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## Smaller New Jersey Wheat Crop

**New Jersey:** All wheat production for the Garden State totaled 1.48 million bushels, down 27 percent from the previous year. The crop matured about a week later than normal. Frequent rains damaged some wheat fields by causing vomitoxin and grain head sprouting. New Jersey's acres seeded to wheat totaled 34,000 acres, down 1,000 acres from the previous year. Wheat acres harvested for grain totaled 29,000 acres, compared to 33,000 acres the previous year. Wheat yields averaged 51 bushels per acre, 10 bushels below 2008's record yield of 61 bushels per acre.

**United States:** Production totaled 2.22 billion bushels in 2009, down 11 percent from 2008. Grain harvested area is 50.1 million acres, down 10 percent from last year. The U.S. yield is 44.4 bushels per acre, down 0.5 bushel from last year. The levels of production and changes from last year by type are: winter wheat, 1.52 billion bushels, down 18 percent; other spring wheat, 588 million bushels, up 7 percent; and Durum wheat, 110 million bushels, up 31 percent.

### Wheat Acreage, Yield, and Production

Crop	Acres Planted		Acres Harvested		Yield per Acre		Production	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
<b>New Jersey</b>	<i>- Thousand -</i>				<i>- Bushels -</i>		<i>- Thousand Bushels-</i>	
All Wheat	35	34	33	29	61.0	51.0	2,013	1,479
<b>United States</b>	<i>- Thousand -</i>				<i>- Bushels -</i>		<i>- Million Bushels-</i>	
All Wheat	63,193	59,133	55,699	50,085	44.9	44.4	2,499.2	2,220.2

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