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### **Value of Idaho's 2017 Agricultural Production Totals \$7.49 Billion**

The value of Idaho's 2017 agricultural production was \$7.49 billion, up 3 percent from the previous year's revised value of \$7.29 billion. The value of Idaho's crop production in 2017 was \$3.06 billion, up 1 percent from 2016. The value of livestock production in 2017 totaled \$4.43 billion, up 4 percent from the previous year. The rankings of the top five commodities remained unchanged from 2016.

Milk remains the leading agricultural commodity in the State with a 2017 value of \$2.52 billion, up 7 percent from 2016. Milk represented 34 percent of the total agricultural value compared with 32 percent in 2016. Cattle and calves remained in the second position and had value of production totaling \$1.38 billion dollars in 2017, down less than 1 percent from 2016. Potatoes ranked third in 2017 with value of production of \$975 million, up less than 1 percent from the previous year. Hay value of production was \$718 million, up 7 percent from 2016, fourth in the State ranking. Wheat rounded out the top five with a value of \$426 million, up 1 percent from the previous year. These five commodities had a combined value of \$6.01 billion, or 80 percent of the 2017 value for all commodities (excluding government payments). The same five commodities in 2016 had a combined value of \$5.81 billion, also 80 percent of the total value.

There were commodities outside the top five that showed significant increases in value from the previous year. Corn for grain production, with a value of \$99.2 million in 2017, increased 19 percent from the previous year. The value of Dry Edible Beans totaled \$83.0 million, up 16 percent from 2016. Hops remained in the tenth position but the value of production was up 35 percent from the previous year. Only two of the top ten commodities declined in value from the previous year. Barley value of production, down 29 percent from 2016, moved down one position to seventh in the State. Other notable commodities outside the top ten that declined in value in 2017 were peppermint, down 12 percent to \$29.6 million; lentils, down 44 percent to \$8.79 million; and apples, down 15 percent to \$8.15 million.

## Top Ten Agricultural Commodities – Idaho: 2015-2017

Commodity	Rank		Value of production			Change 2017 / 2016 (percent)
	2017	2016	2015 (1,000 dollars)	2016 (1,000 dollars)	2017 (1,000 dollars)	
Milk <sup>1</sup> .....	1	1	2,357,038	2,361,065	2,515,844	6.6
Cattle & Calves .....	2	2	1,683,750	1,384,382	1,376,883	-0.5
Potatoes .....	3	3	912,800	968,274	974,966	0.7
Hay .....	4	4	814,980	673,596	717,832	6.6
Wheat .....	5	5	449,467	421,527	426,305	1.1
Sugarbeets <sup>2</sup> .....	6	7	299,754	304,042	304,837	0.3
Barley .....	7	6	329,684	322,091	230,138	-28.5
Corn for Grain .....	8	8	68,248	83,472	99,216	18.9
Dry Edible Beans .....	9	9	68,726	71,635	83,030	15.9
Hops .....	10	10	30,799	51,137	68,796	34.5
Value of crop production .....			3,004,843	3,039,808	3,062,881	0.8
Value of livestock production.....			4,748,844	4,254,628	4,426,676	4.0
Total value of production, all commodities.....			7,753,687	7,294,436	7,489,557	2.7

<sup>1</sup> Value at average returns per 100 pounds of milk in combined marketings of milk and cream plus value of milk used for home consumption and milk fed to calves.

<sup>2</sup> Value of Production for 2017 sugarbeets from Economic Research Service (ERS).

## Crop and Livestock Production and Rank Among All States — Idaho: 2016-2017

Item and unit	Rank among States		Idaho's production		Leading State
	2017 (rank)	2016 (rank)	Total (number)	Percent of United States (percent)	
<b>Field Crops</b>					
Austrian winter peas..... 1,000 cwt	1	1	54	43.2	Idaho
Barley .....	1	1	48,450	34.1	Idaho
Potatoes, fall..... 1,000 cwt	1	1	134,850	33.7	Idaho
Wrinkled seed peas..... 1,000 cwt	2	2	108	30.3	Washington
Peppermint oil..... 1,000 pounds	2	1	1,680	29.1	Oregon
Sugarbeet .....	2	2	6,507	18.4	Minnesota
Hops .....	2	3	13,759	13.2	Washington
Hay, alfalfa..... 1,000 tons	2	2	4,240	7.7	California
Wheat, spring..... 1,000 bushels	4	5	35,275	8.5	North Dakota
Onions, dry .....	4	4	5,800	7.9	California
Lentils .....	4	4	315	4.2	Montana
Dry edible beans .....	5	6	2,873	8.0	North Dakota
Wheat, all..... 1,000 bushels	6	8	90,723	5.2	Kansas
Dry edible peas..... 1,000 cwt	6	4	234	1.7	North Dakota
Corn, silage..... 1,000 tons	7	7	6,600	5.1	Wisconsin
Wheat, winter..... 1,000 bushels	7	8	53,600	4.2	Kansas
Canola .....	7	7	34,565	1.1	North Dakota
Hay, all..... 1,000 tons	8	10	5,128	3.9	Texas
Haylage, all..... 1,000 tons	10	7	983	3.2	Wisconsin
<b>Fruit Crops</b>					
Apples, all..... tons	11	10	23,700	0.4	Washington
Peaches..... tons	13	9	5,220	0.7	California
<b>Livestock</b>					
Trout, value of fish sold <sup>1</sup> .....	1	1	49,968	45.7	Idaho
Cheese .....	3	3	958,687	7.6	Wisconsin
Milk .....	4	4	14,627	6.8	California
Milk cows <sup>2</sup> .....	4	4	600,000	6.4	California
Wool .....	7	8	1,600	6.5	California
Sheep and lambs <sup>2</sup> ..... head	7	7	230,000	4.4	Texas
Honey .....	8	13	4,180	2.8	North Dakota
Cattle and calves, all <sup>2</sup> ..... head	12	13	2,400,000	2.5	Texas

<sup>1</sup> Value excluding trout eggs.

<sup>2</sup> As of January 1, 2018.

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