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Corn for Grain – 2008 Crop

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Colorado corn production for 2008 was down from 2007. The total production of 147,960,000 bushels was down slightly compared to the previous year's crop of 148,400,000 bushels which was due to a decrease in yield per acre. The 1,250,000 acres planted for all purposes was up 50,000 acres from the previous year, and the 1,080,000 acres harvested for grain increased 2 percent from 1,060,000 acres harvested in 2007. Average per acre yield on irrigated acres was set at 180.0 bushels per acre, twelve bushels below the previous year. The average dryland yield of 50.0 was down from 60.5 bushels per acre in 2007.

Yuma County continued to be the top corn for grain producing area in the state by producing 41,740,000 bushels of corn in 2008. The latest crop was down 2 percent from the 42,490,000 bushels produced in 2007 and represented 28 percent of the state's total output. Producers in Yuma County planted 240,200 acres of corn for all purposes in 2008 and harvested 223,800 acres for grain. The county's planted and harvested acres continued to be the highest in the state. The average yield of 187.0 bushels per acre from the 2008 crop was 6.0 bushels per acre below the previous year.

Kit Carson County remained in the second place ranking for the 2008 crop with a total output of 17,965,000 bushels. The latest crop was 1 percent above the 17,824,000 bushels produced in 2007. Kit Carson County growers planted 191,000 acres of corn for all purposes, the second highest planted acreage of corn for all purposes in the state. The 174,000 acres harvested for grain represented a 22 percent increase from the 142,500 acres harvested in 2007. This was the second highest corn for grain acres harvested in the state. Producers averaged 103.0 bushels per acre from the 2008 crop compared with a 125.0 bushel average yield from the 2007 crop.

Phillips County moved up from fourth last year to the third largest corn producing area of the state in 2008 with a total output of 16,400,000 bushels. The 2008 crop was 22 percent more than the 13,473,000 bushels produced in 2007. Producers harvested 104,000 acres of corn for grain in 2008, up 9 percent from the 95,500 acres harvested a year earlier. The average yield of 158.0 bushels per acre for the 2008 crop was 17.0 bushels per acre higher than the 2007 crop average of 141.0 bushels per acre.

Weld County moved down from third last year to fourth place in the top producing counties for the 2008 crop with a total output of 13,620,000 bushels. The county's latest crop was 6 percent smaller than the 2007 output of 14,416,000 bushels. The 123,800 acres planted in the county was 24,200 acres below the previous year and the third largest in the state. The 79,100 acres harvested for grain represented an decrease of 16,000 from the 95,100 acres harvested for grain a year earlier. The average yield of 172.0 bushels per acre was 20.5 bushels per acre above the 2007 crop average of 151.5 bushels.

Logan County remained in fifth place of the top five producing counties for the 2008 crop with a total output of 9,580,000 bushels. The harvested area of 68,000 acres was down 2 percent from the previous year. The average yield of 141 bushels per acre was unchanged from a year earlier.

The **top five counties** produced 99,305,000 bushels of grain corn in 2008, representing 67 percent of the state's total corn for grain crop. The next five leading counties of **Morgan, Baca, Washington, Prowers** and **Cheyenne** had a combined output of 27,074,000 bushels, bringing the top ten county total to 126,379,000 bushels or 85 percent of the state's total corn for grain production in 2008. There were fifteen counties in the state that produced over 1,000,000 bushels of grain corn in 2008.

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Corn for Grain: Acreage and production by county and district, Colorado, 2008

County and District	Total				Irrigated			Non-Irrigated		
	Acreage planted 1/	Acreage har-vested	Yield per acre	Pro-duction	Acreage har-vested	Yield per acre	Pro-duction	Acreage har-vested	Yield per acre 2/	Pro-duction
	Acres	Acres	Bu.	Bu.	Acres	Bu.	Bu.	Acres	Bu.	Bu.
Larimer	13,500	7,000	125.0	875,000	7,000	125.0	875,000
Logan	74,000	68,000	141.0	9,580,000	50,000	167.0	8,350,000	18,000	68.0	1,230,000
Morgan	62,800	45,400	167.0	7,580,000	41,000	181.0	7,430,000	4,400	34.0	150,000
Weld	123,800	79,100	172.0	13,620,000	77,500	175.0	13,585,000	1,600	22.0	35,000
Dist 20 Combined Counties	58,400	55,500	149.0	8,275,000	39,500	186.0	7,340,000	16,000	58.0	935,000
Northeast	332,500	255,000	157.0	39,930,000	215,000	175.0	37,580,000	40,000	59.0	2,350,000
Adams	14,600	10,900	91.0	990,000	4,600	166.0	765,000	6,300	36.0	225,000
Cheyenne	39,500	37,000	89.0	3,275,000	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Elbert	8,200	8,000	49.0	394,000	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
El Paso	800	800	156.0	125,000	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kiowa	15,900	14,200	64.0	910,000	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kit Carson	191,000	174,000	103.0	17,965,000	90,000	158.0	14,240,000	84,000	44.0	3,725,000
Lincoln	33,500	30,700	52.0	1,590,000	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Phillips	107,500	104,000	158.0	16,400,000	70,000	194.0	13,600,000	34,000	82.0	2,800,000
Washington	66,800	55,500	90.0	4,986,000	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Yuma	240,200	223,800	187.0	41,740,000	205,000	197.0	40,440,000	18,800	69.0	1,300,000
Dist 60 Combined Counties	2,000	1,100	68.0	75,000	35,400	160.0	5,655,000	111,900	51.0	5,700,000
East Central	720,000	660,000	134.0	88,450,000	405,000	184.0	74,700,000	255,000	54.0	13,750,000
Delta	4,800	2,600	202.0	525,000	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mesa	2,900	1,400	132.0	185,000	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Montrose	11,000	7,000	183.0	1,280,000	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Dist 70 Combined Counties	1,800	1,500	147.0	220,000	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Southwest	20,500	12,500	177.0	2,210,000	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Baca	102,000	88,000	82.0	7,210,000	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Bent	13,900	12,100	154.0	1,863,000	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Otero	16,700	13,000	188.0	2,450,000	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Prowers	33,100	29,600	136.0	4,023,000	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pueblo	7,500	6,400	203.0	1,300,000	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Dist 90 Combined Counties	2,800	2,600	148.0	384,000	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Southeast	176,000	151,700	114.0	17,230,000	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Combined Districts	1,000	800	175.0	140,000	100,000	176.0	17,620,000	650,000	30.0	1,960,000
State Total	1,250,000	1,080,000	137.0	147,960,000	720,000	180.0	129,900,000	360,000	50.0	18,060,000

1/ Planted for all purposes.

2/ May not calculate due to rounding.

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