



MINNESOTA SPRING WHEAT YIELD UP FROM 2005

Minnesota's **SPRING WHEAT** yield, at 47.0 bushels per acre, is up 6.0 bushels from last year's yield of 41.0 bushels per acre, according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. Spring wheat production, at 77.6 million bushels, is up 9.3 percent from 2005. Spring wheat acres harvested for grain is 1.65 million acres, down 80,000 acres from last year. Acres planted is 1.7 million acres.

WINTER WHEAT production, at 2.79 million bushels, is up from 540,000 bushels last year. Acres harvested for grain in 2006 is 45,000 compared to 15,000 acres in 2005. Yield at 62.0 bushels per acre is up 26 bushels from 2005.

OAT production is estimated at 11.2 million bushels, down 12 percent from last year. Acres harvested for grain in 2006 is 200,000, down 5,000 acres from 2005. The yield, at 56.0 bushels per acre, is down 6.0 bushels from last year.

BARLEY production of 5.4 million bushels is up 40 percent from last year. Barley harvested is 90,000 acres, unchanged from last year's acreage. Acres planted in 2006 is 105,000. Yield, at 60.0 bushels per acre, is up 17 bushels from 2005.

U.S. HIGHLIGHTS

All wheat production totals 1.81 billion bushels in 2006, up 1 percent from the last forecast but 14 percent below 2005. Grain area is 46.8 million acres, down 7 percent from last year. The U.S. yield is 38.7 bushels per acre, up 0.4 bushel from August but down 3.3 bushels from last year. The level of production and change from last year by type are: winter wheat, 1.30 billion bushels, down 13 percent; other spring wheat, 460 million bushels, down 9 percent; Durum wheat, 53.5 million bushels, down 47 percent.

Oat production is estimated at a record low 93.8 million bushels, 13 percent below the August 1 forecast and 18 percent below last year's 115 million bushels. The estimated yield is 59.5 bushels per acre, up 3.2 bushels from August but down 3.5 bushels from a year ago. Compared with last year, yields declined in nearly all States except for those in the eastern Great Lakes region, Ohio Valley, and the Pacific Northwest. Harvested area is a record low 1.58 million acres, 17 percent below the August 1 forecast and 14 percent below last year.

Barley production is estimated at 180 million bushels, down 2 percent from the August 1 forecast and down 15 percent from last year. Average yield per acre, at 61.0 bushels, is down 0.2 bushel from the previous forecast and 3.8 bushels below 2005. The area harvested for grain is estimated at 2.95 million acres, down 1 percent from August and 10 percent below a year ago. Area harvested for grain is the lowest since 1885, while production is the lowest since 1936. Harvested area is down in most States, including the four States with the largest acreage. Acreage harvested is down 90,000 in Idaho, 80,000 in Montana, 65,000 in North Dakota, and 15,000 in Washington. Production is down throughout the Great Plains and Rocky Mountains, partly due to the decreased acreage, but also because yields are down in these areas due to dry conditions during most of the growing season. However, yields are higher than last year in the Pacific Northwest, Corn Belt, Ohio River Valley, and most Atlantic Coast States.

MINNESOTA & U.S. HARVESTED ACRES, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION

COMMODITY	2005 HARVESTED ACRES (000)	2006 HARVESTED ACRES (000)	2005 YIELD	2006 YIELD	2005 PRODUCTION (000)	2006 PRODUCTION (000)
MINNESOTA						
SPRING WHEAT (Bu)	1,730	1,650	41.0	47.0	70,930	77,550
WINTER WHEAT (Bu)	15	45	36.0	62.0	540	2,790
BARLEY (Bu)	90	90	43.0	60.0	3,870	5,400
OATS (Bu)	205	200	62.0	56.0	12,710	11,200
UNITED STATES						
SPRING WHEAT (Bu)	13,609	13,878	37.1	33.2	504,456	460,480
WINTER WHEAT (Bu)	33,794	31,117	44.4	41.7	1,499,129	1,298,081
BARLEY (Bu)	3,269	2,951	64.8	61.0	211,896	180,051
OATS (Bu)	1,823	1,576	63.0	59.5	114,878	93,764