

WASHINGTON'S WHEAT STOCKS DOWN 2 PERCENT FROM 2003

Olympia - The quantity of wheat stored in all positions in Washington on September 1, 2004 decreased from a year earlier. Ray Garibay, Director for the Washington Agricultural Statistics Service, announced the results of a survey stating, "The quantity of wheat stored in Washington totaled 156.5 million bushels, a decrease of 2 percent from September 1, 2003. The quantity of barley in Washington storages totaled 18.0 million bushels, up 23 percent from the same date in 2003."

Wheat stored on farms in Washington on September 1, 2004 totaled 27.0 million bushels, up 4.0 million bushels from the quantity stored on farms on September 1, 2003. Wheat stored off farms totaled 129.5 million bushels compared with 136.0 million bushels on the same date a year ago.

The quantity of wheat stored in the Pacific Northwest (Washington, Oregon and Idaho) on September 1, 2004 totaled 275.1 million bushels, 3.5 percent above September 1, 2003. On-farm stocks totaled 77.5 million bushels, up 25 percent from a year ago and off-farm stocks totaled 197.6

million bushels, a decrease of 3 percent from last year.

The quantity of wheat stored in all positions in the U.S. on September 1, 2004 totaled 1.94 billion bushels, down 5 percent from last year. On-farm stocks, at 795.6 million bushels, were up 16 percent from last September. Holdings off-farm were 1.15 billion bushels, down 15 percent from a year ago.

September 1, 2004 on-farm barley stocks in Washington totaled 4.0 million bushels, up 33 percent from the quantity in storage on the same date a year ago. The quantity of barley stored in the state in off-farm storages was 14.0 million bushels, an increase of 20 percent from the quantity in storage on September 1, 2003. Pacific Northwest barley stocks in all positions totaled 72.6 million bushels on September 1, 2004, an increase of 28 percent from the quantity in storage on September 1, 2003. Nationally, barley stocks in all positions were estimated at 291.8 million bushels, up 21 percent from last year.

GRAIN STOCKS: SEPTEMBER 1, 2003, JUNE 1, 2004, & SEPTEMBER 1, 2004

Crop/ Quarter	Washington			Pacific Northwest 1/			United States		
	On-Farm	Off-Farm 2/	Total	On-Farm	Off-Farm 2/	Total	On-Farm	Off-Farm 2/	Total
	1,000 Bushels								
Wheat									
Sep. 1, 2003	23,000	135,970	158,970	62,000	203,896	265,896	687,320	1,351,652	2,038,972
Jun. 1, 2004 3/	2,000	47,033	49,033	6,300	73,323	79,623	131,880	414,939	546,819
Sep. 1, 2004	27,000	129,477	156,477	77,500	197,599	275,099	795,600	1,146,115	1,941,715
Barley									
Sep. 1, 2003	3,000	11,646	14,646	25,700	31,193	56,893	141,900	99,730	241,630
Jun. 1, 2004 3/	600	5,741	6,341	6,560	18,989	25,549	28,320	91,989	120,309
Sep. 1, 2004	4,000	14,017	18,017	34,400	38,181	72,581	176,500	115,305	291,805
Corn									
Sep. 1, 2003	*	1,989	*	*	3,638	*	484,900	601,773	1,086,673
Jun. 1, 2004 3/	*	3,340	*	*	5,996	*	1,540,000	1,430,140	2,970,140
Sep. 1, 2004	*	2,429	*	*	*	*	438,000	519,672	957,672
Oats									
Sep. 1, 2003	*	191	*	*	1,109	*	82,100	49,637	131,737
Jun. 1, 2004 3/	*	155	*	*	640	*	27,500	37,348	64,848
Sep. 1, 2004	*	290	*	*	1,304	*	74,800	41,454	116,254

1/ Includes Washington, Oregon, and Idaho.

2/ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors.

3/ Revised.

* Data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.