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On: TEXAS WHEAT PRODUCTION
UP 295 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

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AUSTIN . . . According to a May 1 survey conducted by the USDA-NASS, Texas Field Office, Texas wheat producers expect to harvest 132.6 million bushels, up 295 percent from 2006, and up 38 percent from 2005. This forecast is up 21 percent from the Texas April forecast.

Statewide yield is expected to average 34 bushels per acre, up 10 bushels from last year, and up 2 bushels from two years ago. Harvested acreage for grain, at 3.9 million acres, is up 179 percent from 2006.

Production on the Northern High Plains is forecast at 64.4 million bushels, up 332 percent from last year. Winter wheat production on the Blacklands is forecast at 17.0 million bushels, up 136 percent from last year. The Low Plains' production is estimated at 30.4 million bushels, up 404 percent from last year.

United States winter wheat production for 2007 is forecast at 1.62 billion bushels, up 24 percent from 2006. Yield is expected to average 43.5 bushels per acre, 1.8 bushels higher than a year ago. Acreage to be harvested for grain is expected to total 37.2 million acres, up 19 percent from last season.

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TEXAS WHEAT: ACREAGE, YIELD AND PRODUCTION, 2006 AND 2007 ^{1/}

Districts	Planted acres		Harvested acres		Yield per acre		Production	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	<u>1,000 acres</u>		<u>1,000 acres</u>		<u>Bushels</u>		<u>1,000 bushels</u>	
1-N	2,189.3	2,310.0	584.5	1,835.0	25.5	35.1	14,918	64,400
1-S	366.4	490.0	69.8	205.0	23.6	36.9	1,648	7,570
2-N	647.0	670.0	172.3	390.0	15.9	32.6	2,742	12,700
2-S	983.6	1,001.0	178.5	615.0	18.5	28.8	3,303	17,740
3	472.9	512.0	77.7	170.0	19.9	31.2	1,547	5,300
4	531.4	610.0	216.3	430.0	33.2	39.4	7,175	16,950
7	216.0	250.0	55.8	180.0	19.5	30.8	1,090	5,550
Other districts	143.4	157.0	45.1	75.0	26.1	31.9	1,177	2,390
STATE	5,550.0	6,000.0	1,400.0	3,900.0	24.0	34.0	33,600	132,600

^{1/} Preliminary, May 2007.

