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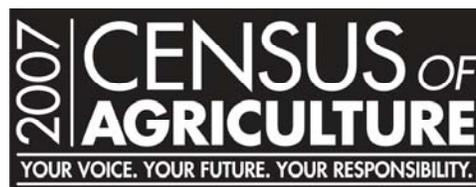
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### Idaho's Yield per Acre for Small Grains Down from 2006

The average yield per acre for small grains grown in Idaho are down from last year, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. The winter wheat yield, at 73.0 bushels per acre, is down 4.0 bushels from last year. Winter wheat production totals 51.8 million bushels from 710,000 harvested acres, down 5 percent from last year's 54.7 million bushels. The 2007 winter wheat production is estimated to be 68 percent white and 32 percent red. Spring wheat yield, at 68.0 bushels per acre, is down 5.0 bushels from a year ago. Idaho's spring wheat production totals 30.6 million bushels from 450,000 harvested acres, down 11 percent from 2006's 34.3 million bushels. The spring wheat crop is estimated to be 48 percent white and 52 percent hard red. Yield for durum wheat is estimated to be 83.0 bushels per acre, down 6 bushels from last year. Durum wheat production in Idaho totals 1.25 million bushels from 15,000 harvested acres, down 7 percent from last year. All wheat production in Idaho declined 7 percent from 2006 to 83.7 million bushels. Barley yield is estimated at 80.0 bushels per acre, down 4.0 bushels from last year. Barley production totals 44.0 million bushels from 550,000 harvested acres, 3 percent more than last year's production of 42.8 million bushels, but 16 percent below production in 2005. Idaho's oat production totals 1.22 million bushels from 20,000 harvested acres. Production is down 15 percent from last year. This is the second lowest oat production on record in Idaho since 1890.

Nationally, all wheat production for 2007 totals 2.07 billion bushels, up 14 percent from 2006. Winter wheat production is estimated at 1.52 billion bushels, up 17 percent from last year. The U.S. yield is 42.2 bushels per acre, up 0.5 bushel from last year's final yield. Winter wheat area harvested for grain, at 36.0 million acres, is up 16 percent from the previous year. Other spring wheat production is estimated at 479 million bushels, up 4 percent from the last year. Harvested area is 12.9 million acres, down 7 percent from 2006. The U.S. yield is 37.0 bushels per acre, up 3.8 bushels from last year. Durum wheat production for 2007 totals 71.7 million bushels, up 34 percent from the previous year. Grain area harvested is 2.11 million acres, up 16 percent from last year, and yield is estimated at 33.9 bushels per acre, up 4.4 bushels from 2006. Barley production is estimated at 212 million bushels, up 18 percent from last year. Average yield per acre, at 60.4 bushels, is down 0.7 bushel from 2006. The area harvested for grain is estimated at 3.51 million acres, 19 percent above a year ago. The 2007 oat production is estimated at a record low 91.6 million bushels, down 2 percent from last year. Harvested area, at 1.51 million acres, is 4 percent below last year. This is the smallest oat acreage harvested for grain on record, continuing a steady downward trend.



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