



# Press Release

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On: TEXAS WHEAT PRODUCTION  
UP 23 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

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AUSTIN . . . The 2004 Texas winter wheat crop is forecast at 118.8 million bushels, up 23 percent from last year and 52 percent higher than 2002. This estimate is unchanged from the May forecast.

According to a June 1 survey conducted by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, statewide yield is expected to average 33 bushels per acre, up 5 bushels from last year but identical to the May forecast. Harvested acreage, at 3.6 million acres, is up 4 percent from 2003 and unchanged from May.

“Grain heads have really filled out in many areas and the crop continues to look promising as harvest on the Plains draws closer,” reports State Director Robin Roark.

Production on the Northern High Plains is forecast at 50.0 million bushels, up 21 percent from last year. Winter wheat production on the Low Plains is forecast at 26.4 million bushels, up 16 percent from last year. The Cross Timbers is estimated at 6.4 million bushels, up 50 percent from last year’s production. Production in the Blacklands is forecast at 21.0 million bushels, 19 percent higher than the 2003 crop.

On June 1, harvest was in full swing in Central Texas and was beginning to gain momentum in northern districts.

United States winter wheat production for 2004 is forecast at 1.53 billion bushels, down 10 percent from last year and 1 percent below the May forecast. Yield is expected to average 43.6 bushels per acre, down 3.1 bushels from a year ago and down 0.6 bushels from the last forecast. Acreage to be harvested for grain is expected to total 35.1 million acres, 4 percent less than a year ago and unchanged from May.

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## TEXAS WHEAT: ACREAGE, YIELD AND PRODUCTION, 2003 AND 2004 <sup>1</sup>

Districts	Planted acres		Harvested acres		Yield per acre		Production	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	<i>1,000 acres</i>		<i>1,000 acres</i>		<i>Bushels</i>		<i>1,000 bushels</i>	
1-N .....	2,527	2,350	1,344.0	1,430.0	30.7	35.0	41,199	50,000
1-S .....	500	480	163.0	170.0	26.8	31.2	4,375	5,300
2-N .....	679	640	422.0	400.0	26.1	26.5	10,997	10,600
2-S .....	1,136	980	585.0	600.0	20.2	26.3	11,795	15,800
3 .....	556	550	182.0	265.0	23.4	24.2	4,266	6,400
4 .....	689	650	463.5	465.0	37.9	45.2	17,578	21,000
7 .....	333	290	185.0	190.0	18.1	36.8	3,345	7,000
8-N .....	80	70	53.5	42.0	30.0	28.6	1,604	1,200
Other districts <sup>2</sup> .....	100	90	52.0	38.0	27.7	39.5	1,441	1,500
<b>STATE</b> .....	<b>6,600</b>	<b>6,100</b>	<b>3,450.0</b>	<b>3,600.0</b>	<b>28.0</b>	<b>33.0</b>	<b>96,600</b>	<b>118,800</b>

<sup>1</sup> Preliminary 2004. <sup>2</sup> Districts with less than 50,000 acres planted are included in other districts.

