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2011 Onion Summary

Nevada: Onions grown in Nevada are produced primarily for fresh market use. Most of the onions grown are white varieties, although some yellow and red onions are also grown. Some of the growers store their onions in climatically controlled storage capacity which enables them to ship high quality fresh onions through much of the winter. Onion production in 2011, at 2,835,000 cwt., was up 9 percent from 2010. Planted acreage decreased to 3,500 acres. Value of production was estimated at \$70.88 million.

United States: Harvested onion acreage for all varieties totaled 147,630 acres in 2011, down 1 percent from 2010. Yield was up slightly, at 501 cwt per acre. Total production for 2011 came in at 73.9 million cwt, up slightly from the prior year. The value of all onion production was estimated at \$762.1 million.

Onions: Acreage, Yield, Production, Price and Value, Nevada, 2007-2011

Year	Acres Planted	Acres Harvested	Yield per Acre	Production	Season Average Price	Value of Production
	Acres	Acres	CWT	CWT	\$ per CWT	Thousand \$
2007	2,800	2,800	740	2,072,000	19.00	39,368
2008	2,600	2,600	760	1,976,000	24.00	47,424
2009	3,400	3,400	720	2,448,000	35.00	85,680
2010	3,700	3,700	700	2,590,000	26.00	67,340
2011	3,500	3,500	810	2,835,000	25.00	70,875

2011 Garlic Summary

Nevada: Garlic grown in Nevada is used for seed by California garlic producers because it is disease free. Acreage has declined in recent years and in 2011 was estimated at 550 acres, up 10 percent from 2010. Production totaled 61,000 cwt, down 28 percent from last year. The value of production was estimated at \$2.2 million.

United States: On the national level, harvested garlic acres were up 10 percent to 25,150 acres. Yield was up slightly, at 167 cwt per acre, totaling 4.20 million cwt, up 12 percent from last year. The value of production was estimated at \$286.82 million.

Garlic: Acreage, Yield, Production, Price and Value, Nevada, 2007-2011

Year	Acres Planted	Acres Harvested	Yield per Acre	Production	Season Average Price	Value of Production
	Acres	Acres	CWT	CWT	\$ per CWT	Thousand \$
2007	610	610	69	42,000	15.00	630
2008	640	640	150	96,000	19.00	1,824
2009	530	530	170	89,000	25.00	2,225
2010	500	500	170	85,000	29.00	2,465
2011	550	550	110	61,000	36.00	2,196

Hay Stocks

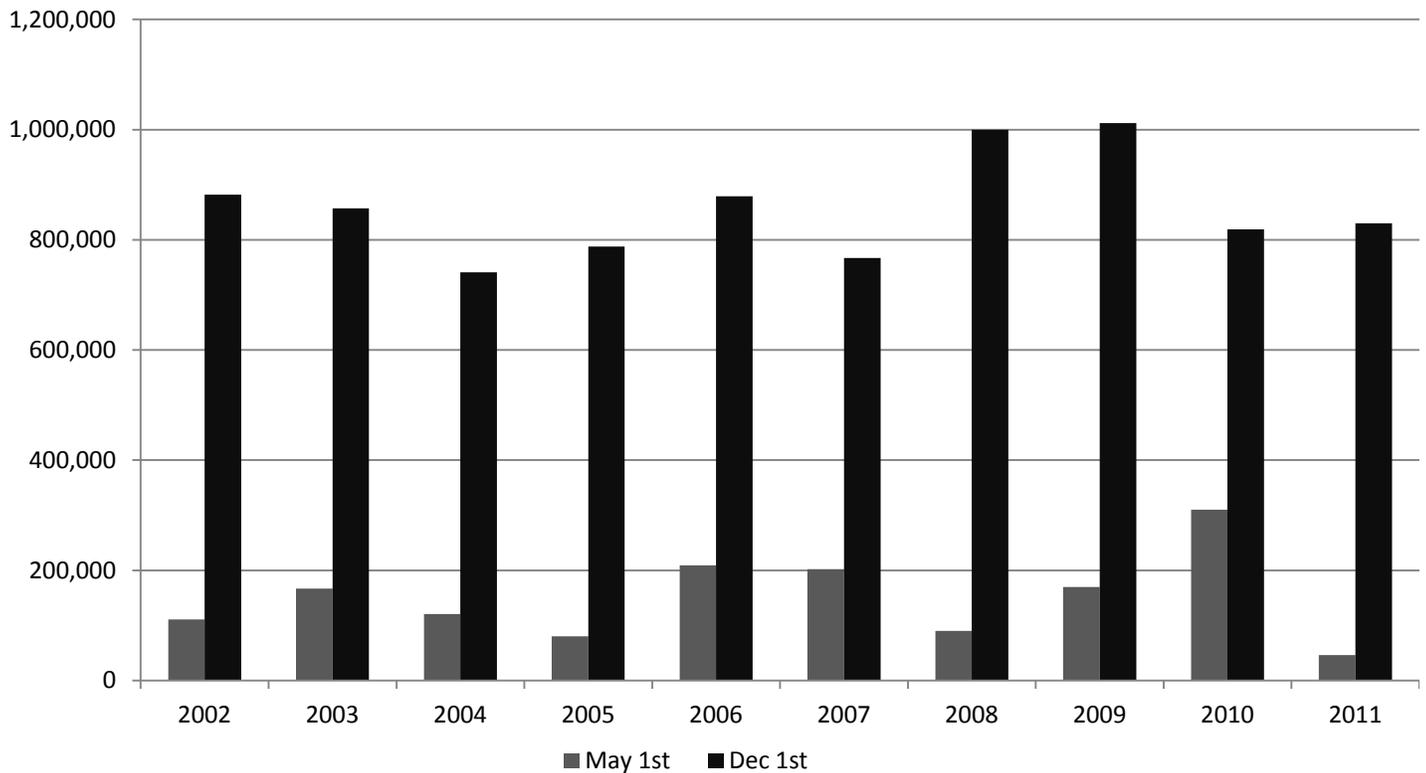
Nevada: Hay stocks in Nevada on December 1, 2011 were up 1 percent from last year, totaling 819,000 tons.

United States: Hay stocks in the United States were down 11 percent from 2010 to 90.7 million tons. This was the lowest winter stocks level since December 1, 1988.

Hay Stocks on Farms – Nevada and United States: May 1 and December 1, 2002-2011

Year	Nevada		United States	
	May 1 st	December 1 st	May 1 st	December 1 st
	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons
2002	111,000	882,000	22,458,000	102,978,000
2003	167,000	857,000	22,013,000	111,011,000
2004	121,000	741,000	25,947,000	114,489,000
2005	80,000	788,000	27,758,000	105,181,000
2006	209,000	879,000	21,345,000	96,400,000
2007	202,000	767,000	14,990,000	104,089,000
2008	90,000	1,000,000	21,585,000	103,658,000
2009	170,000	1,012,000	22,065,000	107,222,000
2010	310,000	819,000	20,931,000	102,134,000
2011	46,000	830,000	22,217,000	90,726,000

Hay Stocks on Farms – Nevada: May 1 and December 1, 2002 to 2011



Farm Numbers

Nevada: The number of farms and ranches operating in Nevada during 2011 is estimated at 2,950, down slightly from the 3050 estimated for 2010. The total land area in farms for Nevada, not including public lands grazed, decreased slightly to 5.85 million acres. Nevada's average farm size was 1,983 acres in 2011.

United States: The number of farms in the United States in 2011 is estimated at 2.2 million, down slightly from 2010. Total land in farms, at 917 million acres, decreased 1.85 million acres from 2010. The average farm size is 420 acres, up 1 acre from the previous year.

The number of operations with cattle totaled 922,000 for 2011, down 1 percent from 2010. Beef cow operations in 2011, at 734,000, were also down 1 percent from last year. The number of milk cow operations for 2011 totaled 60,000, down 4 percent from 2010.

The number of operations with hogs totaled 69,100 for 2011, unchanged from 2010. Places with 2,000 or more head accounted for 87 percent of the inventory.

The number of operations with sheep totaled 80,000 for 2011, down 1 percent from 2010. Of all sheep operations that include breeding sheep, 93.5 percent were comprised of 1-99 head, 5.4 percent had 100-499 head, and the remaining 1.1 percent were operations with 500 head or more. Operations with 1-99 head account for 35.9 percent of the inventory, 100-499 head account for 21.1 percent of the inventory, and 500+ head account for 43.0 percent of the inventory.

The number of operations with goats totaled 151,000 for 2011, down 1 percent from a year earlier. Angora goat operations totaled 5,500, down 8 percent from 2010. Milk goat operations totaled 31,000, unchanged from 2010. Meat goat operations totaled 124,000, down 3 percent from a year earlier. Total goat operations will be equal to or less than the sum of angora, milk and meat goat operations since places which own more than one goat type count as only one operation.

Crop Values

Nevada: The value of Nevada's principal crop, hay, increased 51 percent from 2010 to \$288.2 million. Wheat crop values were improved from 2010 with the all wheat value increasing 21 percent to \$8,659,000.

United States: The value of the all hay crop for 2011 increased 21 percent from 2010 to \$17.75 billion. All wheat crop value increased 12 percent to \$14.37 billion.

Value of Production – Nevada and United States: 2009 to 2011

Commodity	Nevada			United States		
	2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011
	(1,000 dollars)					
All Wheat	5,941	7,130	8,659	10,654,115	12,827,254	14,367,556
Winter Wheat	5,161	6,050	6,728	7,081,778	8,009,479	10,185,116
Spring Wheat	780	1,080	1,931	2,975,719	4,157,042	3,687,781
All Hay	191,212	191,376	288,200	14,715,559	14,656,191	17,746,495
Alfalfa Hay	140,812	151,704	232,100	7,941,539	7,728,468	10,644,240
All Other Hay	50,400	39,672	56,100	6,774,020	6,927,723	7,102,255
Potatoes	15,101	(D)	(D)	3,557,574	3,721,501	4,005,631
Principal Crops ¹	300,159	268,311	²	158,497,491	190,914,333	²

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.¹ Crops included are shown in the summary table of the February 2012 Crop Values Report. www.nass.usda.gov/publications/² Released February 2013

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February Weather Summary

Storm systems brought precipitation to most Nevada locations. Temperatures ranged from 2.1 degrees below normal to 0.9 degrees above normal. Las Vegas recorded the monthly high at 74 degrees. Eureka recorded the lowest temperature of the month at -2 degrees. Ely recorded the most precipitation with 1.07 inches. Nevada snowpacks are below average for this time of year. Other farm and ranch activities included: equipment maintenance, calving and lambing, crop and livestock marketing, industry meetings.

Weather data for stations in Nevada: February 2012

Station	Temperature (°F)				Precipitation (inches)		
	Monthly Avg.	Departure from Normal	High	Low	Monthly Total	Departure from Normal	Greatest 24 Hour
Reno	39.3	-0.6	66	19	0.60	-0.42	0.30
Elko	30.7	0.8	57	8	0.49	-0.35	0.31
Ely	29.8	0.8	57	6	1.07	0.32	0.32
Winnemucca	33.1	-2.1	62	5	0.54	-0.12	0.19
Eureka	29.5	0.3	61	-2	0.99	0.13	0.29
Tonopah	36.3	-0.5	62	16	0.09	-0.43	0.06
Las Vegas	53.8	0.9	74	38	0.06	-0.70	0.06