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On: TEXAS WHEAT PRODUCTION  
DOWN 37 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 62.4 million bushels this year, down 37 percent from 2008, and 56 percent less than the 2007 crop.

Planted acreage for the 2009 crop is estimated at 6.1 million acres, up 5 percent from 2008, but 2 percent less than 2007.

Production on the Northern High Plains is expected to total 27.3 million bushels, down 24 percent from a year ago. The Low Plains is expected to harvest 11.8 million bushels, a decrease of 57 percent from 2008. Producers on the Blacklands expect to harvest 11.6 million bushels, down 30 percent from last year.

On April 1, 64 percent of the winter wheat acreage was rated poor to very poor, compared to 47 percent poor to very poor 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 12, 2009.

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TEXAS WHEAT DISTRICT ESTIMATES, 2007, 2008 AND 2009

Districts	Planted acres			Production		
	2007	2008	2009 <sup>1/</sup>	2007	2008	2009 <sup>1/</sup>
	<i>1,000 acres</i>			<i>1,000 bushels</i>		
1-N .....	2,501.0	2,296.0	2,200.0	81,722	35,728	27,300
1-S .....	501.0	475.0	580.0	8,089	8,160	5,800
2-N .....	691.0	684.0	750.0	13,315	12,294	6,950
2-S .....	1,057.0	1,024.0	980.0	16,231	15,250	4,800
3 .....	475.0	435.0	550.0	3,659	4,687	2,700
4 .....	572.0	492.0	570.0	11,204	16,495	11,600
5-N .....	-	36.0	70.0	-	895	550
7 .....	249.0	218.5	240.0	3,555	2,868	1,550
8-N .....	53.0	54.0	80.0	1,092	700	300
Other districts .....	101.0	85.5	80.0	1,733	1,923	850
<b>STATE .....</b>	<b>6,200.0</b>	<b>5,800.0</b>	<b>6,100.0</b>	<b>140,600</b>	<b>99,000</b>	<b>62,400</b>

<sup>1/</sup> Preliminary.

