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HOP STOCKS - UNITED STATES

The inventory of hops held by growers, dealers, and brewers on September 1, 2004, totaled 61.0 million pounds, 11.6 percent lower than September 1, 2003, and 6.2 percent below September 1, 2002.

Stocks held by brewers, at 30.0 million pounds, were 14.3 percent lower than September 1, 2003 and September 1, 2002. Stocks held by growers and dealers on September 1, 2003, were 31.0 million pounds, 8.8 percent less than the stocks on hand last year, but 3.3 percent more than September 1, 2002.

Hops: Stocks Held by Growers, Dealers, and Brewers, United States, 2002-2004

Stocks	March 1			September 1		
	2002	2003	2004	2002	2003	2004
Thousand Pounds						
Stocks Held by: 1/						
Dealers/Growers	45,000	41,000	48,000	30,000	34,000	31,000
Brewers	44,000	41,000	37,000	35,000	35,000	30,000
Total Stocks	89,000	82,000	85,000	65,000	69,000	61,000

1/ Includes equivalent pounds of dry hops held in form of extract or pellets.

MILK PRODUCTION

Item	Month/Year	Idaho	Washington	20 State Total 1/
Milk Cows 2/ (1,000 Head)	Aug. 2003	411	244	7,771
	July 2004 *	427	239	7,759
	Aug. 2004	431	237	7,766
Milk Per Cow 3/ (Pounds)	Aug. 2003	1,860	1,960	1,571
	July 2004 *	1,860	1,950	1,616
	Aug. 2004	1,860	1,925	1,595
Milk Production 3/ (Million Pounds)	Aug. 2003	764	478	12,207
	July 2004 *	794	466	12,541
	Aug. 2004	802	456	12,387

1/ Twenty states include: AZ, CA, FL, ID, IL, IN, IA, KY, MI, MN, MO, NM, NY, OH, PA, TX, VT, VA, WA, & WI.

2/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

3/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

* Revised.

POULTRY

Washington's egg production totaled 104 million during August 2004, 11 million less than in August 2003. All layers in Washington during August 2004, averaged 4.9 million, up 2 percent from a year ago. Seven percent of the layers were being molted as of the 1st of September, while 42.5 percent of all the layers had completed at least one molting in their lifetime. U.S. egg production totaled 7.52 billion during August 2004, up 2 percent from 2003. Production included 6.43 billion table eggs and 1.09 billion hatching eggs. During August 2004, all layers in the United States totaled 342.0 million layers, up 2 percent from last year. Egg-type chicks hatched in the United States during August 2004 averaged 36.0 million up 8.5 percent from August 2003. Eggs in incubators totaled 32.5 million on September 1, 2004, up slightly from September 1, 2003.

LAYER & EGG PRODUCTION, AUGUST 2003-2004, SELECTED STATES 1/

State and Year		All Layers 2/	Eggs Per 100 Layers 2/	Egg Production	September 1	
					Being Molted 1/	Molt Complete 1/
		1,000	Number	Millions	Percent	
California	2003	20,101	2,229	448	7.5	35.0
	2004	20,127	2,266	456	10.5	32.5
Indiana	2003	22,328	2,244	501	4.0	34.0
	2004	24,411	2,188	534	5.0	30.5
Iowa	2003	39,668	2,231	885	7.0	30.0
	2004	45,556	2,252	1,026	5.0	35.5
Ohio	2003	28,873	2,265	654	4.0	24.5
	2004	27,911	2,225	621	5.0	26.5
Oregon	2003	2,906	2,374	69	7.0	36.5
	2004	2,941	2,414	71	2.5	35.5
Pennsylvania	2003	23,983	2,342	562	4.0	20.0
	2004	23,964	2,366	567	3.5	15.5
Washington	2003	4,835	2,378	115	6.0	42.5
	2004	4,928	2,110	104	7.0	42.5
30 State Total 3/	2003	311,949	2,204	6,875	3.9	22.5
	2004	319,505	2,200	7,029	4.5	23.1
Other States 4/	2003	22,383	2,198	492	3.4	27.1
	2004	22,534	2,157	486	4.1	27.3
United States	2003	334,332	2,203	7,367	3.9	22.8
	2004	342,039	2,197	7,515	4.5	23.4

1/ 2004 preliminary, 2003 revised.

2/ Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.

3/ Thirty states include: AL, AR, CA, CO, CT, FL, GA, HI, IL, IN, IA, ME, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, NE, NY, NC, OH, OK, OR, PA, SC, SD, TX, VA, WA, & WI.

4/ Estimates for individual states are not available.

WASHINGTON POTATOES

The final value of Washington's 2003 potato crop was \$489.0 million, 5 percent below the 2002 crop of \$512.5 million. The 2003 market year average price received by Washington growers of \$5.25 per cwt. was 30 cents below the 2002 average price of \$5.55. Processors in Washington and Oregon (excluding Malheur County) used a total of 79.8 million cwt. of 2003 crop potatoes compared with 79.1 million cwt. used in 2002 and 77.2 million cwt. used in 2001. Of the total potatoes processed in the U.S., Washington and other Oregon processors accounted for 39 percent.

Potatoes: Production, Farm Disposition, Price, and Value, By State and United States, 2003 Crop

State	Fall Prod.	Total Used For Seed	Farm Disposition			Price Per Cwt.	Value Of	
			Where Grown		Sold		Prod.	Sales
			Seed, Feed Home	Shrink and Loss				
			1,000 Cwt.			Dollars		1,000 Dollars
California	3,528	169	1	343	3,184	9.20	32,458	29,293
Colorado	23,652	1,625	1,410	2,507	19,735	4.55	107,617	89,794
Idaho	123,180	7,700	1,463	8,900	112,817	4.40	541,992	496,395
Maine	17,030	1,245	215	2,430	14,385	6.05	103,032	87,029
N. Dakota	27,440	1,805	390	3,700	23,350	5.45	149,548	127,258
Oregon	20,991	955	275	1,290	19,426	5.35	112,837	104,350
Washington	93,150	4,000	280	5,600	87,270	5.25	489,038	458,168
Wisconsin	32,800	1,650	300	2,750	29,750	5.70	186,960	169,575
U.S. Total	410,588	23,249	5,254	33,579	371,755	5.23	2,149,570	1,943,986

COLD STORAGE

Total fresh apples in storage for the United States on August 31, 2004, totaled 83.8 million pounds, which was an decrease of 21 percent from the amount in storage a year ago. Frozen french fries in storage for the three Pacific Coast states and eight Mountain states on August 31, 2004, totaled 605.1 million pounds, and accounted for 69 percent of the Nation's french fries in storage. Total potatoes in storage for the three Pacific Coast states and eight Mountain states on August 31, 2004, totaled 773.5 million pounds, 69 percent of the Nation's total potatoes in storage.

STOCKS IN COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Aug. 31, 2003	July 31, 2004	Aug. 31, 2004
	1,000 lbs.		
Apples, Fresh			
Regular Storage	16,453	3,120	17,991
Controlled Atmosphere	90,025	271,174	65,804
48 State Total	106,478	274,294	83,795
Potatoes, French Fries			
Mountain	180,677	184,790	192,435
Pacific	402,435	391,044	412,710
48 States	821,342	858,246	875,662
Potatoes, Total			
Mountain	230,849	239,403	239,891
Pacific	525,837	506,683	533,565
48 States	1,070,421	1,117,070	1,126,930

CATTLE ON FEED: 1,000 HEAD CAPACITY FEEDLOTS, 2004

ITEM	IDAHO	WASHINGTON	U.S. TOTAL
	1,000 Head		
Cattle on Feed, August 1 1/	235	150	9,853
Placed on Feed During August	58	33	2,099
Fed Cattle Marketed During August	47	22	1,923
Other Disappearances during August 2/	1	1	56
Cattle on Feed, September 1 1/	245	160	9,973

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 losses, movement from feedlots to pastures, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.