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CORN: As of June 1, total planted acreage of corn for all purposes remained unchanged from last year's total at 540 thousand. California farmers expected to harvest 100 thousand acres of corn for grain in 2006, 9 percent below 2005. In the U.S., corn planted acreage is estimated at 79.4 million, 3 percent less than last year. Growers expect to harvest 72.1 million acres for grain, 4 percent below 2005.

COTTON: California's cotton growers planted 310 thousand acres of Upland cotton in 2006, 28 percent below 2005. A record-high 290 thousand acres of American-Pima cotton were planted, 26 percent above the previous year. Nationally, planted Upland cotton acreage is expected to total 14.9 million acres, 7 percent more than last year. Growers intend to plant 336 thousand acres of American-Pima cotton, 24 percent above last year.

FIELD CROP ACREAGE AND PRODUCTION

BARLEY: California's barley harvested acreage is forecast at 55.0 thousand, 8 percent below last year. Nationally, the area to be harvested, at 2.99 million acres, is 9 percent below the 3.27 million acres harvested the previous year.

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FIELD CROP ACREAGE, YIELD AND PRODUCTION

Crop	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre			Production		
	2005	2006 Estimate	2005	2006 Estimate	Unit	2005	2006 Forecast	Unit	2005	2006 Forecast
	Thousand Acres					Thousands				
CALIFORNIA										
Wheat, Winter <u>a/</u>	495.0	450.0	300.0	250.0	Tons	2.16	1.95	Tons	648.0	487.5
Wheat, Durum <u>a/</u>	75.0	80.0	69.0	75.0	Tons	2.85	3.15	Tons	196.7	236.3
Oats <u>a/</u>	270.0	270.0	20.0	24.0	Tons	1.20	1.38	Tons	24.0	33.0
Barley <u>a/</u>	100.0	90.0	60.0	55.0	Tons	1.51	1.39	Tons	90.7	76.6
Corn for Grain <u>b/</u>	540.0	540.0	110.0	100.0	Tons	4.82	<u>c/</u>	Tons	530.2	<u>c/</u>
Rice, All	528.0	526.0	526.0	523.0	Cwt.	73.80	<u>c/</u>	Cwt.	38,836.0	<u>c/</u>
Long	9.0	10.0	9.0	10.0	Cwt.	71.00	<u>d/</u>	Cwt.	639.0	<u>d/</u>
Medium	465.0	465.0	463.0	462.0	Cwt.	75.50	<u>d/</u>	Cwt.	34,957.0	<u>d/</u>
Short	54.0	51.0	54.0	51.0	Cwt.	60.00	<u>d/</u>	Cwt.	3,240.0	<u>d/</u>
Cotton, Upland	430.0	310.0	428.0	<u>c/</u>	Lbs.	1,194.00	<u>c/</u>	Bales	1,065.0	<u>c/</u>
Cotton, American-Pima	230.0	290.0	229.0	<u>c/</u>	Lbs.	1,170.00	<u>c/</u>	Bales	558.0	<u>c/</u>
Sweet Potatoes	11.7	12.5	11.7	12.5		285.00	<u>d/</u>		3,335.0	<u>d/</u>
Sugar Beets <u>e/</u>	44.4	43.7	44.1	43.0	Tons	38.90	<u>c/</u>	Tons	1,715.0	<u>c/</u>
Beans, Dry, All <u>f/</u>	66.0	60.0	65.0	58.0	Cwt.	21.30	<u>c/</u>	Cwt.	1,385.0	<u>c/</u>
Hay, All	---	---	1,550.0	1,600.0	Tons	5.76	<u>c/</u>	Tons	8,935.0	<u>c/</u>
Alfalfa	---	---	1,000.0	1,060.0	Tons	6.90	<u>c/</u>	Tons	6,900.0	<u>c/</u>
Other	---	---	550.0	540.0	Tons	3.70	<u>c/</u>	Tons	2,035.0	<u>c/</u>
Safflower	51.0	75.0	50.0	73.0	Lbs.	2,000.00	<u>d/</u>	Lbs.	100,000.0	<u>d/</u>
Sunflowers	<u>g/</u>	<u>g/</u>	<u>g/</u>	<u>g/</u>	Lbs.	<u>g/</u>	<u>g/</u>	Lbs.	<u>g/</u>	<u>g/</u>
UNITED STATES										
Wheat, Winter <u>a/</u>	40,433.0	41,393.0	33,794.0	31,108.0	Tons	1.33	1.23	Tons	44,973.9	38,400.2
Wheat, Durum <u>a/</u>	2,760.0	1,885.0	2,716.0	1,822.0	Tons	1.12	0.99	Tons	3,033.2	1,811.1
Oats <u>a/</u>	4,246.0	4,312.0	1,823.0	1,907.0	Tons	1.01	0.93	Tons	1,838.0	1,765.2
Barley <u>a/</u>	3,875.0	3,496.0	3,269.0	2,990.0	Tons	1.56	1.52	Tons	5,085.5	4,551.5
Corn for Grain <u>b/</u>	81,759.0	79,366.0	75,107.0	72,091.0	Tons	4.14	<u>c/</u>	Tons	311,138.0	<u>c/</u>
Rice, All	3,384.0	2,913.0	3,364.0	2,895.0	Cwt.	66.40	<u>c/</u>	Cwt.	223,235.0	<u>c/</u>
Long	2,751.0	2,275.0	2,734.0	2,261.0	Cwt.	64.90	<u>d/</u>	Cwt.	177,527.0	<u>d/</u>
Medium	578.0	586.0	575.0	582.0	Cwt.	73.80	<u>d/</u>	Cwt.	42,408.0	<u>d/</u>
Short	55.0	52.0	55.0	52.0	Cwt.	60.00	<u>d/</u>	Cwt.	3,300.0	<u>d/</u>
Cotton, Upland	13,975.0	14,940.0	13,534.0	<u>c/</u>	Lbs.	825.00	<u>c/</u>	Bales	23,259.7	<u>c/</u>
Cotton, American-Pima	270.4	336.0	268.6	<u>c/</u>	Lbs.	1,127.00	<u>c/</u>	Bales	630.5	<u>c/</u>
Sweet Potatoes	91.0	96.0	88.4	93.4		178.00	<u>d/</u>		15,730.0	<u>d/</u>
Sugar Beets <u>e/</u>	1,299.8	1,361.9	1,242.9	1,321.1	Tons	22.20	<u>c/</u>	Tons	27,537.0	<u>c/</u>
Beans, Dry, All <u>f/</u>	1,665.0	1,561.8	1,568.6	1,465.0	Cwt.	17.40	<u>c/</u>	Cwt.	27,222.0	<u>c/</u>
Hay, All	---	---	61,649.0	62,697.0	Tons	2.44	<u>c/</u>	Tons	150,590.0	<u>c/</u>
Alfalfa	---	---	22,389.0	22,407.0	Tons	3.38	<u>c/</u>	Tons	75,771.0	<u>c/</u>
Other	---	---	39,260.0	40,290.0	Tons	1.91	<u>c/</u>	Tons	74,819.0	<u>c/</u>
Safflower	165.0	221.0	160.0	212.0	Lbs.	1,203.00	<u>d/</u>	Lbs.	192,545.0	<u>d/</u>
Sunflowers	2,709.0	1,900.0	2,610.0	1,797.0	Lbs.	1,540.00	<u>d/</u>	Lbs.	4,018,355.0	<u>d/</u>

a/ Includes area planted in preceding fall.

b/ Planted acres for all purposes.

c/ Estimate to be released August 12, 2006.

d/ To be released January 2007.

e/ Relates to year of intended harvest in all states, except California. In California, related to year of intended harvest for fall planted beets in central California and to year of planting for over-wintered beets in central and southern California.

f/ Excludes beans grown for garden seed.

g/ Not available.

FIELD CROP ACREAGE AND PRODUCTION

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DRY BEANS: An estimated 60.0 thousand acres in California were seeded to dry edible beans for the 2006 season, 10 percent below the previous year. The U.S. dry edible bean seeded acreage is estimated at 1.56 million acres, 6 percent less than last year. Acreage for harvest is estimated at 1.47 million, 7 percent below a year ago.

HAY: On June 1, California growers expected to harvest alfalfa from 1.06 million acres in 2006, 6 percent above last year's 1.00 million acres. The estimate for all other hay to be harvested is 540 thousand acres, 2 percent below last year's total. U.S. acreage harvested for alfalfa hay is estimated at 22.4 million, up fractionally from 2005. All other hay harvested acreage is expected to total 40.3 million acres, 3 percent more than a year earlier.

OATS: California's acreage expected to be harvested for grain totaled 24.0 thousand acres, 20 percent above last year. Nationally, the area harvested for grain, at 1.91 million acres, 5 percent more than 2005.

RICE: California's rice seeded acreage is estimated at 526 thousand acres, slightly below last year's 528 thousand acres. The acreage planted to long grain rice totaled 10.0 thousand, 11 percent above the previous year; medium grain, 465 thousand, unchanged from the previous year; and short grain, 51.0 thousand, 6 percent less than 2005. U.S. growers are expecting to harvest 2.90 million acres of rice in 2006, 14 percent below last year. Long grain rice will be harvested from 2.26 million acres, medium grain rice from 582 thousand acres, and short grain from 52.0 thousand acres.

SAFFLOWER: California safflower growers planted 75.0 thousand acres in 2006, 47 percent above 2005. U.S. growers are expecting to harvest 212 thousand acres, 33 percent above the previous year.

SUGAR BEETS: California has 43.7 thousand acres planted and intended to be planted to sugar beets, 2 percent below last year's total planted acreage. U.S. growers planted an estimated 1.36 million acres of sugar beets for 2006, 5 percent above the previous year.

SWEET POTATOES: California's sweet potato planted and harvested acreage is forecast at 12.5 thousand acres. Nationally, area to be harvested, at 93.4 thousand acres, is 6 percent above the 88.4 thousand acres harvested the previous year.

WHEAT: California's Durum wheat planted acreage is estimated at 80.0 thousand acres, up 7 percent from the 75.0 thousand acres seeded last year. The 75.0 thousand acres for grain harvest are 9 percent above the 69.0 thousand acres harvested last year. California's Wheat other than Durum planted acreage for 2006 is estimated at 450 thousand acres, 9 percent less than last year's estimate. The acreage harvested for grain is expected to total 250 thousand acres, 17 percent below last year. U.S. Durum planted acreage for 2006 is estimated at 1.89 million acres, 32 percent less than last year. The area to be harvested for grain is expected to total 1.82 million acres, 33 percent below last year's level. U.S. acreage harvested for Wheat other than Durum is estimated at 41.4 million acres, 2 percent above 2005.

JUNE 1 GRAIN STOCKS

Stocks of wheat in California totaled 136 thousand tons on June 1, 2006, 30 percent below the 194 thousand tons on hand a year earlier. U.S. stocks of all wheat, at 17.0 million tons, were 5 percent more than the 16.2 million tons on hand June 1, 2005.

Barley stocks in California totaled 14.4 thousand tons on June 1, 2006, 27 percent above a year earlier. U.S. barley stocks, at 2.59 million tons, were 16 percent below the June 1, 2005 total.

Off-farm stocks of corn in California totaled 142 thousand tons on June 1, 2006, 6 percent above a year earlier. U.S. stocks of corn in all positions totaled 122 million tons, 1 percent above June 2005.

**GRAIN STOCKS IN ALL POSITIONS
(Includes stocks under support and government owned grain.)**

Grain and Position	June 1, 2005	March 1, 2006	June 1, 2006
	Tons		
ALL WHEAT			
California			
On-Farm	4,500	15,000	10,500
Off-Farm ^{1/}	189,420	358,740	125,550
Total	193,920	373,740	136,050
U.S. Total	16,203,000	29,166,450	17,035,290
BARLEY			
California			
Off-Farm ^{1/ 2/}	11,304	20,808	14,352
U.S. Total	3,082,008	4,002,096	2,592,744
OATS			
California			
Off Farm ^{1/ 2/}	2,816	2,000	896
U.S. Total	927,072	1,197,968	841,456
CORN			
California			
Off-Farm ^{1/ 2/}	133,812	186,536	141,736
U.S. Total	120,982,764	195,645,184	122,150,560
SORGHUM GRAIN			
California			
Off-Farm ^{1/ 2/ 3/}	---	4,340	1,204
U.S. Total	3,168,760	5,407,808	3,005,688

^{1/} Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors.

^{2/} California on-farm stocks and total stocks for barley, corn, oats, and sorghum are included in United States totals.

^{3/} Off-farm data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

POTATO ACREAGE AND PRODUCTION

California's planted and harvested fall potato acreage for 2006 are forecast at 7.80 thousand acres, 8 percent above the previous year's estimate of 7.20 thousand acres. Nationally, harvested acres are forecast at 974 thousand acres, 3 percent above 2005, but 5 percent below two years ago. This increase is due in part to low ending stocks and higher prices.

California's summer potato planted and harvested acreage for 2006 are estimated at 6.30 thousand acres, 2 percent more than last year's planted and harvested acreage. Summer planting was delayed in many areas due to wet conditions. Growers are expecting a late harvest. Nationally, production of summer potatoes is forecast at 18.7 million cwt., a 7 percent increase from a year ago. Harvest is expected from 56.8 thousand acres, 11 percent above last year.

POTATO ACREAGE, YIELD AND PRODUCTION

Seasonal Group and State	Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	Thousand Acres		Cwt.		Thousand Cwt.	
WINTER ^{1/} - California	14.0	12.0	250	270	3,500	3,240
SPRING ^{1/} - California	15.1	14.9	405	420	6,116	6,258
SUMMER - California	6.2	6.3	355	370	2,201	2,331
TOTAL SUMMER	51.4	56.8	342	330	17,567	18,731
FALL ^{2/} - California	7.2	7.8	450	---	3,240	---
Colorado	57.9	59.7	385	---	22,292	---
Idaho	323.0	328.0	362	---	116,975	---
10 SW Co.	21.0	19.0	465	---	9,765	---
Other Co.	302.0	309.0	355	---	107,210	---
North Dakota	82.0	95.0	250	---	20,500	---
Ohio	3.6	3.1	240	---	864	---
Oregon	37.1	35.0	594	---	22,023	---
Malheur	3.8	3.0	450	---	1,710	---
Other Co.	33.3	32.0	610	---	20,313	---
Washington	154.0	156.0	620	---	95,480	---
TOTAL FALL	949.5	974.4	401	---	381,026	---
U.S. TOTAL ^{2/}	1,087.4	1,118.4	388	---	422,209	---

^{1/} Estimates for current year carried forward from earlier forecast.

^{2/} Yield and production for 2006 to be released November 9, 2006.

CALIFORNIA FIELD CROP PRICES - JUNE 2006

Mid-June prices received by California farmers were above May for hay other than alfalfa. Wheat, all potatoes, spring potatoes, all hay, and alfalfa hay were below the previous month's level. Prices for barley and dry edible beans were not published to avoid disclosure of individual buyers. Sales were too insufficient to establish a mid-month price for oats, and Upland cotton lint. Crop prices at mid-June were above the previous year's level for wheat, all potatoes, and spring potatoes. All types of hay were below June 2005's level.

**U.S. PRICES RECEIVED INDEX
INCREASED THREE POINTS FROM LAST MONTH**

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in June, at 118 based on 1990-92=100, increased three points (2.6 percent) from May. The Crop Index is down two points (1.6 percent), but the Livestock Index increased six points (5.8 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for broilers, sweet corn, hogs, and broccoli. Lower prices were received for lettuce, cantaloupe, corn, and strawberries. The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased average marketings of wheat, grapes, hay, and cantaloupe offset decreased marketings of oranges, tomatoes, strawberries, and sweet corn.

The June All Crops Index is 126, down 1.6 percent from May, but 5.0 percent above June 2005. From May, index decreases for commercial vegetables, oil-bearing crops, feed grains & hay, and food grains more than offset the index increases for fruits & nuts and potatoes & dry beans.

The June Food Grains Index, at 132, is 0.8 percent below the previous month, but 22 percent above a year ago. The June all wheat price, at \$132.00 per ton, is down \$4.33 from May, but up \$24.33 from June 2005.

The June Feed Grains & Hay Index is 106, 0.9 percent below last month, but 2.9 percent above a year ago. The corn price, at \$73.21 per ton, is \$4.29 less than last month, but 71 cents above June 2005. The all hay price, at \$109 per ton, is \$5.00 below May, but \$7.00 above last June. Grain sorghum, at \$4.12 per cwt., is 11 cents above May and 35 cents above June of last year.

The June Cotton Index, at 77, is unchanged from May, but 12 percent above last year. The June price, at 46.9 cents per pound, is up 0.1 of a cent from the previous month and 5.0 cents above last June.

The June Potatoes & Dry Beans Index, at 140, is 4.5 percent more than last month and 5.3 percent above June 2005. The all potato price, at \$8.50 per cwt., is up 45 cents from May and \$2.21 above last June. The all dry bean price, at \$18.50 per cwt., is down 90 cents from the previous month and \$9.20 below June 2005.

AVERAGE FARM PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS 1/

Commodity	Unit	CALIFORNIA			UNITED STATES		
		June 2005	May 2006	June 15, 2006	June 2005	May 2006	June 15, 2006
Dollars							
Corn 2/	Ton	---	---	---	72.50	77.50	73.21
Wheat 2/	Ton	114.67	153.33	150.33	107.67	136.33	132.00
Oats 2/	Ton	3/	3/	3/	109.38	115.63	109.38
Barley 2/	Ton	4/	120.00	4/	106.25	123.33	115.42
Sorghum Grain 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	3.77	4.01	4.12
Rice 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	6.96	7.96	8.05
Dry Edible Beans 2/	Cwt.	39.80	42.30	4/	27.70	19.40	18.50
All Potatoes 5/	Cwt.	12.40	17.30	16.10	6.29	8.05	8.50
Winter	Cwt.	---	---	---	---	---	---
Spring	Cwt.	12.80	17.90	16.10	---	---	---
Summer	Cwt.	---	---	---	---	---	---
Fall	Cwt.	8.65	8.20	---	---	---	---
All Hay, Baled	Ton	128.00	119.00	117.00	102.00	114.00	109.00
Alfalfa Hay, Baled	Ton	134.00	124.00	121.00	112.00	118.00	115.00
Other Hay, Baled	Ton	102.00	98.00	99.00	73.60	96.80	90.10
Upland Cotton Lint 2/	Lb.	4/	0.600	3/	0.419	0.468	0.469
Cottonseed	Ton	---	---	---	---	---	---

1/ 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.

2/ Previous month revised to monthly average.

3/ Insufficient sales to establish a price.

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

5/ Monthly average.

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

Index	1910-14 = 100			1990-92 = 100		
	June 2005	May 2006	June 2006	June 2005	May 2006	June 2006
Prices Received						
All Farm Products	755	729 a/	747	119	115 a/	118
All Crops	594	630 a/	623	120	128 a/	126
Food Grains	344	422 a/	420	108	133 a/	132
Feed Grains and Hay	369	384 a/	380	103	107	106
Cotton	354	396 a/	396	69	77 a/	77
Potatoes and Dry Edible Beans	675	678 a/	707	133	134 a/	140
Prices Paid by Farmers for Commodities, Services, Interest, Taxes and Wage Rates b/	1,872	1,954 a/	1,959	141	147 a/	147
Parity Ratio c/	40	37	38	84	78	80

a/ Revised.

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

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