

Wisconsin Oat and Wheat Production Higher

Wisconsin's 2008 oat production is forecast at 10.9 million bushels, up from 10.7 million bushels in 2007. The one percent increase in production can be attributed to a one bushel increase in yield from last year. Wisconsin farmers plan to harvest 160,000 acres for grain, equal to a year ago. Yields are expected to be 68 bushels per acre, up from 67 bushels last year.

Nationally, oat production is forecast at 92.9 million bushels, an increase of one percent from 2007. The expected yield at the national level is 64.4 bushels per acre, up from 60.9 bushels per acre a year ago. Acres harvested for grain are expected to reach 1.44 million acres, down from 1.51 million acres last year.

Wisconsin farmers expect to produce 22.4 million bushels of winter wheat in 2008. This is 20 percent more than the 2007 crop. The area harvested for grain is expected to reach 330,000 acres, while yield is expected to average 68 bushels per acre. The number of acres for harvest has increased for three consecutive years, and, in 2008, is predicted to be 60,000 more than the previous year.

At the national level, winter wheat production is forecast at 1.86 billion bushels. This is up 2 percent from last month and 23 percent above 2007. The U.S. yield is forecast at 46.3 bushels per acre, up 1 bushel from last month and 4.1 bushels above last year. The area expected to be harvested for grain totals 40.3 million acres, up 12 percent from 2007.

Oats, Selected States, 2007 and Forecasted July 1, 2008

State	Area harvested		Yield		Production	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	1,000 acres		Bushels		1,000 bushels	
WI	160	160	67.0	68.0	10,720	10,880
IL	24	30	68.0	77.0	1,632	2,310
IA	67	75	71.0	67.0	4,757	5,025
MI	55	65	58.0	58.0	3,190	3,770
MN	180	170	60.0	68.0	10,800	11,560
ND	260	150	59.0	57.0	15,340	8,550
SD	125	110	74.0	69.0	9,250	7,590
US	1,505	1,443	60.9	64.4	91,599	92,872

Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

Winter Wheat, Selected States, 2007 and Forecasted July 1, 2008

State	Area harvested		Yield		Production	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	1,000 acres		Bushels		1,000 bushels	
WI	270	330	69.0	68.0	18,630	22,440
CO	2,350	2,000	40.0	28.0	94,000	56,000
IL	890	1,160	57.0	66.0	50,730	76,560
KS	8,600	9,400	33.0	39.0	283,800	366,600
MT	2,190	2,450	38.0	37.0	83,220	90,650
NE	1,960	1,700	43.0	42.0	84,280	71,400
OK	3,500	4,500	28.0	38.0	98,000	171,000
SD	1,980	1,720	48.0	48.0	95,040	82,560
TX	3,800	3,500	37.0	30.0	140,600	105,000
WA	1,690	1,770	64.0	62.0	108,160	109,740
US	35,952	40,252	42.2	46.3	1,515,989	1,864,245

Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO