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Value of Idaho's 2018 Agricultural Production Totals \$7.69 Billion

The value of Idaho's 2018 agricultural production was \$7.69 billion, up 3 percent from the previous year's revised value of \$7.49 billion. The value of Idaho's crop production in 2018 was \$3.26 billion, up 7 percent from 2017. The value of livestock production in 2018 totaled \$4.43 billion, down less than 1 percent from the previous year. The rankings of the top eight commodities remained unchanged from 2017.

Milk remains the leading agricultural commodity in the State with a 2018 value of \$2.38 billion, down 6 percent from 2017. Milk represented 31 percent of the total agricultural value compared with 34 percent in 2017. Cattle and calves remained in the second position and had value of production totaling \$1.41 billion dollars in 2018, up 2 percent from 2017. Potatoes ranked third in 2018 with value of production of \$1.03 billion, up 5 percent from the previous year. Hay value of production was \$773 million, up 8 percent from 2017, fourth in the State ranking. Wheat rounded out the top five with a value of \$539 million, up 26 percent from the previous year. These five commodities had a combined value of \$6.13 billion, or 80 percent of the 2018 value for all commodities (excluding government payments). The same five commodities in 2017 had a combined value of \$6.02 billion, also 80 percent of the total value. Hops value of production, up 22 percent from 2017, moved up two positions to ninth in the State. Dry Edible Beans rounded out the top ten with value of production of \$73.2 million, down 8 percent from the previous year.

There were commodities outside the top five that showed significant increases in value from the previous year. Sugarbeets, barley, corn for grain and hops all increased in value by double-digit percentages. Corn for grain production, with a value of \$128 million in 2018, increased 30 percent from the previous year. The value of barley totaled \$269 million, up 17 percent from 2017. Only two of the top ten commodities declined in value from the previous year. Other notable commodities outside the top ten that declined in value in 2018 were onions, down 34 percent to \$48.7 million; trout, down 20 percent to \$40.3 million; and honey, down 22 percent to \$5.83 million.

Top Ten Agricultural Commodities – Idaho: 2016-2018

Commodity	Rank		Value of production			Change 2018 / 2017
	2018	2017	2016	2017	2018	
			(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(percent)
Milk ¹	1	1	2,361,065	2,516,876	2,378,393	-5.5
Cattle & Calves	2	2	1,384,382	1,379,457	1,409,667	2.2
Potatoes	3	3	968,274	974,966	1,027,688	5.4
Hay	4	4	673,596	717,832	773,241	7.7
Wheat	5	5	421,527	426,305	539,011	26.4
Sugarbeets ²	6	6	304,042	261,581	288,426	10.3
Barley	7	7	322,091	230,138	269,256	17.0
Corn for Grain	8	8	83,472	98,282	127,960	30.2
Hops	9	11	51,137	70,337	86,087	22.4
Dry Edible Beans	10	9	71,635	79,869	73,172	-8.4
Value of crop production			3,154,985	3,048,581	3,261,729	7.0
Value of livestock production.....			4,259,612	4,439,407	4,426,480	-0.3
Total value of production, all commodities.....			7,414,597	7,487,988	7,688,209	2.7

¹ 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.

² Value of Production for 2018 sugarbeets from Economic Research Service (ERS).

Crop and Livestock Production and Rank Among All States — Idaho: 2017-2018

Item and unit	Rank among States		Idaho's production		Leading State
	2018	2017	Total	Percent of United States	
	(rank)	(rank)	(number)	(percent)	
Field Crops					
Barley 1,000 bushels	1	1	53,530	34.9	Idaho
Potatoes..... 1,000 cwt	1	1	141,750	31.5	Idaho
Peppermint oil..... 1,000 pounds	1	2	1,785	33.2	Idaho
Hay, alfalfa..... 1,000 tons	1	2	4,410	8.4	Idaho
Wrinkled seed peas..... 1,000 cwt	2	2	116	29.8	Washington
Sugarbeets 1,000 tons	2	2	6,602	19.9	Minnesota
Hops 1,000 pounds	2	2	16,243	15.2	Washington
Austrian winter peas..... 1,000 cwt	3	1	10	8.1	Montana
Onion, dry 1,000 cwt	4	4	7,476	10.3	California
Wheat, spring..... 1,000 bushels	4	4	42,275	6.8	North Dakota
Lentils 1,000 cwt	4	4	442	5.3	Montana
Wheat, all..... 1,000 bushels	5	6	104,410	5.5	North Dakota
Canola 1,000 pounds	5	7	88,200	2.4	North Dakota
Corn, silage..... 1,000 tons	6	7	6,600	5.4	Wisconsin
Wheat, winter 1,000 bushels	6	7	61,200	5.2	Kansas
Dry edible peas 1,000 cwt	6	6	175	1.1	North Dakota
Dry edible beans 1,000 cwt	7	5	3,127	8.3	North Dakota
Hay, all..... 1,000 tons	9	8	5,019	4.1	Texas
Haylage, all 1,000 tons	10	10	1,005	3.4	Wisconsin
Livestock					
Trout, value of fish sold ¹ 1,000 dollars	1	1	40,290	40.3	Idaho
Cheese 1,000 pounds	3	3	991,239	7.6	Wisconsin
Milk million pounds	3	4	15,149	7.0	California
Milk cows ² head	4	4	614,000	6.6	California
Sheep and lambs ² head	7	7	220,000	4.2	Texas
Wool 1,000 pounds	8	7	1,500	6.1	California
Honey 1,000 pounds	13	8	2,976	2.0	North Dakota
Cattle and calves, all ² head	11	12	2,500,000	2.6	Texas

¹ Value excluding trout eggs.

² As of January 1, 2019.

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