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All Wheat – 2006 Crop

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Colorado's total wheat crop produced in 2006 totaled 41.52 million bushels, 23 percent below the 54.04 million bushels produced in 2005. All wheat includes both winter and spring planted crops but excludes durum wheat. Once again, producers' expectations were initially high with good fall planting conditions for winter wheat and spring moisture for both crops. Hot and dry conditions returned later in the growing season limiting yield and production. The average yield per harvested acre of 21.6 bushels was down from 24.4 bushels last year and the lowest since 1969. The planted acreage of 2,170,000 acres for the 2006 crop was 16 percent less than the 2,570,000 acres planted the previous year and the 1,919,000 acres harvested was 14 percent below the 2,219,000 acres harvested in 2005. Producers did not harvest 251,000 acres for grain in 2006 compared with 351,000 in 2005.

Kit Carson County remained the top wheat producing county in the state in 2006 by producing 4,645,000 bushels. This year's crop was down 24 percent from the 2005 crop of 6,090,000 bushels. Producers planted 244,500 acres for the 2006 crop, down 27 percent from the previous year and harvested 216,700 acres, down 26 percent. The average yield, however, at 21.5 bushels per acre in 2006 was a half bushel above the 21.0 bushel average realized from the 2005 crop.

Washington County continued as the second highest wheat producing county in Colorado for the 2006 crop by producing 4,445,000 bushels, down 14 percent from the 5,190,000 bushel crop produced in 2005. Acreage planted for the 2006 crop was down 8 percent from the previous year to 246,700 acres which was the largest area of any county in the state. The 224,700 acres harvested was also the largest area harvested in the state but was 6 percent below the 237,800 acres harvested in 2005. The average yield in 2006, at 20.0 bushels per acre, was 2.0 bushels below the 2005 crop average of 22.0 bushels per acre.

Yuma County jumped to a third place ranking for the 2006 crop with a total output of 3,648,000 bushels. The planted area of 131,000 acres was 19 percent less than the previous year and the 125,600 acres harvested decreased 6 percent from the 133,000 acres harvested in 2005. The average yield of 29.0 bushels per acre was 3.5 bushels per acre above the 2005 average of 25.5 bushels per acre.

Kiowa County took fourth place in 2006 with a total output of 3,433,000 bushels. The latest crop was 2 percent above the 3,380,000 bushels produced the previous year. Producers harvested 171,600 acres in 2006 compared with 160,900 acres a year earlier. The county's average yield of 20.0 bushels per acre was 1.0 bushel below the previous year.

Weld County rounded out the top five wheat producing counties in the state with a total output of 2,816,000 bushels. The 2006 crop was 21 percent lower than the 2005 crop of 3,578,000 bushels. Producers decreased the planted area by 11 percent to 127,900 acres for the 2006 crop and harvested 115,200 acres, down from the 125,400 acres harvested the previous year. The average yield of 24.5 bushels per acre on the 2006 crop was 4.0 bushels per acre below the 2005 crop average.

The top five producing counties accounted for 18,987,000 bushels in 2006, representing 46 percent of the state's total output of 41,515,000 bushels. The next five leading counties had a combined output of 11,402,000 bushels, bringing the total for the top ten counties to 30,389,000 bushels or 73 percent of the state total. The sixth through the tenth counties with the percent change from the previous year and the 2006 production for each county were as follows: **Adams County**, down 14 percent to 2,590,000 bushels; **Logan County**, down 31 percent from the 2005 crop to 2,565,000 bushels; **Prowers County**, down 35 percent to 2,220,000; **Cheyenne County**, down 32 percent to 2,055,000 bushels; and **Morgan County**, down 6 percent to 1,972,000 bushels.

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All Wheat: Acreage and production by county and district, Colorado, 2006

County and District	Total				Non-Irrigated			Irrigated		
	Acreage planted	Acreage harvested	Yield per acre	Production	Acreage harvested	Yield per acre	Production	Acreage harvested	Yield per acre	Production
	Acres	Acres	Bu.	Bu.	Acres	Bu.	Bu.	Acres	Bu.	Bu.
Moffat	10,400	9,600	19.5	189,000	9,600	19.5	189,000	...	...	...
Routt	4,800	4,400	24.0	105,000	4,400	24.0	105,000	...	...	...
Combined Counties	800	700	10.0	7,000	700	10.0	7,000	...	...	...
NW & Mountain	16,000	14,700	20.5	301,000	14,700	20.5	301,000	...	...	...
Boulder	3,800	3,500	42.0	147,000	2,400	21.0	50,000	1,100	88.0	97,000
Larimer	5,600	3,800	29.0	111,000	2,600	21.0	55,000	1,200	46.5	56,000
Logan	129,700	122,500	21.0	2,565,000	115,000	19.5	2,220,000	7,500	46.0	345,000
Morgan	65,900	58,600	33.5	1,972,000	44,200	23.0	1,007,000	14,400	67.0	965,000
Sedgwick	82,800	78,700	22.5	1,760,000	76,000	21.0	1,580,000	2,700	66.5	180,000
Weld	127,900	115,200	24.5	2,816,000	100,300	20.0	1,994,000	14,900	55.0	822,000
Northeast	415,700	382,300	24.5	9,371,000	340,500	20.5	6,906,000	41,800	59.0	2,465,000
Adams	144,300	128,100	20.0	2,590,000	124,100	19.5	2,437,000	4,000	38.5	153,000
Arapahoe	72,200	51,200	21.0	1,072,000	51,000	21.0	1,060,000	200	60.0	12,000
Cheyenne	152,700	130,300	16.0	2,055,000	127,000	15.0	1,930,000	3,300	38	125,000
Douglas	1,200	900	23.5	21,000	900	23.5	21,000	...	...	...
Elbert	26,000	24,500	13.5	330,000	24,500	13.5	330,000	...	...	...
El Paso	800	600	15.0	9,000	600	15.0	9,000	...	...	...
Kiowa	175,600	171,600	20.0	3,433,000	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kit Carson	244,500	216,700	21.5	4,645,000	189,000	17.5	3,345,000	27,700	47.0	1,300,000
Lincoln	119,600	101,600	19.0	1,924,000	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Phillips	103,200	87,900	20.0	1,748,000	86,000	18.5	1,600,000	1,900	78.0	148,000
Washington	246,700	224,700	20.0	4,445,000	220,200	19.5	4,253,000	4,500	42.5	192,000
Yuma	131,000	125,600	29.0	3,648,000	106,000	21.0	2,235,000	19,600	72.0	1,413,000
Combined Counties	...	...	...	...	271,000	19.5	5,285,000	2,200	32.5	72,000
East Central	1,417,800	1,263,700	20.5	25,920,000	1,200,300	18.5	22,505,000	63,400	54.0	3,415,000
Delta	500	400	34.0	13,500	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Dolores	19,200	17,900	13.5	240,000	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Garfield	300	300	28.5	8,500	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
La Plata	1,900	1,700	14.0	24,000	1,600	9.5	15,000	100	90.0	9,000
Mesa	2,400	2,300	105.0	241,000	...	...	...	2,300	105.0	241,000
Montezuma	5,500	5,000	20.5	103,000	4,100	11.0	45,000	900	64.5	58,000
Montrose	400	300	73.5	22,000	...	...	...	300	73.5	22,000
San Miguel	800	600	18.5	11,000	600	18.5	11,000	...	...	...
Combined Counties	...	...	...	...	17,900	13.0	232,000	700	43.0	30,000
Southwest	31,000	28,500	23.5	663,000	24,200	12.5	303,000	4,300	83.5	360,000
Alamosa	3,400	3,200	90.5	289,000	...	...	...	3,200	90.5	289,000
Conejos	1,700	1,600	83.0	133,000	...	...	...	1,600	83.0	133,000
Costilla	600	500	108.0	54,000	...	...	...	500	108.0	54,000
Rio Grande	3,500	3,200	112.0	359,000	...	...	...	3,200	112.0	359,000
Saguache	5,300	5,300	116.0	615,000	...	...	...	5,300	116.0	615,000
San Luis Valley	14,500	13,800	105.0	1,450,000	...	...	...	13,800	105.0	1,450,000
Baca	151,800	106,600	13.0	1,410,000	94,500	12.5	1,200,000	12,100	17.5	210,000
Bent	3,800	3,400	16.0	54,000	2,100	6.5	14,000	1,300	31.0	40,000
Las Animas	1,800	800	17.0	13,500	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Otero	3,500	2,100	32.0	67,500	200	12.5	2,500	1,900	34.0	65,000
Prowers	110,800	100,700	22.0	2,220,000	89,500	20.0	1,800,000	11,200	37.5	420,000
Pueblo	1,700	1,100	21.0	23,000	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Combined Counties	1,600	1,300	17.0	22,000	1,700	8.0	13,500	1,500	30.0	45,000
Southeast	275,000	216,000	17.5	3,810,000	188,000	16.0	3,030,000	28,000	28.0	780,000
State Total	2,170,000	1,919,000	21.6	41,515,000	1,767,700	18.5	33,045,000	151,300	56.0	8,470,000

(D) Data published in combined counties to avoid disclosure of individual operations.