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This report contains the results from the **2008 July Ag Yield Survey** and **2008 July Peach Inquiry**. The data are also posted on our Web site at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ar> and in a more detailed report at the Internet address above. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaires and interviews for these surveys.

Winter Wheat Production Up 9 Percent from June 1, 2008, Forecast

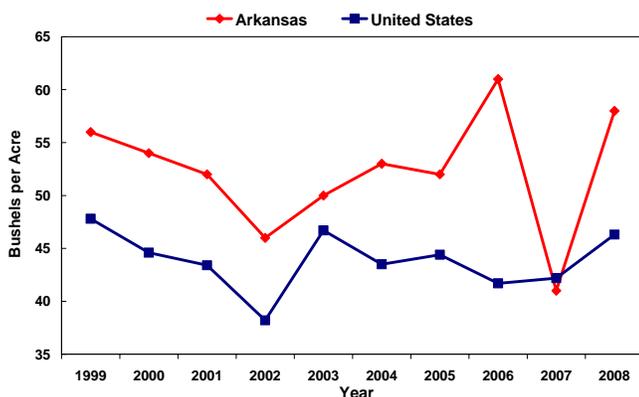
Arkansas Winter Wheat: Winter wheat production in 2008 for Arkansas is forecast at 51.0 million bushels, up 9 percent from the June 1, 2008, forecast and up 78 percent from a year ago. The increase in production from last month's forecast is due to the expected increase of 40,000 harvested acres as well as a 2 bushel per acre increase in yield. Based on July 1 conditions, yield is expected to average 58 bushels per acre, 17 bushels per acre more than last year. If realized, this would be the second highest winter wheat yield on record, second only to the state average of 61 bushels per acre in 2006. Area for harvest, at 880,000 acres, is up 26 percent from 2007. As of the July 7, 2008, release of the *Arkansas Crop Progress and Condition*, 99 percent of the winter wheat crop had been harvested.

U.S. Winter Wheat: Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.86 billion bushels. This is up 3 percent from last month and up 23 percent from 2007. The U.S. yield is forecast at 46.3 bushels per acre, up 1.0 bushel from last month's forecast. Grain area totals 40.3 million acres, up 12 percent from 2007. The table below shows that 1.56 million of the increase in harvested acreage came from Arkansas and neighboring states.

Winter Wheat, Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, Arkansas, Neighboring States, and U.S., 2007 and Forecasted July 1, 2008

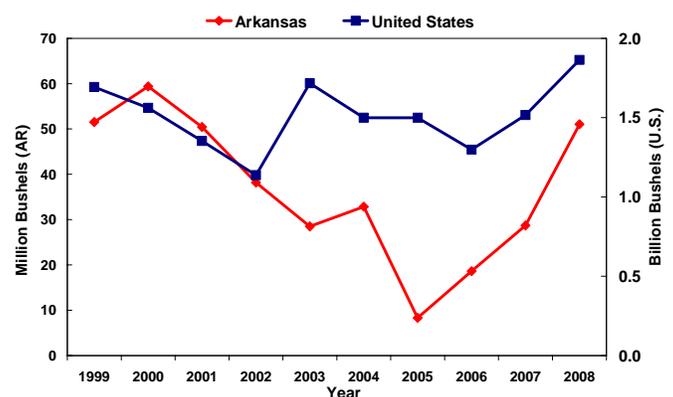
State	Area Harvested		Yield			Production	
	2007	2008	2007	2008		2007	2008
				June 1	July 1		
1,000 Acres		Bushels per Acre			1,000 Bushels		
Arkansas	700	880	41.0	56.0	58.0	28,700	51,040
Mississippi	330	480	56.0	57.0	59.0	18,480	28,320
Missouri	880	1,120	43.0	54.0	52.0	37,840	58,240
Oklahoma	3,500	4,500	28.0	35.0	38.0	98,000	171,000
Tennessee	260	550	41.0	60.0	65.0	10,660	35,750
Texas	3,800	3,500	37.0	30.0	30.0	140,600	105,000
United States	35,952	40,252	42.2	45.3	46.3	1,515,989	1,864,245

Winter Wheat Yield, Arkansas and U.S., 1999-2008¹



¹ Forecasted yield for 2008 as of July 1.

Winter Wheat Production, Arkansas and U.S., 1999-2008¹



¹ Forecasted production for 2008 as of July 1.

Arkansas Peach Crop Rebounds from the Frozen-out 2007 Crop

Arkansas Peaches: The 2008 Arkansas peach crop is expected to rebound from last year's freeze-devastated crop. Total Freestone peach production for Arkansas is forecast at 4,800 tons. This forecast is up 4,785 tons from 2007 and 14 percent above the 2006 crop.

U.S. Peaches: The July 2008 forecast of U.S. peach production is 1.10 million tons, down 3 percent from 2007, but up 9 percent from the 2006 crop.

Peaches, Total Production by Type, Arkansas, Select States, and U.S., 2005-2007, and Forecasted July 1, 2008

State ¹	Total Production			
	2005	2006	2007	2008
	<i>Tons</i>			
Arkansas	4,950	4,200	15	4,800
Alabama	12,000	9,000	3,000	10,000
California				
Freestone	385,000	353,000	446,000	430,000
Clingstone	484,000	359,000	503,000	380,000
Georgia	40,000	41,000	13,000	35,000
Louisiana	650	550	600	550
Missouri	5,800	6,390	15	4,400
Oklahoma	2,000	1,800	1,000	1,800
Tennessee	2,000	1,900	²	1,900
Texas	8,750	1,590	8,700	5,500
United States	1,184,550	1,010,120	1,128,740	1,097,150

¹ Other states, besides California, are Freestone.

² No significant commercial production in 2007 due to freeze damage.