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DECEMBER 2012 CROP WEATHER REVIEW



Much needed precipitation was received this month improving the moisture profile in Whitman, Grant, and Lincoln County. Winter wheat appeared to be in good condition prior to being blanketed by a layer of protective snow. In Yakima County there was no cause for concern regarding possible crop damage due to weather conditions. In Whatcom County, raspberry growers continued to tie and prune vines. In Grant County, dry corn harvest was mostly complete with the exception of a few growers. Persistent rainfall throughout the month limited most agricultural activity in the western region. In Grays Harbor and Thurston County, minor flooding along the Chehalis and Satsop rivers occurred with no damage being reported to farm land or structures. Livestock owners reported good demand for haylage Statewide as colder temperatures arrived the last week of the month. In northeastern counties such as Stevens, cattle ranchers were hay feeding their cattle and will continue to do so until spring. In Thurston County, Christmas tree growers breathed a well deserved sigh of relief once the holiday arrived and tree harvest was completed.

Wheat: Production by Class, United States, 2010-2012 1/

Year	Winter					Spring					Total
	Hard Red	Soft Red	Hard White	Soft White	All White	Hard Red	Hard White	Soft White	All White	Durum	
1,000 Bushels											
2010	1,018,337	237,429	13,496	215,599	229,095	569,975	9,256	36,744	46,000	106,080	2,206,916
2011	780,089	457,535	12,368	243,685	256,053	397,689	11,878	45,621	57,499	50,482	1,999,347
2012	1,003,856	419,801	13,250	208,295	221,545	504,520	8,465	28,974	37,439	81,956	2,269,117

1/ Wheat class estimates are based on the latest available data including both survey and administrative data.

FORAGE PRODUCTION, WASHINGTON, 2011-2012

Crop	Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
1,000 Acres						
Tons						
Greenchop & haylage:						
Alfalfa	39	30	5.20	5.40	203	162
Other	41	80	8.39	6.30	344	504
Total	80	110	6.84	6.05	547	666
Forage:						
Alfalfa	410	420	5.06	4.86	2,076	2,040
Other	430	420	3.65	3.04	1,570	1,275
Total	840	840	4.34	3.95	3,646	3,315

Forage production includes all forms of harvested hay on a dry equivalent basis. Haylage production is based on haylage weight at harvest and then converted to dry equivalent production. Factors used were: one ton of dry, baled hay = 0.87 tons dry matter; one ton of haylage = 0.45 tons dry matter; one ton of greenchop = 0.25 tons dry matter; greenchop = 10 percent of haylage production. The combined conversion factor is .4943 to convert greenchop and haylage to dry weight equivalent.

Washington's 2013 Winter Wheat Seedings Down 2 Percent from Last Year

Washington winter wheat growers seeded an estimated 1.65 million acres of winter wheat for harvest in 2013. This is down 3 percent from the area seeded in 2012 and 6 percent below 2011. Winter wheat seeded in the Pacific Northwest (Washington, Oregon and Idaho) totaled 3.18 million acres, 3 percent below the 2012 crop. Idaho growers seeded 760,000 acres, 3 percent below the 2012 crop, and 6 percent below the 2011 crop. Oregon farmers planted 770,000 acres, down 3 percent from the 2012 crop and 7 percent below the 2011 crop. Nationally, planted area for harvest in 2013 is estimated at 41.8 million acres, up 1 percent from 2012 and 3 percent above 2011. More acres were seeded this year due to the early row crop harvest and higher prices. Seeding began last August but by the middle of September was behind the 5-year average as producers waited for improved soil moisture levels. However, by the end of October, seeding had progressed ahead of last year and the 5-year average.

U.S. White Winter wheat seeded area totals nearly 3.27 million acres, down 2 percent from 2012. Planted acreage in the Pacific Northwest (Idaho, Oregon, and Washington) is down from last year. Planting got off to an average start but by the middle of October was behind the 5-year average in all three States. By November 13, seeding was virtually complete in the region. **Hard Red Winter (HRW)** wheat seeded area is about 29.1 million acres, down 2 percent from 2012. Acreage changes from last year are mixed across the growing region. Growers in Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Texas planted significantly more acres this year while large acreage decreases occurred in Colorado, Kansas, Montana, and the Dakotas. Widespread drought conditions and lack of moisture continues to be a concern across much of the HRW growing area. **Soft Red Winter (SRW)** wheat seeded area is about 9.42 million acres, up 16 percent from last year. Increases from last year are estimated in most SRW growing States with North Carolina producers seeding a record high area.

Winter Wheat: Area Seeded, by State & United States, 2011-2013

State	Crop			2013/ 2012	State	Crop			2013/ 2012
	2011	2012	2013			2011	2012	2013	
	1,000 Acres			Percent		1,000 Acres			Percent
Alabama	220	220	240	109	Nevada	15	20	20	100
Arizona	7	10	10	100	New Jersey	35	33	34	103
Arkansas	620	550	660	120	New Mexico	435	450	430	96
California	670	610	610	100	New York	120	100	125	125
Colorado	2,300	2,350	2,200	94	North Carolina	700	830	960	116
Delaware	80	85	75	88	North Dakota	400	750	400	53
Florida	12	20	20	100	Ohio	880	500	620	124
Georgia	250	290	410	141	Oklahoma	5,100	5,400	5,500	102
Idaho	820	780	760	97	Oregon	830	790	770	97
Illinois	800	660	830	126	Pennsylvania	185	165	200	121
Indiana	430	350	450	129	South Carolina	190	235	235	100
Iowa	22	18	40	222	South Dakota	1,650	1,320	1,200	91
Kansas	8,800	9,500	9,300	98	Tennessee	420	420	540	129
Kentucky	540	580	600	103	Texas	5,300	5,700	5,800	102
Louisiana	240	285	260	91	Utah	130	140	145	104
Maryland	260	310	330	106	Virginia	270	280	290	104
Michigan	700	570	590	104	Washington	1,760	1,700	1,650	97
Minnesota	30	40	40	100	West Virginia	10	8	11	138
Mississippi	360	370	420	114	Wisconsin	345	265	320	121
Missouri	790	790	1,000	127	Wyoming	150	150	145	97
Montana	2,250	2,300	2,100	91	United States	40,646	41,324	41,820	101
Nebraska	1,520	1,380	1,480	107					

December 1 Wheat Stocks Lower in Washington and U.S. Level Compared to Last Year

The total quantities of wheat stored in all positions in Washington, as of December 1, 2012 decreased from the previous year. The quantity of wheat stored in Washington totaled 105.1 million bushels, a decrease of 22 percent from December 1, 2011. Wheat stored on-farms in Washington on December 1, 2012 totaled 8.0 million bushels, down 6.0 million bushels from December 1, 2011. Wheat stored off-farms totaled 97.1 million bushels, a decrease of 20 percent from last year. The quantity of wheat stored in the Pacific Northwest (Washington, Oregon, and Idaho) on December 1, 2012 totaled 192.9 million bushels, down 24 percent from December 1, 2011. On-farm stocks totaled 35.1 million bushels, compared with 54.5 million bushels a year ago and off-farm stocks totaled 157.8 million bushels, a decrease of 21 percent from last year. The quantity of wheat stored in all positions in the Nation on December 1, 2012 totaled 1.66 billion bushels, down slightly from a year ago. On-farm stocks, at 399.5 million bushels, were 1 percent below 2011. Holdings off-farm were 1.26 billion bushels, up slightly from a year ago. Barley stored on-farm in Washington on December 1, 2012 totaled 900,000 bushels, down 100,000 bushels from 2011. The quantity of barley stored in all positions in the Pacific Northwest totaled 44.0 million bushels, up 2 percent from 2011. The U.S. total barley stocks increased from 138.9 million bushels in 2011 to 157.9 million bushels in 2012. **Lentils** stored in all positions in the United States on December 1, 2012 totaled 3.57 million cwt., down 11 percent from 2011. **Dry edible peas** stored in all positions in the Nation on December 1, 2012 totaled 5.19 million cwt., up 25 percent from 2011. **Chickpeas (Garbanzo Beans)** stored in all positions in the Nation on December 1, 2012 totaled 1.63 million cwt., up 51 percent from a year ago.

GRAIN STOCKS: DEC. 1, 2011, SEP. 1, 2012, & DEC. 1, 2012

Crop/ Quarter	Washington			Pacific Northwest 1/			United States		
	On-Farm	Off-Farm 2/	Total	On-Farm	Off-Farm 2/	Total	On-Farm	Off-Farm 2/	Total
	1,000 Bushels								
Wheat									
Dec. 1, 2011	14,000	121,213	135,213	54,500	200,356	254,856	405,200	1,257,318	1,662,518
Sep. 1, 2012 3/	14,000	123,749	137,749	57,000	206,796	263,796	572,900	1,531,837	2,104,737
Dec. 1, 2012	8,000	97,128	105,128	35,100	157,827	192,927	399,500	1,260,355	1,659,855
Barley									
Dec. 1, 2011	1,000	5,839	6,839	15,500	27,743	43,243	55,320	83,621	138,941
Sep. 1, 2012 3/	1,900	7,506	9,406	25,400	30,257	55,657	111,550	85,226	196,776
Dec. 1, 2012	900	7,204	8,104	16,030	27,940	43,970	72,580	85,315	157,895
Oats									
Dec. 1, 2011	(D)	57	(D)	(D)	475	(D)	24,900	54,235	79,135
Sep. 1, 2012 3/	(D)	89	(D)	(D)	672	(D)	34,100	50,872	84,972
Dec. 1, 2012	(D)	110	(D)	(D)	604	(D)	26,000	47,053	73,053
Corn									
Dec. 1, 2011	(D)	13,111	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	6,175,000	3,471,823	9,646,823
Sep. 1, 2012 3/	(D)	4,149	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	313,700	675,327	989,027
Dec. 1, 2012	(D)	9,531	(D)	(D)	19,767	(D)	4,586,000	3,444,474	8,030,474

1/ Includes Washington, Oregon, and Idaho.

2/ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors.

3/ Revised.

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



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ANNUAL FIELD CROP SUMMARY

Crop	Washington Summary						Pacific NW 1/		United States		
	Harvested		Unit	Yield		Production		Production		Production	
	2011	2012		2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
	1,000 Acres				1,000		1,000		1,000		
All Wheat 2/	2,345	2,175	Bu.	71.6	67.3	167,880	146,345	358,374	301,927	1,999,347	2,269,117
Winter Wheat	1,730	1,670	Bu.	75.0	71.0	129,750	118,570	256,415	229,580	1,493,677	1,645,202
Spring Wheat	615	505	Bu.	62.0	55.0	38,130	27,775	101,200	71,541	455,188	541,959
Barley	115	175	Bu.	74.0	72.0	8,510	12,600	57,410	70,106	155,780	220,284
Oats	3	6	Bu.	59.0	82.0	177	492	2,427	3,272	53,649	64,024
Corn, Grain	125	115	Bu.	225.0	215.0	28,125	24,725	61,290	61,295	12,359,612	10,780,296
Corn, Silage	70	70	Tons	27.0	25.0	1,890	1,750	8,946	8,554	109,094	113,450
All Hay	780	780	Tons	4.33	3.83	3,376	2,986	11,758	10,820	131,216	119,878
Alfalfa	380	400	Tons	5.20	4.90	1,976	1,960	8,076	7,830	65,332	52,049
Other	400	380	Tons	3.50	2.70	1,400	1,026	3,682	2,990	65,884	67,829
Peppermint	16.5	18.0	Lbs.	104	100	1,716	1,800	5,459	5,558	6,570	6,605
Spearmint	11.6	12.8	Lbs.	155	140	1,798	1,792	2,010	2,020	2,286	2,390
Native	7.5	8.2	Lbs.	155	151	1,160	1,242	-	-	-	-
Scotch	4.1	4.6	Lbs.	156	120	638	550	-	-	-	-
Dry Edible Beans 3/	77.0	115.0	Cwt.	19.0	19.3	1,463	2,220	3,497	5,502	19,890	31,925
Dry Edible Peas 4/	66.0	65.0	Cwt.	21.0	20.0	1,386	1,300	1,810	1,992	5,625	10,872
Lentils	60.0	65.0	Cwt.	14.0	13.0	840	845	1,191	1,229	4,732	5,302
Hops	23.3	25.0	Lbs.	2,200	1,941	51,308	48,596	64,782	61,249	64,782	61,249
Potatoes, Fall	160.0	164.0	Cwt.	610	595	97,600	97,580	249,702	263,865	391,180	422,535
Canola	10.2	14.5	Lbs.	1,900	1,900	19,380	27,550	73,175	109,330	1,538,010	2,447,410

1/ Includes Oregon, Idaho, and Washington. Lentils exclude Oregon.

2/ Excludes durum.

3/ Excludes beans grown for garden seed. Yield and production are on a clean basis.

4/ Excludes both wrinkled seed peas and Austrian winter peas.

HAY STOCKS



Crop Year	Washington	Oregon	Idaho	United States
	1,000 Tons			
<u>2011:</u>				
Production	3,376	3,312	5,070	131,216
Stocks:				
Dec. 1, 2011	1,460	2,200	2,000	90,726
May 1, 2012	230	275	700	21,381
<u>2012:</u>				
Production	2,986	3,074	4,760	119,878
Stocks:				
Dec. 1, 2012	1,200	1,700	2,100	76,547

HOGS & PIGS INVENTORY

Item	Washington		United States	
	2011	2012	2011	2012
	1,000 Head			
Inventory - December 1: 1/ 2/				
All Hogs & Pigs	(D)	(D)	66,361	66,348
Breeding	(D)	(D)	5,803	5,817
Market	(D)	(D)	60,558	60,531
<u>Market Hogs & Pigs: Inventory Number</u> <u>by Weight Group 1/</u>				
Under 50 Pounds	(D)	(D)	19,524	19,448
50 - 119 Pounds	(D)	(D)	16,643	16,643
120 - 179 Pounds	(D)	(D)	12,473	12,479
180 Pounds & Over	(D)	(D)	11,918	11,961
<u>Sows Farrowing:</u> 1/				
December 2/ - February	3/	3/	2,843	2,864
March – May	3/	3/	2,917	2,982
June – August	3/	3/	2,927	2,890
September – November	3/	3/	2,929	2,900
Annual Total (Sows Farrowing)	(D)	(D)	11,616	11,636
Pig Crop:				
December 2/ - February 4/	3/	3/	27,866	28,550
March – May 5/	3/	3/	29,252	30,077
June – August 6/	3/	3/	29,355	29,269
September – November 7/	3/	3/	29,365	29,443
ANNUAL TOTAL (Pig Crop)	(D)	(D)	115,838	117,339

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

1/ May not add due to rounding.

2/ December of preceding year.

3/ Individual state estimates not available.

4/ Number of pigs born December-February that were still on hand March 1, or had been sold.

5/ Number of pigs born March-May that were still on hand June 1, or had been sold.

6/ Number of pigs born June-August that were still on hand September 1, or had been sold.

7/ Number of pigs born September-November that were still on hand December 1, or had been sold.



Hog Program Alert

Beginning with December 2010, State level sow, barrow & gilt, and all hog prices will be discontinued. United States level sow, barrow & gilt, and all hog prices will be published based on data provided by United States Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service.

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

Commodity	Unit	Entire Month		Preliminary Dec. 2012	Entire Month		Preliminary Dec. 2012	U.S. Parity Price
		Dec. 2011	Nov. 2012		Dec. 2011	Nov. 2012		
Washington				United States				
Wheat, All	Bu.	6.36	8.33	8.35	7.20	8.46	8.33	18.30
Wheat, Winter	Bu.	6.08	8.22	8.25	6.41	8.38	8.24	-
Wheat, Durum	Bu.	-	-	-	10.30	8.16	8.45	-
Wheat, Spring	Bu.	7.62	8.80	8.69	8.25	8.65	8.45	-
Barley, All	Bu.	4.26	5.68	5.68	5.46	6.45	6.17	12.60
Corn for Grain	Bu.	-	-	-	5.86	7.02	7.01	12.00
Oats	Bu.	-	-	-	3.57	3.92	3.78	7.60
Lentils	Cwt.	-	-	-	24.30	21.20	19.60	-
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	-	-	-	42.00	39.20	36.70	86.90
Dry Edible Peas	Cwt.	-	-	-	15.80	16.80	16.40	-
Chickpeas, All	Cwt.	-	-	-	38.30	38.10	39.10	-
Potatoes, All 1/	Cwt.	8.85	7.00	7.05	9.06	7.39	7.26	24.70
Potatoes, Processing	Cwt.	8.10	6.85	6.95	8.10	7.83	(D)	-
Hay, All (baled)	Tons	225.00	232.00	228.00	174.00	193.00	192.00	-
Alfalfa (baled)	Tons	240.00	235.00	230.00	195.00	215.00	217.00	-
Other Hay (baled)	Tons	200.00	225.00	225.00	131.00	144.00	142.00	-
Hops	Lbs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.84
Apples, Fresh 2/	Lbs.	0.380	0.463	0.456	0.302	0.479	0.474	0.953
Cattle, All Beef	Cwt.	-	-	-	120.00	123.00	125.00	292.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	-	-	-	126.00	128.00	130.00	-
Calves	Cwt.	-	-	-	157.00	161.00	162.00	401.00
Broilers, Live 3/	Lbs.	-	-	-	0.470	0.570	0.600	-
Eggs, Market 4/ 5/	Doz.	8/	8/	8/	1.100	1.020	0.957	2.63
Milk, All Wholesale 6/ 7/	Cwt.	19.90	22.00	21.10	19.70	22.00	21.10	52.00
Hogs, All	Cwt.	-	-	-	63.50	61.10	62.90	160.00

(NA) Not available. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

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

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

3/ Liveweight equivalent price.

4/ Mid-month price.

5/ Also referred to as table eggs.

6/ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

7/ December 2012 Washington fat test percent: all milk, 3.93.

8/ State estimates discontinued in January 2010.