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**WHEAT
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WHEAT PRODUCTION DOWN 5 PERCENT FROM MAY FORECAST

The 2004 Kansas wheat crop is forecast at 351.0 million bushels as of June 1. The current estimate is down 5 percent from the May 1 estimate and 27 percent below the 2003 crop. The current crop is projected to be harvested from 9.0 million acres, down 1.0 million acres from a year ago. Yield per harvested acre is expected to average 39.0 bushels, down 2.0 bushels from the May forecast and 9.0 bushels below the 2003 final yield. As of May 30th, wheat condition was rated 2 percent excellent, 21 percent good, 24 percent fair, 27 percent poor, and 26 percent very poor.

Crop progress was about a week ahead of the 5-year average during May, and by May 30th, wheat turning,

at 53 percent, was ahead of the 5-year average of 31 percent. Disease presence as of the end of May was 63 percent, compared to 58 percent disease presence at the same time last year.

The State has experienced temperatures below freezing, scattered storms with hail followed by hot, dry conditions during May. Topsoil moisture was rated 13 percent very short, 32 percent short, 48 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus. Last year, topsoil moisture was 3 percent very short, 14 percent short, 79 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus.

KANSAS WHEAT PRODUCTION, JUNE 1, 2004

District	Acres Planted		Acres Harvested			Yield Per Acre		Production		
	2003	2004	2003	2004	% of Prev. Yr	2003	2004	2003	2004	% of Prev. Yr
WINTER WHEAT	----- 1,000 Acres -----		Percent			Bushels		1,000 Bushels		Percent
Northwest	1,200	1,110	1,160	720	62	40	20	46,010	14,700	32
West Central	1,300	1,170	1,245	1,020	82	42	23	51,690	23,400	45
Southwest	1,780	1,600	1,665	1,455	87	38	36	64,025	52,500	82
North Central	1,325	1,160	1,290	1,140	88	59	43	75,920	49,400	65
Central	1,500	1,530	1,465	1,470	100	57	44	82,780	65,400	79
South Central	2,245	2,220	2,160	2,120	98	49	44	105,815	93,400	88
Northeast	215	210	210	205	98	64	53	13,455	10,900	81
East Central	260	290	255	285	112	56	49	14,345	14,000	98
Southeast	575	610	550	585	106	47	47	25,960	27,300	105
State	10,400	9,900	10,000	9,000	90	48	39	480,000	351,000	73

U.S. WINTER WHEAT PRODUCTION DOWN 1 PERCENT

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.53 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the May 1 forecast and 10 percent below 2003. Based on June 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 43.6 bushels per acre, down 0.6 bushel from the previous forecast. Grain area totals 35.1 million acres, unchanged from May 1. Hard Red production is down 3 percent from a month ago to 887 million bushels. Soft Red is down less than 1 percent from last month, and now totals 397 million bushels. White production totals 247 million bushels, up 2 percent from last month. Forecasted head counts from the Objective Yield surveys in the six Hard Red

Winter states (Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Texas) are below last year's final counts. Indicated average head weights are also below last year's level in Colorado, Kansas, and Nebraska.

Harvest was in full swing in both Texas and Oklahoma, with progress in Oklahoma running well ahead of the 5-year average. In Kansas and Nebraska, yield prospects have been dampened by continued dry weather, as well as extreme temperatures - both high and low.



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WINTER WHEAT, KANSAS AND SELECTED STATES, JUNE 1, 2004

State	Acreage			Yield Per Acre		Production		
	Harvested 2003	For Harvest 2004	% of Prev. Yr.	2003	2004	2003	2004	% of Prev. Yr.
	1,000 Acres		Percent	Bushels		1,000 Bushels		Percent
KANSAS	10,000	9,000	90	48.0	39.0	480,000	351,000	73
Oklahoma	4,600	4,300	93	39.0	36.0	179,400	159,100	89
Texas	3,450	3,600	104	28.0	33.0	96,600	118,800	123
Washington	1,800	1,700	94	65.0	64.0	117,000	108,800	93
Nebraska	1,820	1,850	102	46.0	35.0	83,720	64,750	77
Ohio	1,000	880	88	68.0	67.0	68,000	58,960	87
Illinois	810	970	120	65.0	58.0	52,650	56,260	107
Idaho	720	680	94	80.0	81.0	57,600	55,080	96
Montana	1,720	1,600	93	37.0	34.0	63,640	54,400	85
Colorado	2,200	1,800	82	35.0	30.0	77,000	54,000	70
United States	36,541	35,082	96	46.7	43.6	1,707,069	1,530,742	90

1/ Selected states based on top 10 states according to production of winter wheat.

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