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Table 1.
Hay stocks¹, major hay and dairy states, 2006 & 2007

State	2006	2007
	(1,000 tons)	
Arizona	40	35
California	192	190
Colorado	460	290
Florida	60	21
Idaho	375	320
Illinois	324	325
Indiana	207	198
Iowa	1,000	684
Kansas	800	600
Kentucky	645	600
Michigan	395	350
Minnesota	1,150	740
Missouri	873	625
Montana	1,463	760
Nebraska	1,070	850
Nevada	209	202
New Mexico	133	105
New York	285	326
North Dakota	1,806	609
Ohio	363	356
Oklahoma	550	400
Oregon	210	180
Pennsylvania	410	520
South Dakota	2,140	1,150
Texas	896	885
Utah	266	185
Vermont	57	38
Virginia	730	268
Washington	250	240
Wisconsin	1,135	1,308
Wyoming	394	220
U.S. total	21,345	14,988

Source: USDA

1/ Stored on farms as of May 1.

U.S. dry hay stocks lowest since 1950

USDA's May 11 Crop Production report estimates all dry hay stored on U.S. farms on May 1, 2007 totaled 15.0 million tons, down 30% from the previous year and the lowest inventory since 1950.

Disappearance of hay from Dec. 1, 2006 May 1, 2007, totaled 81.4 million tons, 3% less than the disappearance of 83.9 million tons for the same period a year earlier. **Thirty-eight of the 48 reporting states had lower May 1 hay stocks** than a year ago. Hay stocks in most of these states were also below year-ago levels on Dec. 1, 2006.

Drought conditions during most of 2006 caused deterioration of pastures throughout the **Southeast**, resulting in increased supplemental feeding of hay and reducing Dec. 1, 2006 stocks. The drought in that area persisted into the winter and spring, which also increased the amount of hay fed. Elsewhere, supplemental feeding increased in the **Central Plains** and **Midwest** due to some harsh mid-winter storms and below-normal temperatures in April.

Hay stocks **increased from last year in Wisconsin** and in most of the **northern Atlantic Coast states**. Wisconsin hay stocks, up 15% from May 2006, are the highest since 2002 as a result of the excellent hay and forage production during 2006. **Hay stocks in Pennsylvania and New York** were also up from the previous year, as a result of higher hay production in 2006 and a mild winter.

All major dairy states in the West indicated lower dry hay inventories compared to a year earlier.