



MINNESOTA SPRING WHEAT PRODUCTION UNCHANGED FROM 2006

Minnesota's **SPRING WHEAT** production is estimated at 77.6 million bushels, unchanged from last year, according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. Spring wheat yield, at 47.0 bushels per acre, is also unchanged from 2006. Spring wheat acres harvested for grain is 1.65 million acres.

WINTER WHEAT production, at 2.88 million bushels, is up 3 percent from last year. Acres harvested for grain in 2007 is 60,000 acres, up 33 percent from last year. Yield, at 48.0 bushels per acre, is down 14 bushels from 2006.

OAT production is estimated at 10.8 million bushels, down 4 percent from last year. Acres harvested for grain is 180,000 acres, down 10 percent from 2006. Yield, at 60.0 bushels per acre, is up 4 bushels from last year.

BARLEY production of 6.2 million bushels is up 14 percent from last year. Barley harvested is 110,000 acres, up 22 percent from last year. Yield, at 56.0 bushels per acre, is down 4 bushels from 2006.

U.S. HIGHLIGHTS

All wheat production totals 2.07 billion bushels in 2007, down 2 percent from the August forecast but up 14 percent from 2006. Grain area is 51.0 million acres, up 9 percent from last year. The U.S. yield is 40.5 bushels per acre, down 0.1 bushel from the last forecast but up 1.8 bushels from last year. The level of production and change from last year by type are: winter wheat, 1.52 billion bushels, up 17 percent; other spring wheat, 479 million bushels, up 4 percent; Durum wheat, 71.7 million bushels, up 34 percent.

Oat production is estimated at a record low 91.6 million bushels, 7 percent below the August 1 forecast and down 2 percent from last year. The estimated yield is 60.9 bushels per acre, down 0.1 bushel from the last forecast but up 1.1 bushels from the previous year. Compared with last year, yields increased in most States throughout the Great Plains and central Rocky Mountains. Harvested area, at 1.51 million acres, is 7 percent and 4 percent below August and last year, respectively. This is the smallest acreage harvested for grain on record, continuing a steady downward trend.

Barley production is estimated at 212 million bushels, down 5 percent from the August forecast but up 18 percent from last year. Average yield per acre, at 60.4 bushels, is down 2.7 bushels from the previous forecast and 0.7 bushel below the 2006 yield. The area harvested for grain is estimated at 3.51 million acres, down 1 percent from August but 19 percent above a year ago.

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

COMMODITY	2006 HARVESTED ACRES (000)	2007 HARVESTED ACRES (000)	2006 YIELD	2007 YIELD	2006 PRODUCTION (000)	2007 PRODUCTION (000)
MINNESOTA						
SPRING WHEAT (Bu)	1,650	1,650	47.0	47.0	77,550	77,550
WINTER WHEAT (Bu)	45	60	62.0	48.0	2,790	2,880
BARLEY (Bu)	90	110	60.0	56.0	5,400	6,160
OATS (Bu)	200	180	56.0	60.0	11,200	10,800
UNITED STATES						
SPRING WHEAT (Bu)	13,878	12,947	33.2	37.0	460,480	479,047
WINTER WHEAT (Bu)	31,117	35,952	41.7	42.2	1,298,081	1,515,989
BARLEY (Bu)	2,951	3,508	61.1	60.4	180,165	211,825
OATS (Bu)	1,566	1,505	59.8	60.9	93,638	91,599