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OCTOBER REVIEW

The month of October began with dry, unseasonably warm weather. Colville peaked at 90 degrees. By mid-month, some precipitation was reported in Eastern Washington, whereas flood conditions were prevalent west of the Cascades. As the month concluded, temperatures took a steep drop with a low of 10 degrees reported in Pullman. Winter wheat and corn conditions were mostly good to fair throughout the month. Dry edible bean harvest and the third cutting of alfalfa were mostly finished by mid-month. As October came to a close, harvests of the potato and corn silage crops were completed. Winter wheat planting was finished, with 90 percent of the crop emerged. Late season fruits and vegetables were harvested throughout the State. As the month progressed, there were some reports in the east of wind damage to apples. In the west, harvest was stalled from time to time, as wet conditions prevailed. In the east, cattle were supplemented with feed, and producers continued to haul water as conditions required. Some ranchers were also taking advantage of CRP grazing provisions due to dry conditions. Western pastures were greatly improved with increased rain and cooler temperatures.

FIELD CROP SUMMARY OF NOVEMBER 1, 2003

Crop	Washington Summary						Pacific NW 1/ 2/		United States		
	Harvested		Unit	Yield		Production		Production		Production	
	2002	Ind. 2003		2002	Ind. 2003	2002	Ind. 2003	2002	Ind. 2003	2002	Ind. 2003
	Thousand Acres					Thousand		Thousand		Thousand	
All Wheat	2,365	2,345	Bu.	54.8	59.4	129,695	139,345	251,365	280,185	1,619,001	2,336,526
Winter Wheat	1,750	1,800	Bu.	59.0	65.0	103,250	117,000	186,870	222,540	1,145,602	1,707,069
Spring Wheat	615	545	Bu.	43.0	41.0	26,445	22,345	64,495	57,645	393,949	532,820
Barley	340	310	Bu.	54.0	47.0	18,360	14,570	75,720	65,930	226,573	276,087
Oats	10.0	15.0	Bu.	65.0	50.0	650	750	5,040	3,875	118,628	144,649
Hops	20.3	19.2	Lbs.	2,133	2,030	43,379	38,913	58,336.6	53,793.9	58,336.6	53,793.9
Corn for Grain *	70	80	Bu.	190.0	195.0	13,300	15,600	-	-	9,007,659	10,277,932
Sugarbeets *	4.0	4.4	Tons	35.0	40.0	140	176	5,544	6,540	27,718	30,624
All Hay	810	800	Tons	4.1	4.2	3,346	3,349	12,361	12,103	150,962	160,018
Alfalfa Hay	490	490	Tons	5.0	5.2	2,450	2,548	9,493	9,464	73,824	78,523
Other Hay	320	310	Tons	2.8	3.0	896	930	2,868	2,768	77,138	82,183
Dry Edible Beans 4/	41	26	Cwt.	20.0	17.0	820	442	2,884	2,158	29,974	23,603
Dry Edible Peas 3/ *	70	82	Cwt.	19.0	15.0	1,330	1,230	2,036	1,884	4,242	5,009
Lentils 2/ *	75	91	Cwt.	14.0	10.0	1,050	910	1,687	-	2,508	2,286
Potatoes, Fall *	165	165	Cwt.	560.0	580.0	92,400	95,700	250,721	239,871	459,802	459,241

* Revised.

1/ Includes, OR, ID, and WA.

2/ Lentils, WA & ID only.

3/ Excludes both wrinkled seed peas and Austrian winter peas.

4/ Excludes beans grown for garden seed. Yield and production forecast on a cleaned basis.

5/ Estimates for the Pacific Northwest current year carried forward from earlier forecast.

PRICES

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

Commodity	Unit	Entire Month		Preliminary Oct. 2003	Entire Month		Preliminary Oct. 2003	U.S. Parity Price
		Oct. 2002	Sep. 2003		Oct. 2002	Sep. 2003		
		Washington			United States			
Wheat, All	Bu.	4.31	3.61	3.41	4.38	3.39	3.23	9.82
Winter Wheat	Bu.	4.28	3.59	3.38	4.32	3.32	3.14	-
Other Spring Wheat	Bu.	4.43	3.71	3.56	4.45	3.42	3.30	-
Barley	Bu.	2.60	2.70	2.47	2.64	2.88	2.61	6.64
Corn	Bu.	-	-	-	2.34	2.20	2.02	6.71
Oats	Bu.	-	-	-	1.80	1.38	1.37	4.19
Lentils	Cwt.	-	-	-	-	15.00	15.60	-
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	-	-	-	16.70	17.70	17.00	51.20
Dry Edible Peas	Cwt.	-	-	-	-	6.78	7.37	-
Potatoes, All	Cwt.	4.70	4.50	4.25	5.44	4.93	4.49	14.00
Potatoes, Processing	Cwt.	4.50	4.20	-	4.91	4.49	-	-
Hay, All (baled) 1/	Tons	106.00	95.00	96.00	93.80	84.20	84.40	-
Alfalfa (baled) 1/	Tons	103.00	90.00	90.00	102.00	89.00	88.80	-
Other Hay (baled) 1/	Tons	124.00	130.00	130.00	74.50	70.10	71.40	-
Hops	Lbs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.40
Apples, Fresh 2/	Lbs.	.316	.260	.288	.301	.251	.273	.495
Cattle, All Beef	Cwt.	-	-	-	64.60	85.10	91.60	163.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	-	-	-	68.60	89.40	97.40	-
Calves	Cwt.	-	-	-	92.00	109.00	112.00	219.00
Milk Cows 3/	Head	1,450.00	-	1,450.00	1,430.00	-	1,370.00	-
Broilers, Live 4/	Lbs.	-	-	-	.270	.370	.370	-
Eggs, Table 1/	Doz.	.478	.700	.750	.351	.634	.703	1.61
Milk, All Wholesale 5/	Cwt.	12.00	13.50	14.00	12.10	14.40	14.80	34.00
Hogs, All	Cwt.	-	-	-	30.80	39.60	37.70	104.00
Sheep	Cwt.	-	-	-	25.60	32.10	-	80.20
Lambs	Cwt.	-	-	-	79.60	94.70	-	188.00

1/ All prices are mid-month estimates.

2/ Equivalent packinghouse door returns for apples for CA, NY, and WA, and price as sold for other states.

3/ Dairy cows sold for dairy herd replacement. Prices estimated quarterly.

4/ Liveweight equivalent price.

5/ Before deductions for hauling but includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.