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*Dear Respondent:*

*This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News covers the results of the Alfalfa and Clover Seed Survey for the 2010 crop.*

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*Sincerely,*

*Vince Matthews  
Director*

### Alfalfa Seed Acres Down 23 Percent

Producers in Idaho harvested 8,500 acres of alfalfa seed in 2010, down 23 percent from the 2009 crop. Average yield, on a clean basis, was 960 pounds per harvested acre in 2010, up 30 percent from the previous year. Production for 2010 totaled 8.16 million pounds, a slight increase from 2009 crop. The average price received by growers for the 2010 crop decreased \$8 per hundredweight from the previous year to \$199 per hundredweight, resulting in a farm level value of production of \$16.2 million.

Harvested acreage of red clover seed in Idaho totaled 1,600 acres during 2010, up 600 acres from 2009. Average clean yield was 600 pounds per acre, up 50 pounds from the previous year. Production for 2010 totaled 960,000 pounds, up 75 percent from 2009. The average price received by growers for the 2010 crop was \$165 per hundredweight, down \$26 per hundredweight from 2009. This resulted in a farm level value of production of \$1.58 million. This survey was completed in cooperation with the Idaho Alfalfa and Clover Seed Commission.

### Idaho Alfalfa Seed Acreage, Yield, Production and Value, 1996 - 2010

Year	Harvested Acreage	Yield (Pounds)	Production (1,000 Pounds)	Average Price (\$/Cwt)	Value of Production (\$1,000)
1996	33,500	720	24,120	\$128.20	\$30,922
1997	39,000	660	25,740	\$131.00	\$33,719
1998	39,000	670	26,130	\$137.00	\$35,798
2000	46,000	800	36,800	\$129.00	\$47,472
2001	27,000	720	19,440	\$124.00	\$24,106
2002	18,000	790	14,220	\$119.00	\$16,922
2003	15,000	660	9,900	\$121.00	\$11,979
2004	22,000	670	14,740	\$117.00	\$17,246
2005	16,000	680	10,880	\$123.00	\$13,382
2006	15,000	670	10,050	\$135.00	\$13,568
2007	15,000	690	10,350	\$149.00	\$15,422
2008	12,000	710	8,520	\$200.00	\$17,040
2009	11,000	740	8,140	\$207.00	\$16,850
2010	8,500	960	8,160	\$199.00	\$16,238

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## Alfalfa Seed Acreage, Yield, Production and Value, Selected States, 2010

State	Harvested Acreage	Yield (Pounds)	Production (1,000 Lbs)	Average Price (\$/Cwt)	Value of Production (\$1,000)
IDAHO	8,500	960	8,160	\$199.00	\$16,238
Montana	7,000	465	3,258	\$166.00	\$5,408
Nevada	2,500	700	1,750	\$190.00	\$3,325
Washington	10,600	970	10,300	\$199.00	\$20,500

## Idaho Red Clover Seed Acreage, Yield, Production and Value, 2000-2010

Year	Harvested Acreage	Yield (Pounds)	Production (1,000 Pounds)	Average Price (\$/Cwt)	Value of Production (\$1,000)
2000	3,500	520	1,820	\$104	\$1,893
2001	2,500	580	1,450	\$102	\$1,479
2002	1,200	580	696	\$100	\$696
2003	1,200	560	672	\$97	\$652
2004	1,600	410	656	\$102	\$669
2005	1,700	510	867	\$107	\$928
2006	1,800	570	1,026	\$110	\$1,129
2007	1,300	540	702	\$127	\$892
2008	700	550	385	\$187	\$720
2009	1,000	550	550	\$191	\$1,050
2010	1,600	600	960	\$165	\$1,584

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