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On: TEXAS WHEAT PRODUCTION
UP 226 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

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AUSTIN . . . According to an April 1 survey conducted by the USDA-NASS, Texas Field Office, Texas wheat producers expect to harvest 109.4 million bushels this year, up 226 percent from 2006, and 14 percent more than the 2005 crop.

Planted acreage for the 2007 crop is estimated at 6.0 million acres, up 8 percent from 2006 and 9 percent more than 2005.

Production on the Northern High Plains is expected to total 52.2 million bushels, up 250 percent from a year ago. The Low Plains is expected to harvest 25.0 million bushels, an increase of 313 percent from 2006. Producers on the Blacklands expect to harvest 15.2 million bushels, up 113 percent from last year.

On April 1, 67 percent of the winter wheat acreage was rated from good to excellent condition, compared to 7 percent good to excellent last year.

Texas is the only State that makes an April 1 winter wheat production forecast. The first national wheat production forecast will be released on May 11, 2007.

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TEXAS WHEAT DISTRICT ESTIMATES, 2005, 2006 AND 2007

Districts	Planted acres			Production		
	2005	2006	2007 ^{1/}	2005	2006	2007 ^{1/}
	<i>1,000 acres</i>			<i>1,000 bushels</i>		
1-N	2,268.0	2,189.3	2,310.0	56,246	14,918	52,213
1-S	422.0	366.4	490.0	3,170	1,648	5,323
2-N	647.0	647.0	670.0	9,358	2,742	9,639
2-S	954.0	983.6	1,001.0	10,471	3,303	15,331
3	470.0	472.9	512.0	3,671	1,547	4,952
4	345.0	531.4	610.0	6,208	7,175	15,248
7	240.0	216.0	250.0	4,385	1,090	4,172
Other districts	154.0	143.4	157.0	2,491	1,177	2,562
STATE	5,500.0	5,550.0	6,000.0	96,000	33,600	109,440

^{1/} Preliminary.

