago. Washington producers expect to harvest 170,000 tons, a 3 percent decrease from the June forecast and 8 percent below last year.

Other pear production for California, Oregon, and Washington is forecast at 424,000 tons, a decrease of 4 percent from last year. Washington producers expect to harvest 225,000 tons, down 5 percent from 2003.

PRICES

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR FARM PRODUCTS (DOLLARS/UNIT)

COMMODITY	Unit	Entire Month		Prelim. July 2004	Entire Month		Prelim. July 2004	U.S. Parity Price
		July 2003	June 2004		July 2003	June 2004		
		Washington			United States			
Wheat, All	Bu.	3.48	3.89	3.69	2.95	3.58	3.36	10.00
Wheat, Winter	Bu.	3.41	3.83	3.66	2.89	3.47	3.31	-
Wheat, Spring	Bu.	3.74	4.10	3.83	3.31	3.87	3.60	-
Barley	Bu.	2.74	2.59	2.16	2.74	2.64	2.50	6.69
Corn	Bu.	-	-	-	2.17	2.79	2.42	6.74
Lentils 1/	Cwt.	-	-	-	-	20.80	7/	-
Chickpeas, All 1/	Cwt.	-	-	-	-	21.60	7/	-
Oats	Bu.	-	-	-	1.46	1.61	1.50	3.93
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	-	-	-	17.20	20.10	19.10	51.90
Dry Edible Peas 1/	Cwt.	-	-	-	-	8.71	8/	-
Potatoes, all	Cwt.	4.70	5.90	4.65	6.30	6.49	6.59	15.20
Potatoes, processing	Cwt.	6.35	5.45	-	4.85	5.35	-	-
All Hay, (baled) 2/	Tons	107.00	102.00	103.00	89.00	95.20	90.40	-
Alfalfa (baled) 2/	Tons	100.00	90.00	100.00	92.70	102.00	98.40	-
Hay, Other (baled) 2/	Tons	140.00	120.00	120.00	77.80	76.90	70.90	-
Hops	Lbs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.55
Apples, Fresh 3/	Lbs.	-	.313	.304	.208	.301	.295	.526
Cattle, All Beef	Cwt.	-	-	-	75.80	89.50	87.50	170.00
Steers and Heifers	Cwt.	-	-	-	78.90	93.50	91.10	-
Calves	Cwt.	-	-	-	102.00	125.00	128.00	228.00
Milk Cows 4/	Head	13.50	-	1,900.00	1,310.00	-	1,720.00	-
Broilers, Live 5/	Lbs.	-	-	-	.360	.520	.520	-
Eggs, Market 2/	Doz.	.584	.707	.570	.524	.496	.399	1.69
Milk, All Wholesale 6/	Cwt.	11.40	18.30	16.40	12.10	18.20	16.20	35.00
Hogs, All	Cwt.	-	-	-	42.70	56.60	56.90	105.00
Sheep	Cwt.	-	-	-	29.40	32.10	-	83.60
Lambs	Cwt.	-	-	-	89.30	105.00	-	201.00

1/ Monthly estimates began July 2003.

2/ All prices are mid-month estimates.

3/ Equivalent packinghouse door returns for apples for CA, MI, NY, and WA, and price at point of the first sale for other states.

4/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices estimated quarterly (January, April, July and October).

5/ Equivalent liveweight returns to producers. Includes growers and contractors.

6/ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

7/ Insufficient sales to establish a price.

8/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.