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## 2008 Hazelnut Crop Forecast Down 8 Percent

Hazelnut production in Oregon is forecast to be 34,000 tons this year, according to the Oregon field office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture. If realized, this would be 8 percent below last year's hazelnut crop of 37,000 tons and down 21 percent from 2006.

The percentage of good nuts analyzed in the laboratory, at 88.7 percent, is 2.1 percentage points higher than last year and the highest since 1976. Brown stained nuts totaled 0.21 percent of all nuts sampled compared to 0.34 percent in 2007.

The average size per good nut was 5.14 and the dry weight per good nut sampled was 3.03 grams. The nuts sampled were both small in size and light in weight, which is typically seen in larger crops. However, the number of nuts picked per tree was low, which is typically seen in smaller crops. Large nuts (NASS laboratory sizes 4, 5, and 6) accounted for 47.9 percent of the total, and jumbo nuts (NASS laboratory sizes 7 and 8) accounted for 29.8 percent of the total.

### Oregon Hazelnut Production, 2001-2008

Utilized production (In-shell basis)							
2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Forecast 2008 <sup>1/</sup>
Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons
49,500	19,500	37,900	37,500	27,600	43,000	37,000	34,000

<sup>1/</sup> As of September 9, 20 08

### Hazelnuts: Share of Good Nuts by Size, 2005-2008

Size	NASS Laboratory		Share of Good Nuts				Industry Equivalents	
	Minimum Measure	Maximum Measure	2005	2006	2007	2008	Size	Measure
	mm	mm	percent	percent	percent	percent		mm
1		14.6	0.2	0.6	0.7	1.2	Small	less than 17.9
2	14.6	18.3	4.9	7.2	8.8	10.7	Small	less than 17.9
3	18.3	19.9	7.6	11.6	11.6	10.4	Medium	17.9 to 19.4
4	19.9	20.9	5.2	14.0	12.3	13.8	Large	19.4 to 22.2
5	20.9	22.0	8.5	19.4	16.5	21.1	Large	19.4 to 22.2
6	22.0	22.6	7.9	13.0	11.9	13.0	Large	19.4 to 22.2
7	22.6	23.6	17.3	16.9	17.1	17.4	Jumbo	22.2 +
8	23.6		48.4	17.3	21.1	12.4	Jumbo	22.2 +

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