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This week the 17th Annual Idaho AG Summit takes place in Boise along with the excellent Idaho Ag Leadership training program. In conjunction with these events, the 2011 Governor's Excellence in Agriculture Awards will be held. The Idaho Potato Industry has two award recipients this year. Glen and Emma Atchley from Ashton will receive the Lifetime Achievement Award. Glen and Emma are seed potato growers who have long been active in the industry and industry organizations. University of Idaho Professor Dr. Mike Thornton is being honored with the Technical Innovation Award. Mike's research contributions and leadership of the UI potato team are likewise very much appreciated.



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Total Value of 2011 Crop Production

The total value of 2011 crop production in Idaho, excluding fruits and nuts, is estimated at \$3.79 billion, an increase of 25 percent from the 2010 total of \$3.03 billion, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. The increase in total value is due mostly to increases in value of all hay, all wheat, and barley production. Value of production for each crop is computed by multiplying the marketing year average price by the production. Included in the total value for Idaho are unpublished values for miscellaneous crops. The value of all hay, at \$1.07 billion, was up 60 percent from 2010. The value of potatoes, at \$973 million, and all wheat, at \$786 million, was up 7 and 22 percent, respectively, from their 2010 values. The value of barley, at \$267 million, was up 50 percent from 2010.

Total value of 2011 crop production in the United States, excluding fruits and nuts, is estimated at \$184 billion, up 8 percent from 2010's \$170 billion. The 2011 potato crop is valued at \$4.01 billion, up 8 percent from the 2010 crop. The all wheat value of production was \$14.4 billion, up 12 percent from last year's crop. The barley crop is valued at \$822 million compared to \$692 million for the 2010 crop.