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Hay Stocks in the Northwest Region Down 19 Percent from 2012



In the Northwest Region, which includes Washington, Idaho, and Oregon, the quantity of hay stored on farms (sold or unsold) on May 1, 2013 totaled 980,000 tons, compared with 1.21 million tons in 2012 and 910,000 tons in 2011. This calculates to 9.1 percent of the 2012 total hay production, compared to 10.2 percent of the 2011 crop, and 7.6 percent of the 2010 crop stored on May 1.

Washington reported 180,000 tons of hay stored on May 1, 2013, down 22 percent from 2012 and down 49 percent from 2011. Idaho reported 570,000 tons of hay stored on May 1, 2013, down 19 percent from 2012 but up 104 percent from 2011. Oregon's hay stocks stood at 230,000 tons stored on May 1, 2013, down 17 percent from 2012 and down 18 percent from 2011.

Nationally, all hay stored on farms totaled 14.2 million tons, down 34 percent from a year ago. This is the lowest May 1 stocks level on record. Last year's historic drought led to a substantial decrease in hay production, and therefore beginning stocks for many States. In many areas, the limited availability of native feedstuffs forced producers to feed their herds earlier than normal. Additionally, a cold, wet spring has limited pasture growth causing prolonged dependence on supplemental roughage and feedstuffs in portions of the Midwest.

HAY STOCKS

Crop Year	Washington	Oregon	Idaho	Pacific NW	United States
1,000 Tons					
2010:					
Production	3,420	3,108	5,460	11,988	145,624
Stocks: Dec. 1, 2010	1,607	2,100	2,300	6,007	102,134
May 1, 2011	350	280	280	910	22,217
2011:					
Production	3,376	3,312	5,070	11,758	131,216
Stocks: Dec. 1, 2011	1,460	2,200	2,000	5,660	90,726
May 1, 2012	230	275	700	1,205	21,381
2012:					
Production	2,986	3,074	4,760	10,820	119,878
Stocks: Dec. 1, 2012	1,200	1,700	2,100	5,000	76,547
May 1, 2013	180	230	570	980	14,156

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