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## AUGUST REVIEW

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August was wetter than in past years. However, most grain producers were able to anticipate the wet weather and pushed to get grains harvested. Standing and recently swathed lentils did not fair quite as well and were scattered from fields. Losses from 30 to 50 percent were reported on both lentils and peas from Spokane and Whitman Counties. Small amounts of blight were appearing in some Franklin County potato fields as harvest continued. Third cutting alfalfa hay that remained in fields suffered rain damage in Grant County and other parts of the state.

Yakima County started harvesting early apple varieties, and many other apple producing counties followed suit as the month progressed. Pear harvest began in many counties throughout the state. There were reports of strong winds knocking down hops in Benton County at the end of the month. Wine grape harvest began at the last week of August, ten days ahead of schedule.

## PRICES

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

Commodity	Unit	Entire Month		Prelim. Aug. 2004	Entire Month		Prelim. Aug. 2004	U.S. Parity Price
		Aug. 2003	July 2004		Aug. 2003	July 2004		
		<b>Washington</b>			<b>United States</b>			
Wheat, All	Bu.	3.75	3.68	3.55	3.35	3.37	3.13	10.10
Wheat, Winter	Bu.	3.65	3.61	3.51	3.28	3.32	3.02	-
Wheat, Spring	Bu.	4.01	3.90	3.66	3.42	3.55	3.24	-
Barley, All	Bu.	2.73	2.38	2.09	2.91	2.54	2.45	6.74
Corn	Bu.	-	-	-	2.15	2.51	2.27	6.79
Lentils 1/	Cwt.	-	-	-	13.30	18.00	13.80	-
Chickpeas, All 1/	Cwt.	-	-	-	20.40	26.90	8/	-
Oats	Bu.	-	-	-	1.39	1.37	1.31	3.96
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	-	-	-	18.00	19.30	20.00	52.30
Dry Edible Peas 1/	Cwt.	-	-	-	6.79	8.28	6.42	-
Potatoes, All	Cwt.	5.35	5.55	6.40	5.75	5.91	6.31	15.30
Potatoes, Processing	Cwt.	4.65	6.20	-	4.89	5.07	-	-
Hay, All (baled) 2/	Tons	102.00	103.00	104.00	85.00	90.40	89.80	-
Alfalfa (baled) 2/	Tons	95.00	100.00	100.00	91.90	98.40	97.40	-
Hay, Other (baled) 2/	Tons	138.00	120.00	125.00	66.70	70.90	70.00	-
Hops	Lbs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.59
Apples, Fresh 3/	Lbs.	0.203	0.304	0.286	0.346	0.295	0.273	0.530
Cattle, All Beef	Cwt.	-	-	-	79.30	88.50	88.10	171.00
Steers and Heifers	Cwt.	-	-	-	82.90	91.80	91.50	-
Calves	Cwt.	-	-	-	106.00	131.00	131.00	229.00
Milk Cows 4/	Head	-	1,900.00	-	-	1,720.00	-	-
Broilers, Live 5/	Lb.	-	-	-	0.360	0.520	0.460	-
Eggs, Market 2/	Doz.	0.720	0.570	0.390	0.668	0.399	0.334	1.70
Milk, All Wholesale 6/	Cwt.	12.10	16.30	14.90	13.30	16.00	15.00	35.30
Hogs, All	Cwt.	-	-	-	39.60	57.10	56.00	106.00
Sheep	Cwt.	-	-	-	29.20	37.40	-	84.20
Lambs	Cwt.	-	-	-	88.60	102.00	-	202.00

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, & 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.

### Asparagus for Fresh Market & Processing: Harvested, Yield, Production, & Value

State	Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production		Value			
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	Per Cwt.		Total	
							2003	2004	2003	2004
	Acres		Cwt.		1,000 Cwt.		Dollars		1,000 Dollars	
California	36,000	25,000	31	39	1,116	975	122.00	139.00	136,152	135,525
Michigan	15,000	14,500	21	20	317	290	60.80	64.50	19,278	18,708
<b>Washington</b>	<b>16,000</b>	<b>14,000</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>71.20</b>	<b>81.00</b>	<b>43,277</b>	<b>47,616</b>
<b>United States</b>	<b>67,000</b>	<b>53,500</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>2,041</b>	<b>1,853</b>	<b>97.40</b>	<b>109.00</b>	<b>198,707</b>	<b>201,849</b>

## SWEET CORN FOR PROCESSING, AREA HARVESTED, YIELD, & PRODUCTION

State	Harvested Acres			Yield Per Acre		Production		
	2003		Ind. 2004	2003	Ind. 2004	2003		Ind. 2004
	Total	Contract 1/	Contract 1/	Total	Contract 1/	Total	Contract 1/	Contract 1/
	Acres			Tons		Tons		
Delaware	9,400	9,400		6.00		56,400	56,400	
Maryland	5,500	5,500	6,500	5.64	7.00	31,000	31,000	45,500
Minnesota	139,400	139,400	136,900	6.73	6.40	938,800	938,800	876,160
New York	14,400	14,400	18,500	7.55	6.70	108,780	108,780	123,950
Oregon	30,100	30,100	29,700	9.03	8.85	271,680	271,680	262,850
Pennsylvania	770	770	1,900	5.16	6.00	3,970	3,970	11,400
<b>Washington</b>	<b>98,300</b>	<b>98,300</b>	<b>96,700</b>	<b>9.16</b>	<b>9.20</b>	<b>900,540</b>	<b>900,540</b>	<b>889,640</b>
Wisconsin	92,100	89,800	79,300	7.40	6.55	681,420	664,630	519,420
Other States 2/	36,630	36,630	41,400	7.47	7.33	273,460	273,460	303,350
<b>United States</b>	<b>426,600</b>	<b>424,300</b>	<b>410,900</b>	<b>7.66</b>	<b>7.38</b>	<b>3,266,050</b>	<b>3,249,260</b>	<b>3,032,270</b>

1/ Includes acreage from major brokers. 2/ 2003 - ID, IL, IA, MD, NJ, and TN. 2004 - DE, ID, IL, IA, NJ, TN, and VA.

## POTATOES: ACREAGE, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION

Seasonal Group & State	Area Harvested		Yield		Production		
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2002	2003	2004
	1,000 Acres		Cwt.		1,000 Cwt.		
<b>Winter Total 1/</b>	<b>14.3</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>4,206</b>	<b>4,027</b>	<b>3,500</b>
<b>Spring Total 1/</b>	<b>84.7</b>	<b>71.7</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>22,452</b>	<b>24,433</b>	<b>19,077</b>
<b>Summer Total</b>	<b>58.7</b>	<b>55.1</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>17,932</b>	<b>18,766</b>	<b>18,487</b>
<b>Fall: 2/ 3/</b>							
California	8.3	7.7	425	-	4,316	3,528	-
Colorado	65.7	64.8	360	-	27,885	23,652	-
Idaho:	358.0	348.0	344	-	133,385	123,180	-
10 SW Co.	25.0	26.0	465	-	12,285	11,625	-
Other Co.	333.0	322.0	335	-	121,100	111,555	-
North Dakota	112.0	91.0	245	-	23,460	27,440	-
Oregon:	42.6	40.0	493	-	24,936	20,991	-
Malheur	5.8	5.3	415	-	3,200	2,407	-
Other Co.	36.8	34.7	505	-	21,736	18,584	-
<b>Washington</b>	<b>162.0</b>	<b>160.0</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>92,340</b>	<b>93,150</b>	<b>-</b>
Wisconsin	80.0	74.0	410	-	30,750	32,800	-
Fall Total	1,090.9	1,022.8	376	-	413,581	410,588	-
<b>U.S. Total</b>	<b>1,248.6</b>	<b>1,163.6</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>458,171</b>	<b>457,814</b>	<b>-</b>

1/ Estimates for current year carried forward from earlier forecast. 2/ 2003 estimates revised. 3/ The forecast of 2004 fall potato production will be published in the November "Crop Production".