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JULY CROP WEATHER REVIEW



Field activity was high in July as the weather was hot and dry for the most part, but the month was also plagued with strong thunderstorms and damaging hail in many dense agricultural areas. At the beginning of the month, grains were ripening quickly as heat units rose. Sweet cherries in Chelan and Yakima Counties saw the most damage early in the month due to cracking from rain showers. Apricot harvest was producing noticeably high quality fruit. Early open market potatoes were harvested in Franklin County during the first week of July. Scattered thunderstorms and hail were seen throughout southeastern Washington causing wheat producers in Columbia County the most damage in their fields. During the third week of July, a few weeks later than

normal, winter wheat harvest began in southeastern counties. More thunderstorms and hail resulted in significant damage to the apple crop in the central counties of the state and continued to slow hay producer's cuttings. Raspberry producers in Whatcom County were having major problems with mold due to the rain received. Whitman County pastures were greener than normal without irrigation. Pastures were also in excellent condition in Stevens County. During the last week of the month the thunderstorms subsided and winter wheat harvest was able to pick up in Whitman and Walla Walla Counties, with yields coming in above average. Hay producers in Asotin County were able to finally chop their hay. The quality was poor, but the quantity was good. In the Yakima Valley, peaches and nectarines were being harvested. Hops were filling in the trellises and setting cones. Sweet corn harvest started in Grant County, but in western Washington sweet corn maturity was several weeks behind schedule due to lack of heat units. Moisture levels in pastures and silage growth remained above average.

FIELD CROP SUMMARY, AUGUST 1, 2012

| CROP | WASHINGTON | | | | | | PACIFIC NW 1/ | | UNITED STATES | | |
|----------------|--------------------|-------|------|-------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|------------|------------|
| | Harvested | | Unit | Yield | | Production | | Production | | Production | |
| | 2011 | 2012 | | 2011 | 2012 | 2011 | 2012 | 2011 | 2012 | 2011 | 2012 |
| | 1,000 Acres | | | | Thousand | | Thousand | | Thousand | | |
| Winter Wheat | 1,730 | 1,670 | Bu. | 75.0 | 71.0 | 129,750 | 118,570 | 256,415 | 236,190 | 1,493,677 | 1,682,726 |
| Spring Wheat | 615 | 475 | Bu. | 62.0 | 56.0 | 38,130 | 26,600 | 101,200 | 65,723 | 455,188 | 499,510 |
| Barley | 115 | 150 | Bu. | 74.0 | 72.0 | 8,510 | 10,800 | 57,410 | 65,910 | 155,780 | 221,019 |
| Corn, Grain | 125 | 125 | Bu. | 225 | 225 | 28,125 | 28,125 | 2/ | 2/ | 12,358,412 | 10,778,589 |
| Hops | 23.32 | 24.24 | Lbs. | 2,200 | 2,045 | 51,308.1 | 49,564.7 | 64,781.6 | 64,456.6 | 64,781.6 | 64,456.6 |
| All Hay | 780 | 790 | Tons | 4.3 | 4.0 | 3,376 | 3,131 | 11,758 | 11,109 | 131,144 | 120,343 |
| Alfalfa Hay | 380 | 400 | Tons | 5.2 | 5.0 | 1,976 | 2,000 | 8,076 | 7,780 | 65,332 | 54,895 |
| Other Hay | 400 | 390 | Tons | 3.5 | 2.9 | 1,400 | 1,131 | 3,682 | 3,329 | 65,812 | 65,448 |
| Dry Beans | 77.0 | 115.0 | Cwt. | 19.0 | 16.0 | 1,463 | 1,840 | 3,497 | 4,719 | 19,833 | 27,016 |
| Potatoes, Fall | 160 | 165 | Cwt. | 615.0 | 3/ | 98,400 | 3/ | 248,812 | 3/ | 427,406 | 3/ |

1/ Includes Oregon, Idaho, and Washington.

2/ Individual state level estimates will be published in the "Crop Production 2012 Summary."

3/ First production forecast November 9, 2012.

DRY EDIBLE BEANS, ACREAGE PLANTED BY COMMERCIAL CLASS

| Commercial Class | Washington | | | United States | | |
|------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
| | 1,000 Acres | | | 1,000 Acres | | |
| Dark Red Kidney | 1/ | 0.7 | 0.8 | 48.5 | 48.9 | 46.3 |
| Light Red Kidney | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 53.1 | 36.6 | 38.4 |
| Small Red | 2.0 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 22.9 | 35.5 | 39.4 |
| Pinto | 13.5 | 7.0 | 17.0 | 842.7 | 386.7 | 714.3 |
| Cranberry | 1/ | 1/ | 1/ | 4.4 | 3.8 | 4.7 |
| Small White | 1.4 | 1/ | 1.2 | 2.7 | 1.1 | 1.2 |
| Pink | 4.1 | 1/ | 1.7 | 33.0 | 21.1 | 30.1 |
| Garbanzo, All: | 54.7 | 56.0 | 79.0 | 146.0 | 132.9 | 196.9 |
| Large | 51.0 | 48.0 | 64.5 | 120.9 | 96.0 | 134.7 |
| Small | 3.7 | 8.0 | 14.5 | 25.1 | 36.9 | 62.2 |
| Great Northern | 1/ | 1/ | 1/ | 78.5 | 61.8 | 58.1 |
| Black | 4.2 | 3.0 | 4.2 | 284.0 | 183.9 | 217.2 |
| Blackeye | 1/ | 1/ | 1/ | 34.7 | 20.3 | 36.1 |
| Navy | 1.4 | 0.5 | 1.0 | 279.5 | 204.4 | 262.8 |
| Other | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.0 | 51.7 | 48.2 | 47.0 |
| Total | 86.0 | 77.0 | 115.0 | 1,911.4 | 1,205.9 | 1,714.7 |

1/ Missing data are included in the "Other" class to avoid disclosure of individual operations or no data were reported.



ALL DRY BEANS, MAJOR STATES AND U.S., 2011-2012

| STATE | Planted Acres | | Harvested Acres | | Yield 1/ | | Production 1/ | |
|----------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 2011 | 2012 | 2011 | 2012 | 2011 | 2012 | 2011 | 2012 |
| | 1,000 Acres | | | | Pounds | | 1,000 Cwt. | |
| California | 45.5 | 58.5 | 45.0 | 57.5 | 2,280 | 2,200 | 1,026 | 1,265 |
| Colorado | 38.0 | 50.0 | 37.0 | 45.0 | 1,580 | 1,620 | 585 | 729 |
| Idaho | 95.0 | 140.0 | 94.0 | 139.0 | 2,000 | 1,900 | 1,880 | 2,641 |
| Michigan | 170.0 | 198.0 | 168.0 | 194.0 | 2,000 | 1,800 | 3,360 | 3,492 |
| North Dakota | 410.0 | 690.0 | 380.0 | 680.0 | 1,300 | 1,350 | 4,940 | 9,180 |
| Washington | 77.0 | 115.0 | 77.0 | 115.0 | 1,900 | 1,600 | 1,463 | 1,840 |
| United States | 1,205.9 | 1,714.7 | 1,155.9 | 1,673.5 | 1,716 | 1,614 | 19,833 | 27,016 |

1/ Clean basis.

FRUIT PRODUCTION, AUGUST 1, 2012

| Crop & State | Total Production | | | Crop & State | Total Production | | |
|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | 2010 | 2011 | Ind. 2012 | | 2010 | 2011 | Ind. 2012 |
| Million Pounds | | | | Tons | | | |
| Apples: 1/ | | | | Grapes (continued): | | | |
| California | 280.0 | 280.0 | 280.0 | New York | 176,000 | 188,000 | 115,000 |
| Michigan | 570.0 | 985.0 | 105.0 | Pennsylvania | 83,000 | 91,000 | 54,000 |
| New York | 1,270.0 | 1,220.0 | 590.0 | Washington, All | 336,000 | 316,000 | 415,000 |
| Pennsylvania | 492.0 | 458.0 | 481.0 | Wine Types | 160,000 | 142,000 | 185,000 |
| Virginia | 200.0 | 220.0 | 230.0 | Concord/Niagara | 176,000 | 174,000 | 230,000 |
| Washington | 5,550.0 | 5,410.0 | 5,700.0 | United States | 7,471,170 | 7,377,710 | 7,296,800 |
| United States | 9,281.6 | 9,420.0 | 8,065.7 | Bartlett Pears: | Tons | | |
| Peaches: | Tons | | | California | 170,000 | 195,000 | 170,000 |
| California: 2/ | 817,000 | 773,000 | 770,000 | Oregon | 47,000 | 47,000 | 58,000 |
| Clingstone | 432,000 | 393,000 | 380,000 | Washington | 168,000 | 188,000 | 180,000 |
| Freestone | 385,000 | 380,000 | 390,000 | Total | 385,000 | 430,000 | 408,000 |
| Washington | 14,000 | 13,200 | 12,000 | Other Pears: | Tons | | |
| United States | 1,150,300 | 1,071,790 | 1,023,300 | California | 50,000 | 57,000 | 50,000 |
| Grapes: | Tons | | | Oregon | 145,000 | 180,000 | 175,000 |
| California: | 6,773,000 | 6,612,000 | 6,600,000 | Washington | 222,000 | 269,000 | 240,000 |
| Wine Types | 3,629,000 | 3,387,000 | 3,700,000 | Total | 417,000 | 506,000 | 465,000 |
| Table Types 3/ | 1,011,000 | 1,031,000 | 1,000,000 | | | | |
| Raisin Types 3/ | 2,133,000 | 2,194,000 | 1,900,000 | | | | |
| Michigan | 36,000 | 94,400 | 30,000 | | | | |

1/ In orchards of 100 or more bearing age trees.

2/ Estimates for current year carried forward from an earlier forecast.

3/ Fresh basis.

The United States apple forecast for the 2012 crop year is 8.06 billion pounds, down 14 percent from last year. Production in the Western States (Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Oregon, Utah, and Washington) is forecast at 6.21 billion pounds, up 6 percent from last year. **Washington's apple production** is forecast at 5.70 billion pounds, up 5 percent from last year. Washington growers experienced a relatively mild growing season, without losses from freezes or frost, and good pollination weather.

United States peach production is forecast at 1.02 million tons, down 5 percent from 2011. In Washington, forecasted **peach production**, at 12,000 tons, is down 9 percent from last year. The California peach crop is expected to total 770,000 tons compared to the 773,000 tons produced last year. The Clingstone crop is estimated at 380,000 tons, down 3 percent from 2011. The Freestone crop is estimated at 390,000 tons, up 3 percent from 2011.

United States **grape production** for 2012 is forecast at 7.30 million tons, down 1 percent from last year. California leads the nation in grape production with 90 percent of the total. Washington and New York are the next largest producing States, with 6 percent and 2 percent, respectively. California's wine type grape production is forecast at 3.40 million tons, and represents 53 percent of California's total grape crop. Washington's wine grape crop is forecast at a record 185,000 tons, an increase of 30 percent from last year. If realized, the 2012 crop will surpass the previous record of 160,000 tons set in 2010.

United States **pear production** for 2012 is forecast at 878,500 tons, down 8 percent from last year. **Bartlett** pear production for California, Oregon, and Washington is forecast at 408,000 tons, 8 lower than last year. **Other pear** production in the Pacific Coast States is expected to total 465,000 tons, 8 percent below last year. Washington Bartlett pear production is forecast at 180,000 tons compared to 188,000 tons in 2011. Other pear production in Washington is expected to total 240,000 tons, an 11 percent decrease from last year. Washington producers reported mild spring weather conditions with no losses from frost. However, several producers reported reduced production of Anjou and Bosc varieties due to poor weather during pollination. Reports of hail and wind damage during June and July were common. Some losses due to fire blight were also reported.

PRICES

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR FARM PRODUCTS (DOLLARS/UNIT)

| COMMODITY | Unit | Entire Month | | Preliminary July 2012 | Entire Month | | Preliminary July 2012 | U.S. Parity Price |
|------------------------|------|-------------------|-----------|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| | | July 2011 | June 2012 | | July 2011 | June 2012 | | |
| | | Washington | | | United States | | | |
| Wheat, All | Bu. | 6.26 | 6.91 | 8.48 | 7.10 | 6.70 | 8.31 | 15.60 |
| Wheat, Winter | Bu. | 6.09 | 6.63 | 8.21 | 6.77 | 6.54 | 8.26 | - |
| Wheat, Durum | Bu. | - | - | - | 10.20 | 8.31 | 8.62 | - |
| Wheat, Spring | Bu. | 7.28 | 7.83 | 9.23 | 8.45 | 7.78 | 8.68 | - |
| Barley | Bu. | 4.96 | 4.89 | (D) | 5.07 | 5.50 | 5.66 | 10.90 |
| Corn for Grain | Bu. | - | - | - | 6.33 | 6.37 | 7.36 | 9.88 |
| Lentils | Cwt. | - | - | - | 27.30 | 21.10 | 18.90 | - |
| Chickpeas, All | Cwt. | - | - | - | 38.80 | 41.10 | (S) | - |
| Oats | Bu. | - | - | - | 3.35 | 3.77 | 3.81 | 6.44 |
| Dry Edible Beans | Cwt. | - | - | - | 34.20 | 44.20 | 43.80 | 75.20 |
| Dry Edible Peas | Cwt. | - | - | - | 13.30 | 16.50 | 14.80 | - |
| Potatoes, All 1/ | Cwt. | 10.10 | 8.45 | 8.35 | 14.19 | 9.93 | 9.76 | 21.50 |
| Potatoes, processing | Cwt. | 7.85 | 8.25 | 8.30 | 8.18 | 8.54 | (D) | - |
| All Hay, (baled) 2/ | Tons | 185.00 | 227.00 | 227.00 | 170.00 | 183.00 | 184.00 | - |
| Alfalfa (baled) 2/ | Tons | 180.00 | 230.00 | 225.00 | 189.00 | 201.00 | 198.00 | - |
| Hay, Other (baled) 2/ | Tons | 200.00 | 220.00 | 230.00 | 119.00 | 133.00 | 143.00 | - |
| Hops | Lbs. | - | - | - | - | - | - | 8.75 |
| Apples, Fresh 3/ | Lbs. | 0.330 | 0.390 | 0.419 | 0.358 | 0.384 | 0.419 | 0.849 |
| Cattle, All Beef | Cwt. | - | - | - | 111.00 | 121.00 | 116.00 | 260.00 |
| Steers and Heifers | Cwt. | - | - | - | 115.00 | 124.00 | 119.00 | - |
| Calves | Cwt. | - | - | - | 138.00 | 166.00 | 152.00 | 363.00 |
| Milk Cows 4/ | Head | 1,450.0 | (NA) | 1,300.00 | 1,480.00 | (NA) | 1,420.00 | - |
| Broilers, Live 5/ | Lbs. | - | - | - | 0.470 | 0.510 | 0.490 | - |
| Eggs, Market 2/ 6/ | Doz. | (D) | (D) | (D) | 0.684 | 0.688 | 0.763 | 2.34 |
| Milk, All Wholesale 7/ | Cwt. | 22.30 | 16.00 | 16.70 | 21.80 | 16.20 | 16.60 | 46.80 |
| Hogs, All | Cwt. | - | - | - | 71.70 | 70.20 | 73.80 | 142.00 |

(S) Insufficient number of reports to establish an estimate.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

(NA) Not available.

1/ Average price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stock, processing, seed, and livestock feed.

2/ All prices are mid-month estimates.

3/ Equivalent packinghouse door returns for apples for CA, MI, NY, and WA. Prices as sold for other states.

4/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published for January, April, July and October.

5/ Equivalent liveweight price.

6/ Also referred to as table eggs.

7/ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies. July 2012 Fat test percent: all milk, 3.66.