



Press Release

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On: TEXAS WHEAT PRODUCTION DOWN
64 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

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AUSTIN . . . The 2006 Texas winter wheat crop is forecast at 35.0 million bushels, down 64 percent from last year, and 68 percent from 2004, but up 8 percent from the June forecast.

According to a July 1 survey conducted by the Texas Field Office, statewide yield is expected to average 25 bushels per acre, down 7 bushels from last year and the same as the June forecast. Harvested acreage, at 1.4 million acres, is down 53 percent from 2005, but up 8 percent from June 1.

Production on the Northern High Plains is forecast at 13 million bushels, down 77 percent from last year. Winter wheat production on the Low Plains is forecast at 7.0 million bushels, down 65 percent from last year. Blacklands' production is estimated at 9.6 million bushels, up 55 percent from last year. Production on the Edwards Plateau is forecast at 850 thousand bushels, down 81 percent from the 2005 crop.

United States winter wheat production for 2006 is forecast at 1.28 billion bushels, up 1 percent from last month but down 15 percent from 2005. Yield is expected to average 41.1 bushels per acre, up 0.6 bushel from last month but down 3.3 bushels from last year. Acreage to be harvested for grain is expected to total 31.1 million acres, down 8 percent from a year ago, and unchanged from last month.

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DISTRICT TABLE ON BACK

TEXAS WHEAT: ACREAGE, YIELD AND PRODUCTION, 2005 AND 2006 ^{1/}

Districts	Planted acres		Harvested acres		Yield per acre		Production	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<i>1,000 acres</i>		<i>1,000 acres</i>		<i>Bushels</i>		<i>1,000 bushels</i>	
1-N	2,268	2,100	1,572	450	35.8	28.9	56,246	13,000
1-S	422	510	113	100	28.1	28.0	3,170	2,800
2-N	647	560	330	240	28.4	15.4	9,358	3,700
2-S	954	870	441	190	23.7	17.4	10,471	3,300
3	470	530	138	60	26.6	21.7	3,671	1,300
4	345	650	176	300	35.3	32.0	6,208	9,600
7	240	230	147	40	29.8	21.3	4,385	850
8-N	74	60	50	13	29.6	23.1	1,479	300
Other districts ^{2/}	80	90	33	7	30.7	21.4	1,012	150
STATE	5,500	5,600	3,000	1,400	32.0	25.0	96,000	35,000

^{1/} Preliminary, July 2006. ^{2/} Districts with less than 50,000 acres planted are included in other districts.

