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Expected Kansas Winter Wheat Production Up 26 Percent

The 2008 Kansas wheat crop is forecast at 357.2 million bushels as of May 1, 2008. The current forecast is up 26 percent from the 2007 crop. This year's crop is expected to be harvested from 9.4 million acres, up 800,000 acres from a year ago. Yield per harvested acre is expected to average 38 bushels, up from 33 bushels last year.

Seeding of wheat acres began early in September and progressed behind average throughout the fall. Soil moisture was mostly adequate throughout the fall. The major growing areas of the State did not receive a good soaking rain that usually would encourage producers to plant, only light showers were received throughout the fall. Wheat seeding was nearly complete by the first week of November. Topsoil moisture at the end of November was rated 47 percent adequate to surplus while subsoil moisture was rated 55 percent adequate to surplus. Wheat emergence also progressed behind normal throughout the season. By November 25, 96 percent of the crop had emerged. Wheat condition was rated 3 percent excellent, 40 percent good, 42 percent fair, 13

percent poor, and 2 percent very poor by the end of November.

The State received rain, freezing rain and snow in December. Precipitation was moderate and scattered throughout the State for the rest of the winter. The State experienced below normal temperatures in December, above normal in January, and normal in February. As of March 9, topsoil moisture was rated 83 percent adequate to surplus, compared to 90 percent last year.

As of April 27 only 60 percent of the wheat was jointing compared to 90 percent for the 5-year average. Temperatures have been moderate across the State all spring. The eastern part of the State received scattered showers every week of March and most of the 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. Wheat condition ratings ranged from 34-38 percent fair and 41-48 percent good to excellent during March and April.

KANSAS WHEAT PRODUCTION, MAY 1, 2008

District	Acres Planted		Acres Harvested			Yield Per Acre		Production		
	2007	2008	2007	2008	% of Prev Yr	2007	2008	2007	2008	% of Prev. Yr
WINTER WHEAT	-----1,000 Acres-----				Percent	Bushels		1,000 Bushels		Percent
Northwest	1,120	1,015	1,065	985	92	43	38	45,665	37,900	83
West Central	1,175	1,270	1,105	1,200	109	47	35	51,585	42,500	82
Southwest	1,640	1,630	1,530	1,450	95	47	34	71,580	49,800	70
North Central	1,420	1,205	1,320	1,175	89	32	42	41,600	49,900	120
Central	1,580	1,330	1,345	1,300	97	21	41	27,945	53,900	193
South Central	2,325	2,495	1,465	2,380	162	20	37	29,980	89,100	297
Northeast	235	175	220	165	75	27	37	5,975	6,100	102
East Central	305	265	255	250	98	21	36	5,250	9,100	173
Southeast	600	515	295	495	168	14	38	4,220	18,900	448
State	10,400	9,900	8,600	9,400	109	33	38	283,800	357,200	126

U.S. WINTER WHEAT PRODUCTION UP 17 PERCENT

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.78 billion bushels, up 17 percent from 2007. Expected area for harvest as grain or seed totals 40.2 million acres, up 12

percent from last year. Based on May 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 44.3 bushels per acre, up 2.1 bushels from the previous year.

WINTER WHEAT, KANSAS AND SELECTED STATES¹, MAY 1, 2008

State	Acreage			Yield Per Acre		Production		
	Harvested 2007	For Harvest 2008	% of Prev. Yr.	2007	2008	2007	2008	% of Prev. Yr.
	1,000 Acres		Percent	Bushels		1,000 Bushels		Percent
KANSAS	8,600	9,400	109	33.0	38.0	283,800	357,200	126
Oklahoma	3,500	4,500	129	28.0	33.0	98,000	148,500	152
Washington	1,690	1,720	102	64.0	63.0	108,160	108,360	100
Texas	3,800	3,400	89	37.0	29.0	140,600	98,600	70
Montana	2,190	2,600	119	38.0	34.0	83,220	88,400	106
Nebraska	1,960	1,850	94	43.0	44.0	84,280	81,400	97
South Dakota	1,980	1,750	88	48.0	44.0	95,040	77,000	81
Illinois	890	1,160	130	57.0	63.0	50,730	73,080	144
Colorado	2,350	2,100	89	40.0	32.0	94,000	67,200	71
Ohio	730	1,000	137	63.0	64.0	45,990	64,000	139
United States	35,952	40,162	112	42.2	44.3	1,515,989	1,777,532	117

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

HAY STOCKS

Hay production during 2007 totaled 6.37 million tons, down 3 percent from the year before. As of May 1, 2008 Kansas hay stocks totaled 1,100,000 tons, compared with

5,465,000 tons on December 1, 2007 and 600,000 tons on May 1, 2007.

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