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Small Grains Summary

Nevada: During the 2012 crop year, there were 26,000 acres of all wheat planted, up 3,000 acres from 2011. This is the highest number of wheat planted acres since 1985. An estimated 13,000 acres of all wheat were harvested, up 1,000 acres from 2011. The 2012 estimated yield of 75.9 bushels per acre was down 32.9 bushels from the 108.8 bushels last year. The 2012 total wheat production is estimated at 987,000 bushels.

Nevada's 2012 winter wheat planted acres totaled 20,000 with 11,000 being harvested. The Winter wheat yield was estimated to be 77 bushels per acre, down 38.0 bushels from last year. This is the lowest winter wheat yield since 1990. Winter wheat production totaled 847,000 bushels.

Other spring wheat planted acres totaled 6,000 acres down from last year's 8,000 acres. Most other spring wheat planted acres went for hay and purposes other than grain. An estimated 2,000 acres were harvested with a yield of 70.0 bushels per acres. This is the lowest spring wheat yield since 1994. Spring wheat production totaled 140,000 bushels.

United States: The 2012 winter wheat production totaled 1.65 billion bushels, down 2 percent from the August forecast but 10 percent above the previous year. The United States yield is 47.2 bushels per acre, down 0.8 bushel from August but up 1.0 bushel from 2011. The United States yield is the second highest on record, 0.6 bushel below 1999. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 34.8 million acres, down 1 percent from August but up 8 percent from the previous year.

Production for 2012 other spring wheat is estimated at 542 million bushels, up 9 percent from the August 1 forecast and up 19 percent from 2011. Harvested area totaled 12.1 million acres, up 3 percent from August 1 but virtually unchanged from last year. The United States yield is 45 bushels per acre, up 2.2 bushels from the last forecast and 7.3 bushels higher than last year. Favorable growing conditions in the Dakotas and Minnesota promoted significant yield increases compared to 2011.

Small Grain Summary: Acreage, Yield and Production, 2011-2012

	2011				2012			
	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production
	1,000 Acres		Bushels	1,000 Bushels	1,000 Acres		Bushels	1,000 Bushels
Nevada								
All Wheat	23	12	108.8	1,305	26	13	75.9	987
Winter	15	9	115.0	1,035	20	11	77.0	847
Other Spring	8	3	90.0	270	6	2	70.0	140
United States								
All Wheat	54,409	45,705	43.7	1,999,347	55,736	48,991	46.3	2,269,117
Winter	40,646	32,314	46.2	1,493,677	41,324	34,834	47.2	1,645,202
Other Spring	12,394	12,079	37.7	455,188	12,289	12,055	45.0	541,959

¹ All wheat is comprised of both winter wheat and spring wheat varieties

Hay Prices

Nevada: The all hay price, at \$201.00 per ton, is up \$2.00 from August and down \$15.00 from last September. Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures came in at \$203.00 per ton, up \$3.00 from August and down \$17.00 from a year ago. All other hay, at \$178.00 per ton, is down \$9.00 from August and up \$8.00 from a year ago.

United States: The all hay price, at \$187 per ton, is up \$3.00 from August and \$7.00 higher than last September. Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures came in at \$205.00 per ton, up \$2.00 from August. All other hay, at \$142.00 per ton, is up \$2.00 from last month.

Hay Prices Received by Type measured in \$ per Ton – Select States & United States: September 2012

State	All Hay			Alfalfa Hay			Other Hay ¹		
	Sept. 2011	August 2012	Sept. 2012	Sept. 2011	August 2012	Sept. 2012	Sept. 2011	August 2012	Sept. 2012
Arizona	218.00	208.00	201.00	220.00	210.00	200.00	170.00	190.00	220.00
California	222.00	202.00	198.00	237.00	207.00	201.00	168.00	185.00	187.00
Idaho	221.00	185.00	186.00	228.00	190.00	190.00	139.00	130.00	130.00
Nevada	216.00	199.00	201.00	220.00	200.00	203.00	170.00	187.00	178.00
Oregon	226.00	199.00	205.00	235.00	217.00	226.00	190.00	182.00	175.00
Utah	181.00	184.00	184.00	181.00	188.00	187.00	159.00	151.00	150.00
United States	180.00	184.00	187.00	198.00	203.00	205.00	129.00	140.00	142.00

¹ Other hay is comprised of grain and grain mixtures, timothy, clover, wild, prairie, range, and other types.

September Weather Summary

Very warm weather dominated the month of September. Average temperatures ranged from 2.8 degrees above normal in Las Vegas to 5.5 degrees above normal in Reno. This was the warmest September in Reno since 1888. Las Vegas had the highest temperature of 102 degrees. Winnemucca recorded a low of 32 degrees. Precipitation was recorded mostly in the Eastern and Southern parts of the State. All stations recorded some precipitation. Ely recorded the most with 1.21 inches, 0.38 inches above normal. Winnemucca record the least precipitation with 0.03 inches, 0.41 inches below normal. Potatoes and Onion harvest was underway. Hay producers were finishing the third cutting and started the fourth cutting. Pasture and range conditions were in poor to very poor condition. Range livestock were being moved from burned or spent ranges. Drought conditions remained in moderate to severe condition. Northwestern portions of the State were experiencing extreme drought conditions. The main farm and ranch activities were weed and insect control, hay harvest and shipping, equipment maintenance, and preparing for fall-seeded crops.

Weather data for stations in Nevada: September 2012

Station	Temperature (°F)				Precipitation (inches)		
	Monthly Avg.	Departure from Normal	High	Low	Monthly Total	Departure from Normal	Greatest 24 Hour
Reno	70.7	+5.5	96	47	0.08	-0.27	0.07
Elko	63.0	+4.2	92	35	0.09	-0.48	0.26 *
Ely	59.7	+2.9	86	33	1.21	+0.38	0.66
Eureka	62.7	+4.5	88	35	0.81	+0.23	0.45
Tonopah	68.7	+4.2	91	47	0.62	+0.24	0.62
Winnemucca	63.3	+3.0	94	32	0.03	-0.41	0.02
Las Vegas	85.4	+2.8	102	68	1.18	+0.93	1.18

* Recorded in 24hr period between 8/31/2012 and 9/1/2012

2011 Potato Production

Potato production in 2011 is revised to 430 million cwt, 6 percent above the 2010 crop. Harvested area, at 1.08 million acres, is up 7 percent from 2010. The average yield of 399 cwt per acre is down 2 cwt from the previous year. Spring potato final production for 2011 is 25.6 million cwt, 3 percent above the previous year. Harvested acres, at 91,500 acres, increased 7 percent from 2010. The average yield for spring potatoes is 279 cwt per acre, down 10 cwt from 2010. Summer potato production is 12.9 million cwt for 2011, a 1 percent decrease from 2010. Harvested area, at 46,000 acres, is up 14 percent from 2010. The average yield of 280 cwt per acre is down 41 cwt from 2010. Fall potato production is finalized at 391 million cwt for 2011, up 7 percent from the 2010 crop. Area harvested in 2011 is 939,500 acres, up 7 percent from the previous year. The average fall potato yield, at 416 cwt per acre, was unchanged from 2010.

The value of all potatoes sold in 2011, at \$3.74 billion, increased 9 percent from the previous year. The average price, at \$9.41 per cwt, is up \$0.21 from 2010. The quantity of potatoes sold from the 2011 crop totaled 398 million cwt, up 6 percent from 2010. Sales account for 93 percent of 2011 production, unchanged from the previous year. Processors used 272 million cwt of raw potatoes from the 2011 crop, up 11 percent from 2010. Table stock sales totaled 103 million cwt, 4 percent below the previous year. Seed sales of 21.9 million cwt are up 6 percent from 2010. Sales for livestock feed, at 825,000 cwt, increased significantly from 2010.

Potatoes used for chips and shoestrings totaled 58.7 million cwt in 2011, up 8 percent from the previous year. Frozen french fries and other frozen products utilized 160 million cwt of raw potatoes, up 7 percent from 2010. Potatoes used for dehydrating totaled 45.5 million cwt, up 33 percent from 2010. Canning use, at 2.37 million cwt, is up slightly from 2010. Starch, flour, and other products were made from 6.15 million cwt of potatoes, a 3 percent decrease from 2010. Shrinkage and loss is estimated at 27.8 million cwt for 2011, 11 percent above 2010. Potatoes used for livestock feed on farms where grown and home use totaled 1.13 million cwt, 7 percent below the previous season. Growers kept 3.01 million cwt for seed on their own farms, up slightly from 2010.

Potato Utilization – United States: 2009-2011

[Totals may not add due to rounding]

Utilization items	Crop year		
	2009 (1,000 cwt)	2010 (1,000 cwt)	2011 (1,000 cwt)
Sales			
Table stock	116,326	107,407	102,655
Processing			
Chips and shoestrings	42,548	54,508	58,672
Dehydrated ¹	44,477	34,164	45,489
Frozen french fries	138,589	135,703	144,551
Other frozen products	21,004	13,374	15,180
Canned products	1,983	1,659	1,649
Other canned products (hash, stews, soups)	748	700	716
Starch, flour, and other	6,504	6,334	6,150
Total	255,853	246,442	272,407
Other sales			
Livestock feed	6,533	593	825
Seed	20,219	20,621	21,863
Total	26,752	21,214	22,688
Total sales	398,931	375,063	397,750
Non-sales			
Seed used on farms where grown	3,346	3,002	3,012
Household use and used for feed on farms where grown	1,189	1,218	1,130
Shrinkage and loss	29,135	24,990	27,755
Total non-sales	33,670	29,210	31,897
Total production	432,601	404,273	429,647

¹ Dehydrated products except starch and flour.

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Pasture and Range Condition, Percent Rating Good or Better Week Ending September 30, 2012

