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# COUNTY ESTIMATES

## Barley – 2007 Crop

Colorado's barley production jumped 50 percent from last year's output due to a 28 percent increase in seeded acreage and a 10.0 bushel per acre increase in yield. The 2007 crop totaled 7,250,000 bushels compared with 4,830,000 bushels produced in 2006 as producers planted 60,000 acres, up 13,000 acres from the previous year. The area harvested, at 58,000 acres, was up 38 percent from the 42,000 acres harvested a year earlier. Statewide, growing conditions were favorable leading to a 125.0 bushel per acre yield, up from 115.0 last year and the second highest on record for the State.

**Rio Grande County** led all barley producing areas of the State by producing 2,030,000 bushels in 2007. The latest crop was 66 percent larger than the 1,225,000 bushels produced in 2006 and represented 28 percent of the state's total output. Producers harvested 13,600 acres in 2007 compared with 7,800 acres the previous year, a increase of 74 percent. The average yield of 149.5 bushels per acre for 2007 was 7.5 bushels below the 2006 crop average of 157.0 bushels per acre.

**Saguache County** dropped to the second largest barley producing area of the State with a total production of 1,500,000 bushels in 2007, up 22 percent from the 1,230,000 bushels produced a year earlier. The 10,700 acres harvested in 2007 were up 41 percent from the previous year. However, the average yield of 140.0 bushels per acre was 22.0 bushels per acre below the average for the previous year's crop.

**Alamosa County** continued in third place for the 2007 crop by producing 1,170,000 bushels, up 80 percent from the 650,000 bushels produced in 2006. The harvested area of 8,100 acres increased 50 percent from the 5,400 acres harvested the previous year. The average yield for the county, at 144.5 bushels per acre, was 24.0 bushels per acre above the previous year's average of 120.5 bushels per acre.

**Conejos County** jumped to fourth as its 2007 barley output of 840,000 bushels was up 180 percent compared with 300,000 bushels produced the previous year. The harvested area of 6,000 acres was twice the number of acres harvested a year earlier. Per acre yields in the county were also higher than the previous year, averaging 140.0 bushels for the 2007 crop compared with 100.0 bushels per acre from the 2006 crop.

**Weld County** dropped to fifth place in barley producing counties in the State with a total production of 662,000 bushels in 2007. The latest crop was only 3 percent larger than the previous year's output of 642,300 bushels. The harvested area of 7,300 acres was 900 acres less than the previous year. However, the average yield for the county, at 90.5 bushels per acre, was 12.0 bushels per acre above the previous year's average of 78.5 bushels.

The top five producing counties accounted for 86 percent of the state's total barley crop of 7,250,000 bushels produced in 2007. Other top producing counties with the 2007 output were as follows: **Costilla County** with 420,000 bushels; **Boulder County** with 193,000 bushels; **Larimer County** with 176,000 bushels.

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**Barley: Acreage and production by county and district, Colorado, 2007**

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	800	700	23.0	16,000	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Combined Counties	900	500	30.0	15,000	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
<b>Northwest &amp; Mountains</b>	<b>1,700</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>26.0</b>	<b>31,000</b>	<b>(D)</b>	<b>(D)</b>	<b>(D)</b>	<b>(D)</b>	<b>(D)</b>	<b>(D)</b>
Boulder	2,000	2,000	96.5	193,000	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Larimer	1,800	1,800	98.0	176,000	...	...	...	1,800	98.0	176,000
Morgan	700	600	55.0	33,000	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Weld	7,700	7,300	90.5	662,000	800	25.0	20,000	6,500	99.0	642,000
Combined Counties	400	300	70.0	21,000	500	26.0	13,000	2,400	97.5	234,000
<b>Northeast</b>	<b>12,600</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>90.5</b>	<b>1,085,000</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>25.5</b>	<b>33,000</b>	<b>10,700</b>	<b>98.5</b>	<b>1,052,000</b>
Alamosa	8,200	8,100	144.5	1,170,000	...	...	...	8,100	144.5	1,170,000
Conejos	6,000	6,000	140.0	840,000	...	...	...	6,000	140.0	840,000
Costilla	3,400	3,400	123.5	420,000	...	...	...	3,400	123.5	420,000
Rio Grande	13,700	13,600	149.5	2,030,000	...	...	...	13,600	149.5	2,030,000
Saguache	10,700	10,700	140.0	1,500,000	...	...	...	10,700	140.0	1,500,000
<b>San Luis Valley</b>	<b>42,000</b>	<b>41,800</b>	<b>142.5</b>	<b>5,960,000</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>41,800</b>	<b>142.5</b>	<b>5,960,000</b>
<b>Combined Districts <u>1/</u></b>	<b>3,700</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>58.0</b>	<b>174,000</b>	<b>2,200</b>	<b>21.5</b>	<b>47,000</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>79.0</b>	<b>158,000</b>
<b>State Total</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>58,000</b>	<b>125.0</b>	<b>7,250,000</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>80,000</b>	<b>54,500</b>	<b>131.5</b>	<b>7,170,000</b>

1/ Combined Districts include East Central, Southwest and Southeast for total. Combined Districts also include Northwest and Mountains for non-irrigated and irrigated practices.

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