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The U.S. estimate for Durum wheat production for states other than Arizona and California will not be available until July 11, 2002.

WHEAT FORECAST

The California winter wheat forecast, at 698 thousand tons, is 13 percent below 2001. Acreage harvested for grain is 18 percent below last year. Yields are expected to be 2.25 tons per acre, up 7 percent from 2001. Most of the winter wheat crop has been reported in good condition. Harvest is underway in both the Imperial and San Joaquin Valleys. Harvest in the Sacramento Valley will begin by mid-June. Recent rains in the Sacramento Valley should have only minimal effect on crop quality. Dryland wheat growers in Southern California were impacted significantly by prolonged dry weather.

U.S. winter wheat production is forecast at 37.1 million tons, down 9 percent from June 2001. Based on June 1 conditions, the U.S. yield forecast is 1.23 tons per acre, down 6 percent from 2001. Harvested area, forecast at 30.2 million acres, is down 4 percent from 2001.

California's Durum wheat production is forecast at 270 thousand tons, 6 percent above 2001. Acreage expected for harvest, at 90.0 thousand, is 11 percent above last year. The expected yield of 3.00 tons per acre is 5 percent below the previous year. Crop condition was mainly good-to-excellent. Imperial Valley harvest was active. Harvest in the San Joaquin Valley should begin in early June.

TOP PRODUCING COUNTIES OF 2001 FOR ALL WHEAT TONNAGE PRODUCED

KINGS	147,060
FRESNO	141,360
IMPERIAL	121,830
YOLO	100,440
KERN	79,110
SAN JOAQUIN	71,700
TULARE	69,840
SOLANO	52,200
COLUSA	51,990
RIVERSIDE	46,500
SACRAMENTO	30,150
MADERA	29,130
SUTTER	23,100
GLENN	22,050
MERCED	18,210

WHEAT ACREAGE, YIELD AND PRODUCTION, JUNE 1, 2002

Crop and Location	Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	1,000 Acres		Tons		1,000 Tons	
WINTER California	380	310	2.10	2.25	798	698
WINTER U.S.	31,295	30,174	1.31	1.23	40,844	37,130
DURUM California	81	90	3.15	3.00	255	270
DURUM Arizona	87	90	2.73	2.85	238	257
DURUM U.S.	2,789	a/	0.90	b/	2,507	b/

a/ Area harvested will be published June 28, 2002.

b/ Yield and production will be published July 11, 2002.

SWEET POTATOES

California's 2001 sweet potato production is estimated at 2.30 million cwt., 12 percent less than 2000. Harvested acreage is estimated at 10.0 thousand acres, 5 percent below 2000. The yield of 230 cwt. per acre is 8 percent less than 2000. Adverse spring weather conditions resulted in low yields. Many growers indicated they harvested light crops, but quality was reported to be good.

Nationally, the 2001 sweet potato production is 14.6 million cwt., 6 percent above a year earlier. Harvested acreage, at 93.5 thousand acres, is 1 percent below 2000. The average yield, at 156 cwt. per acre, is 8 percent above the 2000 average yield.

SWEET POTATOES 1/

State	Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
	1,000 Acres		Cwt.		1,000 Cwt.	
Alabama	3.2	2.9	145	170	464	493
California	10.5	10.0	250	230	2,625	2,300
Georgia	0.5	0.4	140	100	70	40
Louisiana	24.0	22.0	130	140	3,120	3,080
Mississippi	12.3	16.0	120	150	1,476	2,400
New Jersey	1.2	1.2	100	105	120	126
No. Carolina	37.0	36.0	150	155	5,550	5,580
So. Carolina	0.6	0.7	85	80	51	56
Texas	5.1	3.8	45	100	230	380
Virginia	0.5	0.5	175	220	88	110
U.S.	94.9	93.5	145	156	13,794	14,565

1/ Revised 2001 data.

JUNE 1 FALL POTATO STOCKS

The 15 major potato states held 51.5 million cwt. of potatoes in storage June 1, 2002, down 16 percent from last year. Potatoes in storage accounted for 13 percent of the 2001 fall storage states' production, the same as last year. Disappearance of 343 million cwt., is down 14 percent from last year and the lowest in the last four years. Processors in the nine major states used 166 million cwt. of potatoes this season, down 13 percent from a year ago.

Western states held 41.3 million cwt. of potatoes in storage on June 1, 2002, down 18 percent from last year, but 8 percent above 2000. Idaho's potato stocks are equal to a year ago, while Washington is down 23 percent and Oregon is off 53 percent. Colorado's stocks are down 51 percent.

JUNE 1 FALL POTATO PRODUCTION AND STOCKS 1/

State	Crop of 2000			Crop of 2001		
	Production	Total Stocks June 1, 2001	Percent of Production	Production	Total Stocks June 1, 2002	Percent of Production
	1,000 Cwt.		Percent	1,000 Cwt.		Percent
CA 1/	3,741	500	13	1,113	---	---
CO	27,972	3,500	13	21,357	1,700	8
ID	152,320	26,500	17	127,980	26,500	21
ME	17,920	1,900	11	16,120	1,500	9
MI 1/	14,963	---	---	14,030	---	---
MN	21,240	3,500	16	18,425	2,600	14
MT 1/	3,503	320	9	3,040	---	---
NE 1/	10,127	---	---	8,512	---	---
NY 1/	5,964	---	---	5,942	---	---
ND	26,950	4,000	15	26,400	4,400	17
OH 1/	1,134	---	---	984	---	---
OR	30,683	6,400	21	20,730	3,000	14
PA 1/	3,510	---	---	3,173	---	---
WA	105,000	13,000	12	94,400	10,000	11
WI	33,800	1,400	4	31,955	1,500	5
Other States	---	220	---	---	250	---
15-STATE TOTAL	458,827	61,240	13	394,161	51,450	13

1/ California, Michigan, Montana, Nebraska, New York, Ohio, and Pennsylvania are combined into "Other States."

U.S. COTTON GINNINGS

A total of 19.8 million running bales were ginned during the 2001 season, 18 percent above 2000's ginnings of 16.7 million bales. A 6 percent increase in harvested acreage and a 73-pound yield per acre increase contributed to the higher level of ginnings.

During the 2001 season, 970 cotton gins were active, down from the 1,018 operated in 2000. Four hundred thirteen ginning firms processed more than 20,000 bales in 2001, compared with 336 the previous season.

**COTTON GINNING:
RUNNING BALES GINNED (excluding linters)
BY TYPE, STATE AND UNITED STATES, CROP YEARS 1998-01**

Type and State	1998	1999	2000	2001
	Bales			
ALL COTTON				
Alabama	538,500	620,650	532,950	907,300
Arizona	600,750	695,900	753,400	656,850
Arkansas	1,172,600	1,390,300	1,406,300	1,788,400
California	1,466,400	2,127,350	2,492,250	2,358,250
Florida 1/	---	---	---	---
Georgia	1,516,450	1,524,050	1,621,700	2,159,050
Kansas 1/	---	---	---	---
Louisiana	652,750	918,950	923,250	1,044,600
Mississippi	1,400,900	1,680,400	1,676,600	2,339,250
Missouri	337,750	450,150	502,600	673,800
New Mexico	69,600	59,250	64,150	70,800
North Carolina	1,006,700	802,550	1,407,550	1,640,550
Oklahoma	138,450	139,500	146,050	194,850
South Carolina	334,200	265,000	357,900	404,200
Tennessee	530,600	574,300	691,350	950,150
Texas	3,558,550	5,020,450	3,900,850	4,232,800
Virginia	133,850	133,950	146,800	177,900
UNITED STATES	13,533,950	16,528,050	16,741,850	19,771,200
AMERICAN-PIMA				
Arizona	25,400	16,000	7,300	14,100
California	340,550	580,100	332,950	617,900
New Mexico	6,750	6,500	4,450	12,900
Texas	54,050	47,550	30,200	32,800
UNITED STATES	426,750	650,150	374,900	677,700

1/ Not published to avoid disclosing individual gins, but included in U.S. totals.

County	Running Bales Ginned	Equivalent 480-Pound Bales Ginned	Running Bales Produced	U.S. Rank by Running Bales Produced
Butte 1/	0	0	---	617
Colusa 1/	---	---	32,200	167
Fresno	873,450	907,100	762,700	1
Glenn	0	0	5,800	354
Imperial 1/	---	---	36,350	155
Kern	394,000	405,500	425,050	3
Kings	437,250	453,450	497,250	2
Madera 1/	---	---	71,600	79
Merced 1/	---	---	193,350	13
Riverside 1/	---	---	58,000	102
San Bernardino	0	0	4,250	385
San Joaquin 1/	0	0	---	580
Sutter 1/	---	---	6,100	345
Tulare	260,000	266,050	221,850	10
Yolo	0	0	13,600	262
STATE TOTAL	2,358,250	2,439,300	2,328,350	---

1/ Not published to avoid disclosing individual gins, but included in "State Total."

**CALIFORNIA COTTON GINNINGS:
ALL COTTON RUNNING BALES GINNED (excluding linters),
EQUIVALENT 480-POUND BALES GINNED, RUNNING BALES
PRODUCED BY COUNTY, AND U.S. COUNTY RANK, 2001 CROP**

CALIFORNIA FIELD CROP PRICES - MAY 2002

Mid-May prices received by California farmers increased from April for all potatoes and dry edible beans. Prices for all types of hay were below the previous month's level. Barley, wheat, and Upland cotton lint prices were not published to avoid disclosure of individual buyers. Prices at mid-May were above a year earlier for dry edible beans, all potatoes, spring potatoes, and hay other than alfalfa. All hay and alfalfa hay were below May 2001's level.

U.S. PRICES RECEIVED INDEX INCREASES THREE POINTS

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in May was 98, based on 1990-92=100, and was up three points (3.2 percent) from the revised April index. Higher prices for broilers, potatoes, hogs, and oranges more than offset lower prices for lettuce, cattle, milk, and cucumbers. The seasonal changes in the mix of commodities farmers sell often effects the overall index. Higher marketings for cantaloupe, grapes, sweet corn, and peaches more than offset decreased marketings of cattle, milk, apples and asparagus.

Compared with May last year, the All Farm Products Index was down ten points (9.3 percent). Lower prices for broilers, hogs, cattle, and cucumbers more than offset higher prices for potatoes, strawberries, corn, and soybeans.

The May All Crops Index was 106, up 6 percent from April and 1 percent above May 2001. From April, index increases for potatoes and dry beans, fruits and nuts, oil-bearing crops, feed grains and hay, and food grains more than offset an index decrease for cotton.

The May Food Grains Index, at 85, was up 1.2 percent from the previous month, but 11 percent below May 2001. The May all wheat price, at \$93.33 per ton, was down \$1.34 from April and \$6.00 below May 2001.

The May Feed Grains & Hay Index, at 95, was up 3.3 percent from last month and 4.4 percent above May 2001. The corn price, at \$70.36 per ton, was up \$2.15 from last month and \$5.36 above May 2001. The all hay price, at \$102.00 per ton, was \$2.10 above April, but \$5.00 below last May.

The May Cotton Index, at 45, was down 6.2 percent from April and 33 percent below May 2001. The May price, at 27.5 cents per pound, was down 1.8 cents from the previous month and 13.4 cents below last May.

The May Potatoes and Dry Beans Index, at 178, was 21 percent above last month and 98 percent above May 2001. The all potato price is a record-high \$10.70 per cwt., up \$2.07 from the previous month and \$5.46 above last May. Short supplies of the 2001 crop, combined with a late spring 2002 crop, were responsible for the record-high price. The previous high was \$10.60 in July of 1989. The dry edible bean price, at \$27.50 per cwt., was 30 cents above last month and \$10.60 above May 2001. Price continues to be high due to reduced supplies.

FARM PRICES: AVERAGE PRICE RECEIVED BY FARMERS a/

Commodity	Unit	CALIFORNIA			UNITED STATES		
		May 2001	April 2002	May 15, 2002	May 2001	April 2002	May 15, 2002
Dollars							
Corn b/	Ton	---	---	---	65.00	68.21	70.36
Wheat b/	Ton	111.30	c/	c/	99.33	94.67	93.33
Oats b/	Ton	---	---	---	80.00	123.75	126.25
Barley b/	Ton	c/	c/	c/	88.33	87.50	89.17
Sorghum Grain b/	Cwt.	---	---	---	3.21	3.14	3.24
Rice b/	Cwt.	---	---	---	5.40	3.88	3.86
Dry Edible Beans b/	Cwt.	26.80	32.20	32.30	16.90	27.20	27.50
All Potatoes d/	Cwt.	12.20	26.80	27.10	5.24	8.63	10.70
Winter	Cwt.	---	34.10	---	---	---	---
Spring	Cwt.	13.80	---	27.10	---	---	---
Summer	Cwt.	---	---	---	---	---	---
Fall	Cwt.	5.40	12.10	---	---	---	---
All Hay, Baled b/	Ton	116.00	119.00	115.00	107.00	99.90	102.00
Alfalfa Hay, Baled b/	Ton	121.00	121.00	116.00	113.00	106.00	108.00
Other Hay, Baled b/	Ton	86.00	90.00	88.00	81.30	78.70	76.70
Upland Cotton Lint b/	Lb.	0.397	c/	c/	0.409	0.293	0.275
Cottonseed	Ton	---	---	---	---	---	---

a/ The estimated prices shown in the table represent composite average prices received by farmers. They are averages for all grades, classes, and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

b/ Previous month revised to monthly average.

c/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual buyers.

d/ Monthly average

INDEX NUMBER OF PRICES RECEIVED AND PRICES PAID BY FARMERS, UNITED STATES

Index	1910-14 = 100			1990-92 = 100		
	May 2001	April 2002	May 2002	May 2001	April 2002	May 2002
Prices Received						
All Farm Products	685	601 a/	624	108	95	98
All Crops	519	493 a/	525	105	100	106
Food Grains	303	266 a/	271	95	84 a/	85
Feed Grains and Hay	326	328 a/	341	91	92 a/	95
Cotton	346	248 a/	232	67	48 a/	45
Potatoes and Dry Edible Beans	454	746 a/	900	90	147	178
Prices Paid by Farmers for Commodities, Services, Interest, Taxes and Wage Rates b/	1,649	1,643 a/	1,641	124	123	123
Parity Ratio c/	42	37	38	87	77	80

a/ Revised.

b/ All production indexes as of 15th of month.

c/ Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid, Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates.