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On: TEXAS WHEAT PRODUCTION
DOWN 35 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 64.8 million bushels, down 35 percent from 2008 and down 54 percent from 2007. This forecast is up 4 percent from the Texas April forecast.

Statewide yield is expected to average 27 bushels per acre, down 3 bushels from last year, and down 10 bushels from two years ago. Harvested acreage for grain, at 2.4 million acres, is down 27 percent from 2008.

Production on the Northern High Plains is forecast at 36.5 million bushels, up 2 percent from last year. Winter wheat production on the Blacklands is forecast at 11.4 million bushels, down 31 percent from last year. The Low Plains' production is estimated at 6.5 million bushels, down 76 percent from last year.

United States winter wheat production for 2009 is forecast at 1.50 billion bushels, down 20 percent from 2008. Yield is expected to average 44.2 bushels per acre, 3.0 bushels less than a year ago. Acreage to be harvested for grain is expected to total 34.0 million acres, down 14 percent from last season.

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TEXAS WHEAT: ACREAGE, YIELD AND PRODUCTION, 2008 AND 2009 ^{1/}

Districts	Planted acres		Harvested acres		Yield per acre		Production	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	<i>1,000 acres</i>		<i>1,000 acres</i>		<i>Bushels</i>		<i>1,000 bushels</i>	
1-N	2,296.0	2,200.0	1,193.0	1,310.0	29.9	27.9	35,728	36,500
1-S	475.0	580.0	219.0	164.0	37.3	32.3	8,160	5,300
2-N	684.0	750.0	431.0	200.0	28.5	18.0	12,294	3,600
2-S	1,024.0	980.0	679.0	172.0	22.5	16.9	15,250	2,900
3	435.0	550.0	190.4	107.0	24.6	15.0	4,687	1,600
4	492.0	570.0	361.0	318.0	45.7	36.0	16,495	11,450
5-N	36.0	70.0	15.5	27.0	57.7	28.9	895	780
7	218.5	240.0	129.0	45.0	22.2	25.6	2,868	1,150
8-N	54.0	80.0	29.0	32.0	24.1	27.2	700	870
Other districts	85.5	80.0	53.1	25.0	36.2	26.0	1,923	650
STATE	5,800.0	6,100.0	3,300.0	2,400.0	30.0	27.0	99,000	64,800

^{1/} May1, 2009.

