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Grain Stocks  
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## December 1, 2007 Grain Stocks Report

### North Dakota

**All wheat** stored in all positions in North Dakota on December 1, 2007 totaled 135 million bushels, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, North Dakota Field Office. This is 24 percent below a year ago and down 37 percent from December 1, 2005 and lowest since 1961 when 110 million bushels were stored in all positions. All wheat stocks include durum, spring and winter wheat. On-farm stocks are estimated at 87.0 million bushels, down 33 percent from a year ago and the lowest level since 1961 at 52.1 million bushels. Off-farm stocks, at 48.4 million bushels, are down 1 percent from a year ago. The indicated September-November 2007 total disappearance is 91.8 million bushels, 101 percent more than the same period in 2006.

**Durum wheat** stocks in all positions totaled 17.4 million bushels, down 33 percent from a year ago and a record low since December 1 stocks began in 1974. On-farm stocks, at 12.0 million bushels, are down 37 percent from December 1, 2006. Off-farm stocks totaled 5.40 million bushels, down 23 percent from a year ago. The September-November total disappearance is 19.1 million bushels, up from 4.70 million bushels a year ago.

**Barley** stocks in all positions totaled 44.0 million bushels, up 6 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are 26.5 million bushels, up 6 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks are 17.5 million bushels, up 5 percent from a year ago. Disappearance during the quarter totaled 13.2 million bushels, up 59 percent from the same period a year earlier.

**Corn** stocks in all positions totaled a record high 185 million bushels, up 67 percent from a year ago and 31 percent from the record high two years ago. Of the total stocks, 130 million bushels were stored on farms, up 65 percent from December 1, 2006. Off-farm stocks, at 55.4 million bushels, are up 73 percent from last year. Disappearance during the quarter totaled 104 million bushels, 68 percent more than a year earlier and a record high.

**Soybean** stocks in all positions totaled 74.3 million bushels, down 17 percent from last year's record high. On-farm stocks totaled 44.0 million bushels on December 1, 2007, compared to last year's 57 million bushels. Off-farm stocks totaled 30.3 million bushels, down 8 percent from a year ago. Disappearance during the quarter totaled 49.3 million bushels, up 13 percent from last year.

**Hay** stocks totaled 4.99 million tons, up 14 percent from last year. Disappearance since May 1 totaled 810,000 tons, compared to 568,000 last year.

Capacity of on-farm grain storage totaled 760 million bushels, 1 percent higher than December 1, 2006. Off-farm grain storage capacity is 288 million bushels, up 10 percent from a year ago.

### United States

**All wheat** stored in all positions on December 1, 2007 totaled 1.13 billion bushels, down 14 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 290 million bushels, down 28 percent from last December. Off-farm stocks, at 838 million bushels, are down 8 percent from a year ago. The September - November 2007 indicated disappearance is 589 million bushels, up 35 percent from the same period a year earlier.

**Durum wheat** stored in all positions on December 1, 2007 totaled 39.3 million bushels, down 24 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks, at 17.6 million bushels, are down 32 percent from December 1, 2006. Off-farm stocks totaled 21.7 million bushels, down 15 percent from a year ago. The September - November 2007 indicated disappearance of 31.2 million bushels is up 167 percent from the same period a year earlier.

**Corn** stored in all positions on December 1, 2007 totaled 10.3 billion bushels, up 15 percent from December 1, 2006. Of the total stocks, 6.53 billion bushels are stored on farms, up 16 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 3.74 billion bushels, are up 13 percent from a year ago. The September - November 2007 indicated disappearance is 4.11 billion bushels, compared with 3.57 billion bushels during the same period last year.

**Soybeans** stored in all positions on December 1, 2007 totaled 2.33 billion bushels, down 14 percent from December 1, 2006. Soybean stocks stored on farms totaled 1.10 billion bushels, down 25 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 1.23 billion bushels, are down 1 percent from last December. Indicated disappearance for September - November 2007 totaled 830 million bushels, down 11 percent from the same period a year earlier.

**Stocks: By Position, Current and Previous Quarter  
North Dakota and United States, 2006-2007**

Crop	Date	North Dakota			United States		
		On Farm	Off Farm <sup>1/</sup>	Total All Positions	On Farm	Off Farm <sup>1/</sup>	Total All Positions
Wheat, All <sup>2/</sup>	Dec 1, 2006	130,000	49,000	179,000	403,250	911,408	1,314,658
	Sep 1, 2007	140,000	87,200	227,200	495,000	1,221,927	1,716,927
	Dec 1, 2007	87,000	48,400	135,400	289,540	838,371	1,127,911
Durum Wheat	Dec 1, 2006	19,000	7,000	26,000	25,900	25,447	51,347
	Sep 1, 2007	23,500	13,000	36,500	34,700	35,764	70,464
	Dec 1, 2007	12,000	5,400	17,400	17,600	21,670	39,270
Barley	Dec 1, 2006	25,000	16,700	41,700	83,650	89,171	172,821
	Sep 1, 2007	40,000	17,200	57,200	105,600	83,095	188,695
	Dec 1, 2007	26,500	17,500	44,000	62,050	73,028	135,078
Oats	Dec 1, 2006	8,000	840	8,840	53,000	45,889	98,889
	Sep 1, 2007	11,000	760	11,760	53,650	34,710	88,360
	Dec 1, 2007	9,000	850	9,850	43,100	51,370	94,470
Corn	Dec 1, 2006	79,000	32,000	111,000	5,627,000	3,305,707	8,932,707
	Sep 1, 2007	8,800	7,700	16,500	460,100	843,547	1,303,647
	Dec 1, 2007	130,000	55,400	185,400	6,530,000	3,738,599	10,268,599
Soybeans	Dec 1, 2006	57,000	32,800	89,800	1,461,000	1,240,366	2,701,366
	Sep 1, 2007	7,700	11,200	18,900	143,000	430,810	573,810
	Dec 1, 2007	44,000	30,300	74,300	1,100,000	1,229,405	2,329,405
Dry Edible Peas <sup>3/</sup> (000 Cwt)	Jun 1, 2007	---	---	---	---	---	1,406
	Dec 1, 2007	---	---	---	---	---	8,525
Lentils <sup>3/</sup> (000 Cwt)	Jun 1, 2007	---	---	---	---	---	554
	Dec 1, 2007	---	---	---	---	---	2,117
Chickpeas <sup>3/</sup> (000 Cwt)	Jun 1, 2007	---	---	---	---	---	377
	Dec 1, 2007	---	---	---	---	---	1,070
Hay (000 Tons)	Dec 1, 2006	4,375	---	4,375	96,555	---	96,555
	May 1, 2007	609	---	609	15,013	---	15,013
	Dec 1, 2007	4,990	---	4,990	103,986	---	103,986

<sup>1/</sup> Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors. <sup>2/</sup> Includes durum, spring and winter. <sup>3/</sup> Published at the U.S. level only.

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