



# 2008 KANSAS WHEAT COUNTY ESTIMATES

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### 2008 Production up 25 Percent from Year Earlier

The 2008 wheat crop, at 356.0 million bushels was up 25 percent from 2007. A total of 9.6 million acres were planted to wheat, down 800,000 acres from the previous year. Acres harvested for grain totaled 8.9 million acres, up 300,000 from 2007. Yields averaged 40.0 bushels per acre, 7 bushels above 2007.

Seeding of wheat acres began the first week of September and progressed behind average throughout the fall. By November 4th, 97 percent of the wheat in the State had been seeded. Emergence also progressed behind normal with 96 percent of the crop emerged by November 25th. Soil moisture conditions were mostly adequate throughout the fall. As of November 25th, 47 percent of the topsoil moisture and 55 percent of the subsoil moisture was adequate to surplus. Wheat conditions were rated 43 percent good to excellent.

The State received rain, freezing rain, and snow in December. Precipitation was moderate and scattered throughout the State the rest of the winter. The State experienced below normal temperatures in December, above normal in January, and normal in February. As of March 2nd, topsoil moisture was rated 84 percent adequate to surplus, compared to 94 percent last year. As of April 27th, only 60 percent of the wheat was jointing compared to 90 percent for the 5-year average. Temperatures were moderate across the State all spring. The eastern part of the State received scattered showers every week of March and the whole State received precipitation during April with the heaviest amounts in the east. Statewide, topsoil moisture ranged from 72 to 90 percent adequate to surplus during March and April. However, the western third of the State had significant short to very short topsoil rating in March and only improved moderately with the late April showers. Moisture conditions in the southwest continue to remain very dry with topsoil rating at 70 percent short to very short on April 27th. Wheat condition ratings ranged from 34-38 percent fair and 41-48 percent good to excellent during March and April.

Temperatures were moderate the first half of May and then warmed up the last half. The State received scattered showers throughout the month with accumulations over 2 inches in the eastern two-thirds. Some areas received hail and flooding. Topsoil moisture was rated 87 percent adequate to

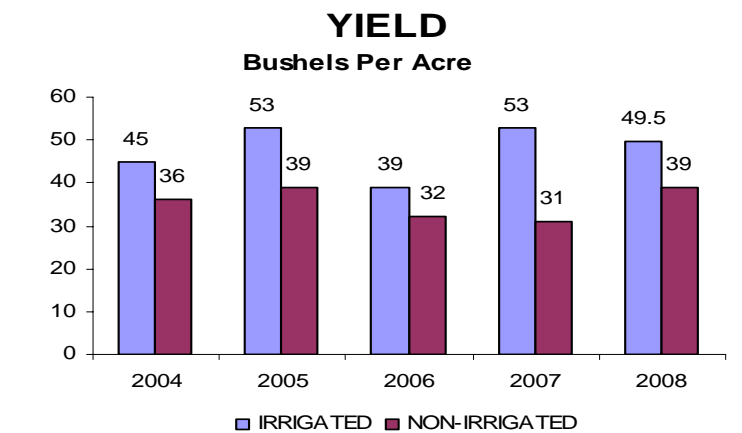
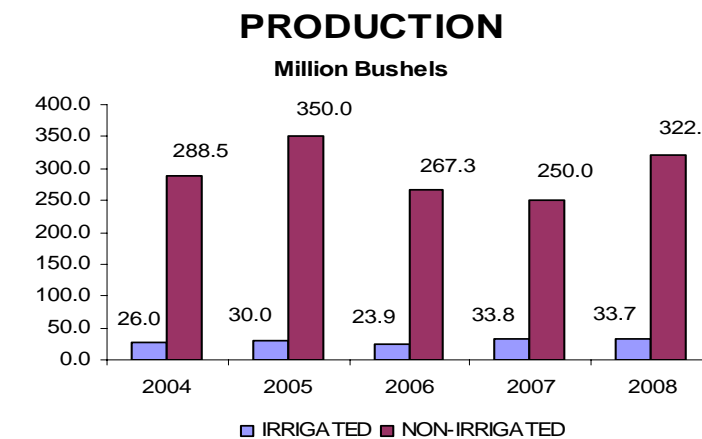
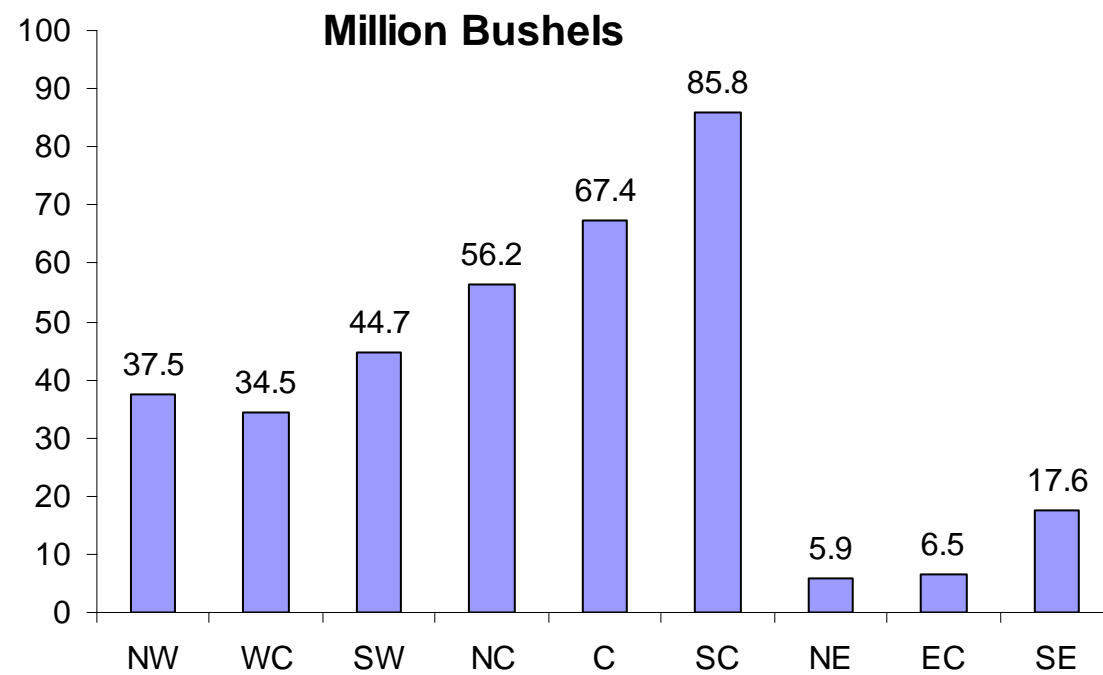
surplus on June 1st. The southwest part of the State was still dry with a topsoil rating of 96 percent short to very short. Disease infestation steadily increased during the month and was rated at 49 percent light to moderate on June 1st. The percent of the crop rated good to excellent remained stable during May and was 47 percent good to excellent on June 1st. Wheat headed was behind average the entire month and 14 percent of the wheat was turning on June 1st, behind the 5 year average of 47 percent. Wheat harvest was 36 percent complete on June 29nd, compared to 48 percent last year, and 69 percent for the five year average. Crop progress continued to be behind average all month. The eastern half of the State received heavy rains the first two weeks of June. Most of the State received scattered showers the last two weeks of June. On June 29th, 37 percent of the crop was rated fair and 41 percent was rated good to excellent. Wheat harvest made good progress the first week of July and was nearly complete across most of the State by the middle of the month.

**County Production:** Sumner was the top producing county in the State, with 14.1 million bushels. McPherson County was the second leading producer with 12.0 million bushels, followed by Reno County with 9.9 million bushels, Mitchell County with 9.5 million bushels, and Harper County with 8.4 million bushels.

**County Yield:** McPherson County had the highest average yield with 55 bushels per acre. Harvey County had the highest average irrigated yield, at 63 bushels per acre. Rawlins County had the highest average summer fallow yield, with 50 bushels per acre. Rush County had the highest average continuous cropped yield, at 39 bushels per acre.

**County Acreage:** Sumner, with 375,000 total acres harvested, was the top county in the State. Reno County was second, with 237,500 total acres harvested. Harper County was third, with 227,500 acres, followed by McPherson County at 218,500 and Kingman County with 193,200 acres. Comanche County had the largest number of continuous crop harvested acres, at 49,100. Rawlins County ranked first in summer fallow acres harvested, with 116,700, while Finney County ranked first in irrigated harvested acres with 59,400.

## ALL WHEAT PRODUCTION BY DISTRICT



**All Wheat <sup>1</sup>**

County And District	Acres Planted	Acres Harvested	Yield Per acre, Bushels	Production, Bushels
Cheyenne .....	129,500	124,000	44.5	5,490,000
Decatur .....	109,000	106,500	41.5	4,436,000
Graham .....	81,900	70,500	32.5	2,306,000
Norton .....	103,000	100,100	39.0	3,913,000
Rawlins .....	164,000	153,500	46.0	7,056,000
Sheridan .....	99,100	92,300	33.0	3,047,000
Sherman .....	154,500	140,600	32.0	4,506,000
Thomas .....	182,000	171,500	39.0	6,731,000
<b>Northwest</b>	<b>1,023,000</b>	<b>959,000</b>	<b>39.0</b>	<b>37,485,000</b>
Gove .....	112,500	102,900	36.0	3,712,000
Greeley .....	158,500	124,900	31.5	3,929,000
Logan .....	128,500	111,000	32.5	3,589,000
Ness .....	131,500	127,800	42.0	5,370,000
Scott .....	145,500	124,900	41.0	5,124,000
Trego .....	92,600	86,600	39.0	3,372,000
Wichita .....	129,000	109,700	35.0	3,857,000
Other Counties .....	189,900	169,200	32.5	5,522,000
<b>West Central</b>	<b>1,088,000</b>	<b>957,000</b>	<b>36.0</b>	<b>34,475,000</b>
Clark .....	56,100	50,600	33.5	1,694,000
Finney .....	159,000	150,800	43.0	6,519,000
Ford .....	175,500	160,900	38.5	6,198,000
Gray .....	129,500	123,700	38.0	4,700,000
Hamilton .....	118,500	97,200	23.5	2,292,000
Haskell .....	92,200	82,400	39.5	3,241,000
Hodgeman .....	112,500	99,200	39.0	3,872,000
Kearny .....	99,700	81,700	31.0	2,549,000
Meade .....	79,600	76,300	30.0	2,271,000
Morton .....	73,600	55,200	24.5	1,361,000
Seward .....	59,400	52,600	30.5	1,617,000
Stanton .....	94,700	73,300	32.5	2,379,000
Other Counties .....	164,700	144,100	42.0	6,052,000
<b>Southwest</b>	<b>1,415,000</b>	<b>1,248,000</b>	<b>36.0</b>	<b>44,745,000</b>
Clay .....	86,200	81,500	42.0	3,422,000
Cloud .....	124,500	119,700	44.0	5,282,000
Jewell .....	138,000	133,200	46.0	6,110,000
Mitchell .....	197,500	187,700	50.5	9,479,000
Osborne .....	125,500	119,900	45.0	5,408,000
Ottawa .....	119,000	116,000	44.0	5,126,000
Phillips .....	109,500	105,500	45.5	4,799,000
Republic .....	95,600	91,300	38.5	3,521,000
Rooks .....	120,500	92,400	38.0	3,524,000
Smith .....	145,500	134,700	43.0	5,810,000
Washington .....	89,200	86,100	43.5	3,734,000
<b>North Central</b>	<b>1,351,000</b>	<b>1,268,000</b>	<b>44.5</b>	<b>56,215,000</b>
Barton .....	168,000	150,700	38.0	5,747,000
Dickinson .....	156,000	152,700	49.5	7,583,000
Ellis .....	111,500	105,100	44.5	4,654,000
Ellsworth .....	103,500	97,200	39.5	3,844,000
Lincoln .....	109,000	103,700	48.5	5,032,000
McPherson .....	226,000	218,500	55.0	12,012,000
Marion .....	134,500	128,200	42.0	5,380,000
Rice .....	164,000	159,300	50.0	7,967,000
Rush .....	112,000	108,200	42.5	4,597,000
Russell .....	90,500	87,000	45.5	3,944,000
Saline .....	147,000	143,400	46.0	6,600,000
<b>Central</b>	<b>1,522,000</b>	<b>1,454,000</b>	<b>46.5</b>	<b>67,360,000</b>

**Summer Fallowed and Continuously Cropped <sup>1</sup>**

County And District	Summer Fallowed				Continuously Cropped			
	Acres Planted	Acres Harvested	Yield Per Acre, Bushels	Production, Bushels	Acres Planted	Acres Harvested	Yield Per Acre, Bushels	Production, Bushels
Graham .....	51,100	46,400	36.0	1,676,000	28,800	22,300	25.5	565,000
Rawlins .....	122,000	116,700	50.0	5,807,000	39,500	34,400	32.0	1,108,000
Sherman .....	111,000	98,500	32.0	3,161,000	24,000	23,600	23.5	549,000
Other Counties .....	408,900	390,400	43.0	16,846,000	177,700	168,700	28.5	4,813,000
<b>Northwest</b>	<b>693,000</b>	<b>652,000</b>	<b>42.0</b>	<b>27,490,000</b>	<b>270,000</b>	<b>249,000</b>	<b>28.5</b>	<b>7,035,000</b>
Ness .....	95,500	92,200	43.5	4,013,000	34,500	34,100	37.5	1,280,000
Scott .....	87,900	75,200	41.5	3,137,000	36,600	31,100	32.5	1,013,000
Trego .....	72,500	66,800	40.5	2,705,000	18,900	18,600	33.0	611,000
Other Counties .....	482,100	436,800	34.5	15,030,000	175,000	122,200	24.0	2,906,000
<b>West Central</b>	<b>738,000</b>	<b>671,000</b>	<b>37.0</b>	<b>24,885,000</b>	<b>265,000</b>	<b>206,000</b>	<b>28.0</b>	<b>5,810,000</b>
Finney .....	86,900	80,600	40.0	3,240,000	12,000	10,800	26.5	284,000
Ford .....	109,000	98,600	37.0	3,672,000	46,500	43,700	33.5	1,472,000
Gray .....	68,800	64,700	33.5	2,166,000	14,000	13,500	27.5	373,000
Haskell .....	35,800	30,500	30.0	913,000	7,100	5,400	22.0	118,000
Hodgeman .....	74,100	62,500	41.5	2,586,000	30,400	29,400	32.5	957,000
Meade .....	54,400	51,200	24.5	1,266,000	5,800	5,700	23.0	132,000
Morton .....	42,900	29,100	19.5	563,000	11,200	7,500	20.5	153,000
Seward .....	19,000	15,300	14.0	217,000	12,600	11,200	18.0	201,000
Other Counties .....	316,100	254,500	26.0	6,652,000	68,400	50,800	26.5	1,350,000
<b>Southwest</b>	<b>807,000</b>	<b>687,000</b>	<b>31.0</b>	<b>21,275,000</b>	<b>208,000</b>	<b>178,000</b>	<b>28.5</b>	<b>5,040,000</b>
<b>North Central</b>	<b>275,000</b>	<b>256,000</b>	<b>46.0</b>	<b>11,775,000</b>	<b>1,065,000</b>	<b>1,002,000</b>	<b>44.0</b>	<b>43,930,000</b>
Rush .....	69,000	67,000	44.5	2,977,000	42,500	40,700	39.0	1,595,000
Other Counties .....	290,000	271,000	45.0	12,188,000	1,100,500	1,055,300	47.0	49,475,000
<b>Central</b>	<b>359,000</b>	<b>338,000</b>	<b>45.0</b>	<b>15,165,000</b>	<b>1,143,000</b>	<b>1,096,000</b>	<b>46.5</b>	<b>51,070,000</b>
Comanche .....	10,900	10,700	40.5	434,000	50,500	49,100	29.5	1,437,000
Other Counties .....	247,100	230,300	39.5	9,076,000	1,806,500	1,706,900	40.0	68,068,000
<b>South Central</b>	<b>258,000</b>	<b>241,000</b>	<b>39.5</b>	<b>9,510,000</b>	<b>1,857,000</b>	<b>1,756,000</b>	<b>39.5</b>	<b>69,505,000</b>
Other Districts .....					952,000	888,000	33.5	29,810,000
STATE .....	3,130,000	2,845,000	38.5	110,100,000	5,760,000	5,375,000	39.5	212,200,000

<sup>1</sup> No estimates were published for some districts and counties due to insufficient or confidential data.

**Irrigated and Dryland <sup>1</sup>**

County And District	Irrigated				Dryland			
	Acres Planted	Acres Harvested	Yield Per Acre, Bushels	Production, Bushels	Acres Planted	Acres Harvested	Yield Per Acre, Bushels	Production, Bushels
Cheyenne .....	9,000	8,800	52.5	464,000	120,500	115,200	43.5	5,026,000
Graham .....	2,000	1,800	36.0	65,000	79,900	68,700	32.5	2,241,000
Rawlins .....	2,500	2,400	59.0	141,000	161,500	151,100	46.0	6,915,000
Sherman .....	19,500	18,500	43.0	796,000	135,000	122,100	30.5	3,710,000
Other Counties .....	27,000	26,500	56.5	1,494,000	466,100	443,900	37.5	16,633,000
<b>Northwest</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>58,000</b>	<b>51.0</b>	<b>2,960,000</b>	<b>963,000</b>	<b>901,000</b>	<b>38.5</b>	<b>24,525,000</b>
Ness .....	1,500	1,500	51.5	77,000	130,000	126,300	42.0	5,293,000
Scott .....	21,000	18,600	52.5	974,000	124,500	106,300	39.0	4,150,000
Trego .....	1,200	1,200	46.5	56,000	91,400	85,400	39.0	3,316,000
Wichita .....	28,500	28,100	47.0	1,321,000	100,500	81,600	31.0	2,536,000
Other Counties .....	32,800	30,600	44.0	1,352,000	556,600	477,400	32.5	15,400,000
<b>West Central</b>	<b>85,000</b>	<b>80,000</b>	<b>47.5</b>	<b>3,780,000</b>	<b>1,003,000</b>	<b>877,000</b>	<b>35.0</b>	<b>30,695,000</b>
Finney .....	60,100	59,400	50.5	2,995,000	98,900	91,400	38.5	3,524,000
Ford .....	20,000	18,600	56.5	1,054,000	155,500	142,300	36.0	5,144,000
Gray .....	46,700	45,500	47.5	2,161,000	82,800	78,200	32.5	2,539,000
Haskell .....	49,300	46,500	47.5	2,210,000	42,900	35,900	28.5	1,031,000
Hodgeman .....	8,000	7,300	45.0	329,000	104,500	91,900	38.5	3,543,000
Meade .....	19,400	19,400	45.0	873,000	60,200	56,900	24.5	1,398,000
Morton .....	19,500	18,600	34.5	645,000	54,100	36,600	19.5	716,000
Seward .....	27,800	26,100	46.0	1,199,000	31,600	26,500	16.0	418,000
Other Counties .....	149,200	141,600	32.5	4,594,000	384,500	305,300	26.0	8,002,000
<b>Southwest</b>	<b>400,000</b>	<b>383,000</b>	<b>48.0</b>	<b>18,430,000</b>	<b>1,015,000</b>	<b>865,000</b>	<b>30.5</b>	<b>26,315,000</b>
Clay .....	1,400	1,300	46.0	60,000	84,800	80,200	42.0	3,362,000
Mitchell .....	2,000	1,800	55.0	99,000	195,500	185,900	50.5	9,380,000
Other Counties .....	7,600	6,900	51.0	351,000	1,059,700	991,900	43.5	42,963,000
<b>North Central</b>	<b>11,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>51.0</b>	<b>510,000</b>	<b>1,340,000</b>	<b>1,258,000</b>	<b>44.5</b>	<b>55,705,000</b>
Dickinson .....	500	500	42.0	21,000	155,500	152,200	49.5	7,562,000
Rush .....	500	500	50.0	25,000	111,500	107,700	42.5	4,572,000
Other Counties .....	19,000	19,000	57.0	1,079,000	1,235,000	1,174,100	46.0	54,101,000
<b>Central</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>56.5</b>	<b>1,125,000</b>	<b>1,502,000</b>	<b>1,434,000</b>	<b>46.0</b>	<b>66,235,000</b>
Barber .....	2,000	1,800	51.0	92,000	118,500	105,400	43.0	4,531,000
Comanche .....	1,800	1,800	55.0	99,000	61,400	59,800	31.5	1,871,000
Harvey .....	5,000	4,900	63.0	309,000	118,000	114,600	49.5	5,699,000
Kingman .....	8,500	8,500	56.0	476,000	192,000	184,700	39.5	7,294,000
Stafford .....	22,500	21,700	57.0	1,242,000	129,000	122,100	40.0	4,859,000
Other Counties .....	90,200	86,300	52.5	4,522,000	1,496,100	1,410,400	39.0	54,761,000
<b>South Central</b>	<b>130,000</b>	<b>125,000</b>	<b>54.0</b>	<b>6,740,000</b>	<b>2,115,000</b>	<b>1,997,000</b>	<b>39.5</b>	<b>79,015,000</b>
Other Districts .....	4,000	4,000	39.0	155,000	952,000	888,000	33.5	29,810,000
STATE .....	710,000	680,000	49.5	33,700,000	8,890,000	8,220,000	39.0	322,300,000

<sup>1</sup> No estimates were published for some districts and counties due to insufficient or confidential data.

**All Wheat <sup>1</sup>**

County And District	Acres Planted	Acres Harvested	Yield Per acre, Bushels	Production, Bushels
Barber .....	120,500	107,200	43.0	4,623,000
Comanche .....	63,200	61,600	32.0	1,970,000
Edwards .....	106,000	91,100	40.5	3,689,000
Harper .....	241,500	227,500	37.0	8,436,000
Harvey .....	123,000	119,500	50.5	6,008,000
Kingman .....	200,500	193,200	40.0	7,770,000
Kiowa .....	87,800	83,500	39.0	3,276,000
Pawnee .....	139,500	131,600	41.0	5,417,000
Pratt .....	164,500	160,100	42.0	6,719,000
Reno .....	245,500	237,500	41.5	9,863,000
Sedgwick .....	197,000	190,400	41.0	7,826,000
Stafford .....	151,500	143,800	42.5	6,101,000
Sumner .....	404,500	375,000	37.5	14,057,000
<b>South Central</b>	<b>2,245,000</b>	<b>2,122,000</b>	<b>40.5</b>	<b>85,755,000</b>
Atchison .....	9,000	8,200	32.0	262,000
Brown .....	10,400	9,900	39.5	390,000
Jackson .....	11,300	10,900	31.0	339,000
Jefferson .....	6,200	5,700	26.0	148,000
Leavenworth .....	2,900	2,800	31.0	87,000
Marshall .....	75,300	72,400	35.0	2,526,000
Nemaha .....	29,600	27,400	31.5	857,000
Pottawatomie .....	10,100	9,400	36.0	338,000
Riley .....	23,100	21,300	39.0	833,000
Other Counties .....	2,100	2,000	40.0	80,000
<b>Northeast</b>	<b>180,000</b>	<b>170,000</b>	<b>34.5</b>	<b>5,860,000</b>
Anderson .....	31,900	25,400	26.0	666,000
Chase .....	10,600	9,000	36.0	322,000
Douglas .....	8,500	8,300	29.0	239,000
Geary .....	10,100	9,900	42.5	422,000
Linn .....	15,000	13,900	25.5	354,000
Lyon .....	21,700	20,600	28.5	585,000
Miami .....	10,400	10,000	25.5	256,000
Morris .....	34,000	32,500	31.5	1,027,000
Osage .....	18,100	16,800	24.5	412,000
Shawnee .....	7,300	7,000	31.5	219,000
Wabaunsee .....	8,200	8,000	29.5	235,000
Other Counties .....	60,200	55,600	31.5	1,743,000
<b>East Central</b>	<b>236,000</b>	<b>217,000</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>6,480,000</b>
Allen .....	42,200	38,100	29.5	1,122,000
Bourbon .....	11,000	10,000	37.0	368,000
Butler .....	58,200	55,700	41.5	2,320,000
Chautauqua .....	3,800	3,400	33.0	113,000
Cherokee .....	73,000	70,100	42.0	2,934,000
Cowley .....	92,100	83,800	38.0	3,171,000
Crawford .....	34,200	33,300	37.5	1,256,000
Elk .....	6,100	5,900	28.0	165,000
Labette .....	60,100	55,300	30.5	1,695,000
Neosho .....	40,900	37,700	29.5	1,110,000
Woodson .....	11,900	11,200	20.5	232,000
Other Counties .....	106,500	100,500	31.0	3,139,000
<b>Southeast</b>	<b>540,000</b>	<b>505,000</b>	<b>35.0</b>	<b>17,625,000</b>
STATE .....	9,600,000	8,900,000	40.0	356,000,000

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