



United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service



News Release

Cooperating with Texas Department of Agriculture

Texas Field Office · Post Office Box 70 · Austin, Texas 78767 512-916-5581 www.nass.usda.gov/tx

8issue No.: PR-134-08

On: TEXAS WHEAT PRODUCTION
DOWN 27 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

For Information Contact:
Paul Sueper
Betty Johnson

For Immediate Release: June 10, 2008

AUSTIN . . . The 2008 Texas winter wheat crop is forecast at 102.0 million bushels, down 27 percent from last year but up 204 percent from 2006. This estimate is up 3 percent from the May forecast.

According to a June 1 survey conducted by the Texas Field Office, statewide yield is expected to average 30 bushels per acre, down 7 bushels from last year and 1 bushel more than the May forecast. Harvested acreage, at 3.4 million acres, is down 11 percent from the 2007 crop but unchanged from May.

Production on the Northern High Plains is forecast at 30.1 million bushels, down 63 percent from last year. Winter wheat production on the Blacklands is forecast at 22.2 million bushels, up 98 percent from last year. The Low Plains= production is estimated at 33.5 million bushels, up 14 percent from last year. Production on the Southern High Plains is forecast at 3.6 million bushels, 56 percent less than the 2007 crop.

United States winter wheat production for 2008 is forecast at 1.82 billion bushels, an increase of 20 percent from last year and 2 percent more than the May forecast. Yield is expected to average 45.3 bushels per acre, up 3.1 bushels from a year ago and up 1 bushel from the last forecast. Acreage to be harvested for grain is expected to total 40.2 million acres, unchanged from May.

-30-

DISTRICT TABLE ON BACK

TEXAS WHEAT: ACREAGE, YIELD AND PRODUCTION, 2007 AND 2008 ^{1/}

| Districts | Planted acres | | Harvested acres | | Yield per acre | | Production | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|----------------------|----------------|
| | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 |
| | <i>1,000 acres</i> | | <i>1,000 acres</i> | | <i>Bushels</i> | | <i>1,000 bushels</i> | |
| 1-N | 2,501.0 | 2,050.0 | 1,850.0 | 1,006.0 | 44.2 | 29.9 | 81,722 | 30,110 |
| 1-S | 501.0 | 550.0 | 217.0 | 108.0 | 37.3 | 33.2 | 8,089 | 3,590 |
| 2-N | 691.0 | 810.0 | 425.0 | 591.0 | 31.3 | 28.0 | 13,315 | 16,540 |
| 2-S | 1,057.0 | 1,080.0 | 612.0 | 723.0 | 26.5 | 23.5 | 16,231 | 17,000 |
| 3 | 475.0 | 470.0 | 147.0 | 234.0 | 24.9 | 27.4 | 3,659 | 6,400 |
| 4 | 572.0 | 640.0 | 311.5 | 479.0 | 36.0 | 46.3 | 11,204 | 22,200 |
| 7 | 249.0 | 247.0 | 150.0 | 170.0 | 23.7 | 22.9 | 3,555 | 3,900 |
| Other districts | 154.0 | 153.0 | 87.5 | 89.0 | 32.3 | 25.4 | 2,825 | 2,260 |
| STATE | 6,200.0 | 6,000.0 | 3,800.0 | 3,400.0 | 37.0 | 30.0 | 140,600 | 102,000 |

^{1/} June 1, 2008.

