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On: TEXAS WHEAT PRODUCTION
DOWN 33 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

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AUSTIN . . . The 2008 Texas winter wheat crop is forecast at 66.2 million bushels, down 33 percent from last year and down 53 percent from 2007. This estimate is the same as the July forecast.

According to an August 1 survey conducted by the Texas Field Office, statewide yield is expected to average 27 bushels per acre, down 3 bushels from the record yield last year and unchanged from the July forecast. Harvested acreage, at 2.45 million acres, is down 26 percent from 2008.

Production on the Northern High Plains is forecast at 39.2 million bushels, up 10 percent from last year. Winter wheat production on the Low Plains is forecast at 6.5 million bushels, down 77 percent from last year. Production on the Blacklands is estimated at 10.1 million bushels, down 39 percent from last year. Production on the Edwards Plateau is forecast at 1.7 million bushels, down 41 percent from the 2008 crop.

United States winter wheat production for 2009 is forecast at 1.54 billion bushels, up 1 percent from last month but 18 percent below 2008. Yield is expected to average 44.2 bushels per acre, up 0.4 bushel from last month but down 3.0 bushels from last year. Acreage to be harvested for grain is expected to total 34.8 million acres, unchanged from last month but down 12 percent from last year.

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DISTRICT TABLE ON BACK

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	2,000.0	1,193.0	1,300.0	29.9	30.2	35,728	39,200
1-S	475.0	530.0	219.0	164.0	37.3	33.5	8,160	5,500
2-N	684.0	630.0	431.0	220.0	28.5	16.2	12,294	3,560
2-S	1,024.0	1,270.0	679.0	170.0	22.5	17.1	15,250	2,900
3	435.0	620.0	190.4	97.0	24.6	12.4	4,687	1,200
4	492.0	640.0	361.0	360.0	45.7	28.1	16,495	10,100
5-N	36.0	80.0	15.5	17.0	57.7	27.1	895	460
7	218.5	270.0	129.0	65.0	22.2	26.2	2,868	1,700
8-N	54.0	60.0	29.0	32.0	24.1	28.8	700	920
Other districts	85.5	100.0	53.1	25.0	36.2	24.4	1,923	610
STATE	5,800.0	6,200.0	3,300.0	2,450.0	30.0	27.0	99,000	66,150

^{1/} August 1, 2009.

