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Value of Idaho's 2019 Agricultural Production Totals \$8.25 Billion

The value of Idaho's 2019 agricultural production was \$8.25 billion, up 6 percent from the previous year's revised value of \$7.75 billion. The value of Idaho's crop production in 2019 was \$3.45 billion, up 4 percent from 2018. The value of livestock production in 2019 totaled \$4.80 billion, up 9 percent from the previous year. The rankings of the top nine commodities remained unchanged from 2018.

Milk remains the leading agricultural commodity in the State with a 2019 value of \$2.86 billion, up 20 percent from 2018. This is the second highest value of milk production on record, with the highest being in 2014. Milk represented 35 percent of the total agricultural value compared with 31 percent in 2018. Cattle and calves remained in the second position and had value of production totaling \$1.41 billion dollars in 2019, down slightly from 2018. Potatoes ranked third in 2019 with value of production of \$1.04 billion, up 2 percent from the previous year. Hay value of production was \$799 million, up 3 percent from 2018, fourth in the State ranking. Wheat rounded out the top five with a value of \$497 million, down 8 percent from the previous year. These five commodities had a combined value of \$6.61 billion, or 80 percent of the 2019 value for all commodities (excluding government payments). The same five commodities in 2018 had a combined value of \$6.13 billion, 79 percent of the total value. Sugarbeets, barley, corn for grain, and hops all remained in the same ranking position as the previous year. Onions entered the top ten in 2019 with value of production of \$65.8 million, up 35 percent from the previous year.

Record high values of production were established for potatoes and hops. Value of hop production in 2019 was \$89.3 million, up 4 percent from the previous record in 2018. There were commodities outside the top five that showed significant increases in value from the previous year. Corn for grain, onions, peppermint, dry edible peas, and oats all increased in value by double-digit percentages. Corn for grain production, with a value of \$137 million in 2019, increased 16 percent from the previous year. The value of peppermint totaled \$37.9 million, up 12 percent from 2018. Only three of the top ten commodities, cattle and calves, wheat, and sugarbeets, declined in value from the previous year. Other notable commodities outside the top ten that declined in value in 2019 were trout, down 7 percent to \$37.4 million; lentils, down 33 percent to \$7.30 million; and honey, down 16 percent to \$4.92 million.

Top Ten Agricultural Commodities – Idaho: 2017-2019

| Commodity | Rank | | Value of production | | | Change 2019 / 2018 (percent) |
|--|------|------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 (1,000 dollars) | 2018 (1,000 dollars) | 2019 (1,000 dollars) | |
| Milk ¹ | 1 | 1 | 2,516,876 | 2,377,922 | 2,860,473 | 20.3 |
| Cattle and Calves | 2 | 2 | 1,379,457 | 1,409,667 | 1,405,115 | -0.3 |
| Potatoes | 3 | 3 | 974,966 | 1,027,688 | 1,044,582 | 1.6 |
| Hay, all | 4 | 4 | 717,832 | 773,241 | 798,867 | 3.3 |
| Wheat, all | 5 | 5 | 426,305 | 539,010 | 497,251 | -7.7 |
| Sugarbeets ² | 6 | 6 | 261,581 | 303,692 | 284,829 | -6.2 |
| Barley, all | 7 | 7 | 230,138 | 269,256 | 276,702 | 2.8 |
| Corn for Grain | 8 | 8 | 98,282 | 117,683 | 136,530 | 16.0 |
| Hops | 9 | 9 | 70,337 | 86,087 | 89,266 | 3.7 |
| Onions, all | 10 | 11 | 74,192 | 48,668 | 65,815 | 35.2 |
| Value of crop production | | | 3,050,093 | 3,327,700 | 3,451,685 | 3.7 |
| Value of livestock production | | | 4,444,481 | 4,423,845 | 4,800,012 | 8.5 |
| Total value of production, all commodities | | | 7,494,574 | 7,751,545 | 8,251,697 | 6.5 |

¹ Value at average returns per 100 pounds of milk in combined marketings of milk and cream plus value of milk used for home consumption and milk fed to calves.

² 2019 value published by ERS.

Crop and Livestock Production and Rank Among All States — Idaho: 2018-2019

| Item and unit | Rank among States | | Idaho's production | | Leading State |
|--|-------------------|----------------|--------------------|--|---------------|
| | 2019 (rank) | 2018 (rank) | Total (number) | Percent of United States (percent) | |
| Field Crops | | | | | |
| Peppermint oil..... 1,000 pounds | 1 | 1 | 2,040 | 37.4 | Idaho |
| Barley..... 1,000 bushels | 1 | 1 | 55,120 | 32.0 | Idaho |
| Potatoes..... 1,000 cwt | 1 | 1 | 130,900 | 30.8 | Idaho |
| Sugarbeets..... 1,000 tons | 2 | 2 | 6,435 | 22.5 | Minnesota |
| Hops..... 1,000 pounds | 2 | 2 | 17,003 | 15.2 | Washington |
| Hay, alfalfa..... 1,000 tons | 3 | 1 | 4,444 | 8.1 | Montana |
| Onion, dry..... 1,000 cwt | 4 | 4 | 8,938 | 12.8 | California |
| Wheat, spring..... 1,000 bushels | 4 | 4 | 39,160 | 7.0 | North Dakota |
| Lentils..... 1,000 cwt | 4 | 4 | 363 | 6.7 | Montana |
| Dry edible beans ¹ 1,000 cwt | 5 | 7 | 1,067 | 5.1 | North Dakota |
| Dry edible peas..... 1,000 cwt | 5 | 6 | 513 | 2.3 | Montana |
| Haylage..... 1,000 tons | 6 | 10 | 1,798 | 6.2 | Wisconsin |
| Wheat, all..... 1,000 cwt | 6 | 5 | 98,755 | 5.1 | Kansas |
| Corn silage..... 1,000 tons | 7 | 6 | 6,580 | 4.9 | Wisconsin |
| Wheat, winter..... 1,000 cwt | 7 | 6 | 59,160 | 4.5 | Kansas |
| Hay, all..... 1,000 tons | 9 | 10 | 5,111 | 4.0 | Texas |
| Livestock | | | | | |
| Trout, value of fish sold ² 1,000 dollars | 1 | 1 | 37,416 | 39.1 | Idaho |
| Cheese..... 1,000 pounds | 3 | 3 | 1,008,065 | 7.7 | Wisconsin |
| Milk..... million pounds | 3 | 3 | 15,631 | 7.2 | California |
| Milk cows ³ head | 3 | 4 | 635,000 | 6.8 | California |
| Sheep and lambs ³ head | 7 | 7 | 230,000 | 4.4 | Texas |
| Wool..... 1,000 pounds | 8 | 8 | 1,500 | 6.2 | California |
| Cattle and calves, all ³ head | 12 | 11 | 2,490,000 | 2.6 | Texas |
| Honey..... 1,000 pounds | 12 | 13 | 2,944 | 1.9 | North Dakota |

¹ Beginning in 2019, chickpeas are excluded.

² Value excluding trout eggs.

³ As of January 1, 2020.

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