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CALIFORNIA FIELD CROP VALUE

Estimates of acres harvested, yield and production have been released for major field crops grown in California for 2009, 2008 and 2007. In March NASS will release additional acreage, yield and production estimates which will include summary statistics for all crops grown in California in 2008.

CALIFORNIA FIELD CROP VALUES BY COMMODITY

Crop and Year a/	Acres Harvested 1,000	Yield Per Acre	Production 1,000	Unit	Average Price b/	Value of Production
					Dollars	\$1,000
Corn 2007	190.0	5.10	968.2	Tons	152.86	148,002
For 2008	170.0	5.46	928.2	Tons	170.36	158,126
Grain 2009	160.0	5.04	806.4	Tons	155.36	125,280
Corn 2007	455.0	26.50	12,058	Tons	---	---
For 2008	495.0	26.50	13,118	Tons	---	---
Silage 2009	385.0	26.00	10,010.0	Tons	---	---
Oats 2007	25.0	1.58	39.6	Tons	190.63	7,549
For 2008	25.0	1.28	32.0	Tons	250.00	8,000
Grain 2009	30.0	1.68	50.4	Tons	203.13	10,238
Barley 2007	40.0	1.54	61.4	Tons	188.33	11,571
For 2008	60.0	1.32	79.2	Tons	256.25	20,295
Grain 2009	55.0	1.30	71.3	Tons	141.67	10,098
Winter 2007	265.0	2.43	644.0	Tons	178.00	114,623
Wheat 2008	400.0	2.55	1,020.0	Tons	233.33	238,000
For Grain 2009	315.0	2.40	756.0	Tons	183.33	138,600
Durum 2007	80.0	3.00	240.0	Tons	187.33	44,960
Wheat 2008	145.0	3.15	456.8	Tons	251.00	114,644
For Grain 2009	170.0	3.00	510.0	Tons	200.00	102,000
Rice 2007	533.0	82.00	43,684.0	Cwt.	16.20	707,681
2008	517.0	83.20	43,030.0	Cwt.	27.50	1,183,325
2009	556.0	86.00	47,804.0	Cwt.	18.60	889,154
Cotton, 2007	194.0	1,608.00	650.0	Bales	72.20	225,264
Upland 2008	117.0	1,506.00	367.0	Bales	59.40	104,639
Lint c/ 2009	70.0	1,714.00	250.0	Bales	71.50	85,800
Cotton, 2007	257.0	1,481.00	793.0	Bales	99.00	376,834
American 2008	151.0	1,281.00	403.0	Bales	99.20	191,892
Pima c/ 2009	116.0	1,448.00	350.0	Bales	114.00	191,520
Cottonseed 2007	---	---	546.0	Tons	249.00	135,954
2008	---	---	280.0	Tons	254.00	71,120
2009	---	---	221.0	Tons	262.00	57,902
Hay, 2007	1,570.0	5.76	9,042.0	Tons	154.00	1,405,800
All d/ 2008	1,610.0	5.85	9,414.0	Tons	191.00	1,797,032
2009	1,520.0	5.68	8,632.0	Tons	107.00	927,496
Hay, 2007	990.0	7.20	7,128.0	Tons	165.00	1,176,120
Alfalfa 2008	1,030.0	7.00	7,210.0	Tons	204.00	1,470,840
2009	980.0	7.10	6,958.0	Tons	109.00	758,422
Hay, 2007	580.0	3.30	1,914.0	Tons	120.00	229,680
All Other 2008	580.0	3.80	2,204.0	Tons	148.00	326,192
2009	540.0	3.10	1,674.0	Tons	101.00	169,074
Beans, 2007	58.0	20.90	1,212.0	Cwt.	48.90	59,267
Dry Edible 2008	51.9	18.50	960.0	Cwt.	61.40	58,944
e/ 2009	68.0	22.20	1,508.0	Cwt.	52.20	78,718
Sugar 2007	39.1	35.50	1,388.0	Tons	43.60	60,517
Beets 2008	25.3	41.60	1,052.0	Tons	44.80	47,130
f/ 2009	24.6	40.00	984.0	Tons	g/	g/

- a/ Data for 2009 is preliminary.
- b/ Marketing year average prices. Does not include allowances or adjustments for commodities under a government loan at the end of the marketing year, commodities forfeited to the Commodity Credit Corporation, loan deficiency payments, direct or counter cyclical payments, or disaster payments.
- c/ Cotton yield in pounds; production in 480-pound net weight bales; lint price on hundredweight basis. The 2009 price is the average to January 1, 2010.
- d/ Estimated marketings of alfalfa and other hay are used as weights to calculate all hay price.
- e/ Excludes beans grown for garden seed.
- f/ Relates to year of intended harvest for fall planted beets in central California and to year of planting for over-wintered beets in central and southern California.
- g/ Not available.

CALIFORNIA FIELD CROP PRICES - JANUARY 2010

Prices received by California farmers at mid-January were above December 2009 for alfalfa. Prices for wheat, other hay, all potatoes, and fall potatoes were below the previous month. Mid-January prices for dry edible beans were not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. There were insufficient data to establish a Mid-January price for barley, upland cotton lint, and cottonseed. Prices were below a year earlier for all potatoes, fall potatoes, and all types of hay.

U.S. PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in January, at 137 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 2 points (1.5 percent) from December. The Crop Index is unchanged, but the Livestock Index increased 4 points (3.4 percent). Producers received higher prices for broilers, cattle, hogs, and apples and lower prices for lettuce, corn, broccoli, and soybeans. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of corn, soybeans, wheat, and rice offset decreased marketings of milk, broilers, cotton, and grapes.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 2 points (1.4 percent) from January 2009. The Food Commodities Index, at 137, increased 2 points (1.5 percent) from last month and increased 3 points (2.2 percent) from January 2009.

The January All Crops Index is 148, unchanged from December, but 8.1 percent below January 2009. Index increases for fruits & nuts, cotton, food grains, and potatoes & dry beans offset the index decreases for commercial vegetables, feed grains & hay, and oil-bearing crops.

The January Food Grains Index, at 171, is unchanged from the previous month, but 22 percent below a year ago. The January all wheat price, at \$159.67 per ton, is down \$2.00 from December, and \$47 below January 2009.

The January Feed Grains & Hay Index is 150, down 3.2 percent from last month and 20 percent below a year ago. The corn price, at \$123.21 per bushel, is \$5 lower than last month, and \$32.50 below January 2009. The all hay price, at \$109.00 per ton, increased \$2.00 from December, but is \$26.00 below last January. Sorghum grain, at \$5.53 per cwt, is down 18 cents from December and 15 cents lower than January last year.

The January Cotton Index, at 104, is unchanged from December, but up 37 percent from last year. The January price, at 63.2 cents per pound, is up 0.4 cents from the previous month and 17.2 cents above last January.

The January Potatoes & Dry Beans Index, at 134, is up 0.8 percent from last month, but 19 percent below January 2009. The all potato price, at \$7.19 per cwt, decreased 20 cents from December and \$2.21 from last January. The all dry bean price, at \$33.30 per cwt, is up \$1.10 from the previous month, but \$1.70 below January 2009.

AVERAGE FARM PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS 1/

Commodity	Unit	CALIFORNIA			UNITED STATES		
		January 2009	December 2009	Jan 15, 2010	January 2009	December 2009	Jan 15, 2010
Dollars							
Corn 2/	Tons	---	---	---	155.71	128.21	123.21
Wheat 2/	Tons	3/	177.67	151.00	206.67	161.67	159.67
Oats 2/	Tons	4/	---	---	173.12	139.38	136.88
Barley 2/	Tons	4/	4/	4/	222.50	189.17	182.50
Sorghum Grain 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	5.68	5.71	5.53
Rice 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	18.20	14.40	14.60
Dry Edible Beans 2/	Cwt.	67.10	56.80	3/	35.00	31.20	33.30
All Potatoes 5/	Cwt.	17.10	8.90	8.65	9.40	7.39	7.19
Winter	Cwt.	22.10	---	---	---	---	---
Spring	Cwt.	---	---	---	---	---	---
Summer	Cwt.	---	---	---	---	---	---
Fall	Cwt.	9.25	8.90	8.65	---	---	---
All Hay, Baled 2/	Tons	159.00	98.00	102.00	135.00	107.00	109.00
Alfalfa Hay, Baled 2/	Tons	159.00	103.00	108.00	148.00	110.00	113.00
Other Hay, Baled 2/	Tons	104.00	79.00	78.00	110.00	98.90	99.60
Upland Cotton Lint 2/	Lbs	3/	3/	4/	0.460	0.628	0.632
Cottonseed	Tons	199.00	279.00	4/	214.00	164.00	149.00

1/ The estimated prices shown in the table represent composite average prices received by farmers. They are averages for all grades, classes, and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

2/ Previous month revised to monthly average.

3/ Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

4/ Insufficient data to establish a price.

5/ Monthly average.

INDEX NUMBER OF PRICES RECEIVED AND PRICES PAID BY FARMERS, UNITED STATES

Index	1910-14 = 100			1990-92 = 100		
	Jan 2009	Dec 2009	Jan 2010	Jan 2009	Dec 2009	Jan 2010
Prices Received						
All Farm Products	881	854 1/	870	139	135 1/	137
All Crops	796	734 1/	733	161	148 1/	148
Food Grains	698	542 1/	543	220	171 1/	171
Feed Grains and Hay	671	552 1/	535	188	155 1/	150
Cotton	389	532 1/	535	76	104 1/	104
Potatoes and Dry Edible Beans	840	676 1/	681	166	133 1/	134
Prices Paid by Farmers for Commodities,						
Services, Interest, Taxes and Wage Rates 2/	2,394	2,385 1/	2,441	180	179 1/	183
Parity Ratio 3/	37	36 1/	36	77	75 1/	75

1/ Revised.

2/ All production indexes as of 15th of month.

3/ Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid, Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates.

FEBRUARY 1 FALL POTATO STOCKS

California's fall potato stocks totaled 1.20 million cwt. as of February 1, 2010, down 8 percent from last year. February 1 stocks accounted for 29 percent of production, compared with 33 percent a year ago.

The 13 major potato States held 203 million cwt. of potatoes in storage February 1, 2010, up 11 percent from a year ago and 2 percent above February 1, 2008. Potatoes in storage accounted for 53 percent of the 2009 fall storage States' production, 3 percentage points above February 1, 2009. Klamath Basin stocks totaled 2.80 million cwt. on February 1, 2010, unchanged from a year ago. Klamath Basin stocks

include potatoes stored in California and Klamath County, Oregon. Potato disappearance, at 181 million cwt., was 3 percent below February 1, 2009 and down 9 percent from 2008. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 18.7 million cwt., was up 11 percent from the same date in 2009 and 2 percent above 2008. Processors in the 9 major States have used 90.4 million cwt. of potatoes this season, down 9 percent from the same period last year and down 15 percent from 2 years ago. Dehydrating usage accounted for 17.1 million cwt. of the total processing, down 7 percent from last year and 19 percent below the same period in 2008

FALL POTATO PRODUCTION AND FEBRUARY 1 STOCKS BY STATE 1/

State	Crop of 2008			Crop of 2009		
	Production	Total Stocks Feb. 1, 2009	Percent of Production	Production	Total Stocks Feb. 1, 2010	Percent of Production
	1,000 Cwt.		Percent	1,000 Cwt.		Percent
California 2/	3,948	1,300	33	4,158	1,200	29
Colorado	21,907	12,700	58	22,080	12,200	55
Idaho	116,475	66,000	57	131,000	76,500	58
Maine	14,769	8,500	58	15,263	9,400	62
Michigan	14,875	4,800	32	15,660	5,200	33
Minnesota	20,400	10,200	50	20,700	---	---
Montana	3,465	3,400	98	3,347	3,100	93
Nebraska 2/	8,245	4,100	50	8,756	4,200	48
New York 2/	5,696	1,600	28	4,950	---	---
North Dakota	22,680	10,400	46	19,125	9,000	47
Oregon	18,676	12,000	64	21,460	12,000	60
Washington	93,000	38,600	42	88,450	43,300	49
Wisconsin	25,730	10,300	40	28,980	14,900	51
13-STATE TOTAL	369,866	183,900	50	383,929	203,400	53
Klamath Basin 3/	---	2,800	---	---	2,800	---

1/ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant the following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2009 totaled 24.5 million cwt.

2/ January 1, 2010 stocks revised.

3/ Includes potato stocks in California and Klamath County, Oregon. Included in the 13 State total.

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