



SMALL GRAINS SUMMARY & GRAIN STOCKS

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Kansas **wheat** production for 2008 is estimated at 356.0 million bushels, down 3 percent from the August forecast but 25 percent above 2007. Yield is estimated at 40.0 bushels per acre, up 1 bushel from the August forecast and 7 bushels above 2007. Acres harvested for grain totaled 8.9 million acres, down 500,000 acres from the previous forecast but 300,000 above 2007. A total of 9.5 million acres were planted to wheat for harvest in 2008, down 400,000 from the August forecast and 900,000 acres less than the previous year.

Oat production is 1.33 million bushels in 2008, unchanged from 2007. Final yield is estimated at 53.0 bushels per acre, 15 bushels higher than last year. Grain was harvested from 25,000 of the 60,000 acres planted.

Barley production totaled 370,000 bushels for 2008, down 41 percent from the 2007 crop. Yields averaged 37.0 bushels per acre, 11 bushels below last year. Grain was harvested from 10,000 of the 17,000 acres planted.

Grain Stocks

Kansas **wheat** stocks in all positions on September 1 totaled 273.6 million bushels, 3 percent below last year's total. Wheat stored in off-farm locations (mills, elevators, warehouses, and processors) totaled 246.6 million bushels, a decrease of 5 percent from a year ago. Wheat stored off the farm accounted for 90 percent of all wheat stocks. Wheat in farm storage totaled 27.0 million bushels, up 23 percent from last September.

Sorghum grain in all positions totaled 29.8 million bushels, up from 16.1 million bushels last year. Off-farm holdings of 28.0 million bushels were up from 14.8 million bushels last year. Sorghum grain stored off the farm accounted for 94 percent of the total sorghum stocks. On-farm stocks of 1.8 million bushels were up 500,000 bushels from a year ago.

Corn stocks in all locations, at 59.4 million bushels, were up 5 percent from a year ago. Off-farm corn stocks of 49.4 million bushels were up from 45.1 million bushels last year and accounted for 83 percent of total corn stocks. On-farm stocks of 10.0 million bushels were 13 percent below last September.

Kansas **soybeans** stored in all positions totaled 5.9 million bushels, down dramatically from 25.5 million bushels from last year. Off-farm locations held 5.3 million bushels, down 17.8 million bushels from last year, and accounted for 90 percent of total soybean stocks. On-farm stocks of 600,000 bushels are 1.8 million bushels less than last year.

Oats stored at off-farm locations totaled 436,000 bushels, down from 499,000 in September 2007.

Barley stored at off-farm locations totaled 26,000 bushels, compared with 52,000 a year earlier.