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This report contains the results from the May Ag Yield and Objective Yield Surveys. Our thanks to all farmers who responded to the Ag Yield survey and to those wheat producers who permitted objective measurements to be taken in their fields.

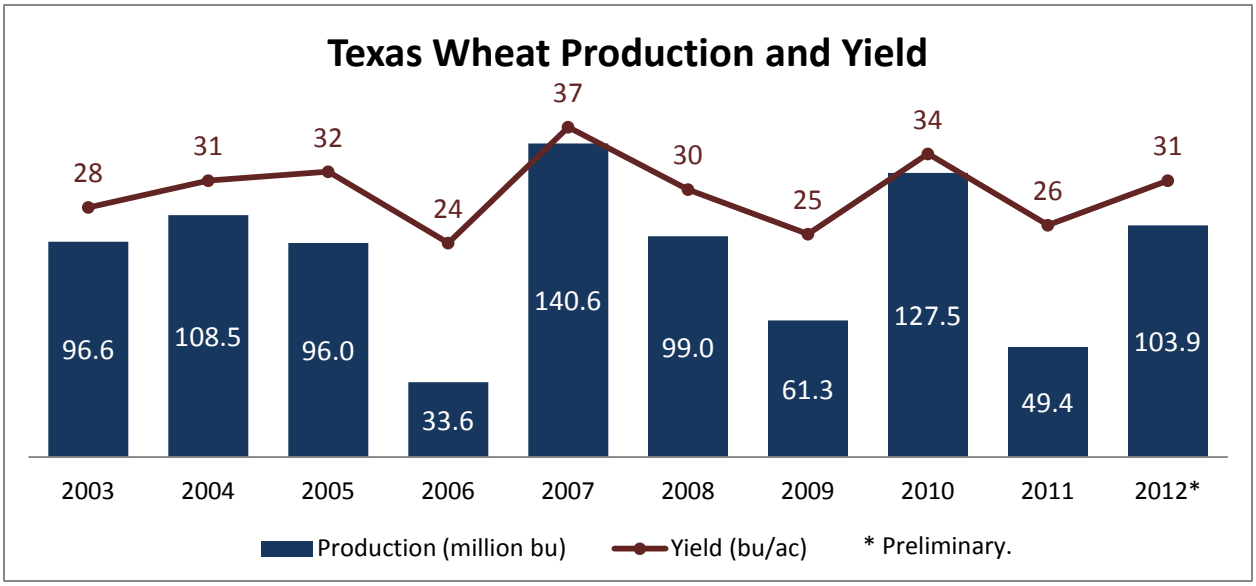
According to a May 1 survey conducted by the USDA-NASS, Texas Field Office, Texas wheat producers expect to harvest 103.9 million bushels, up from 49.4 million in 2011 but down 19 percent from 2010.

Statewide yield is expected to average 31 bushels per acre, up 5 bushels from last year, but down 3 bushel from 2010. Harvested acreage for grain, at 3.35 million acres, is up 76 percent from 2011.

Production on the Northern High Plains is forecast at 36.0 million bushels, up 97 percent from last year. Winter wheat production in the Blacklands is forecast at 29.4 million bushels, up 75 percent from last year. The Low Plains' production is estimated at 22.3 million bushels, up from 7.0 million bushels last year.

On May 1, 58 percent of the Texas winter wheat acreage was rated fair to good, compared to 26 percent fair to good last year.

United States winter wheat production for 2012 is forecast at 1.69 billion bushels, up 13 percent from 2011. Yield is expected to average 47.6 bushels per acre, 1.4 bushels more than a year ago. Acreage to be harvested for grain is expected to total 35.6 million acres, up 10 percent from last year.



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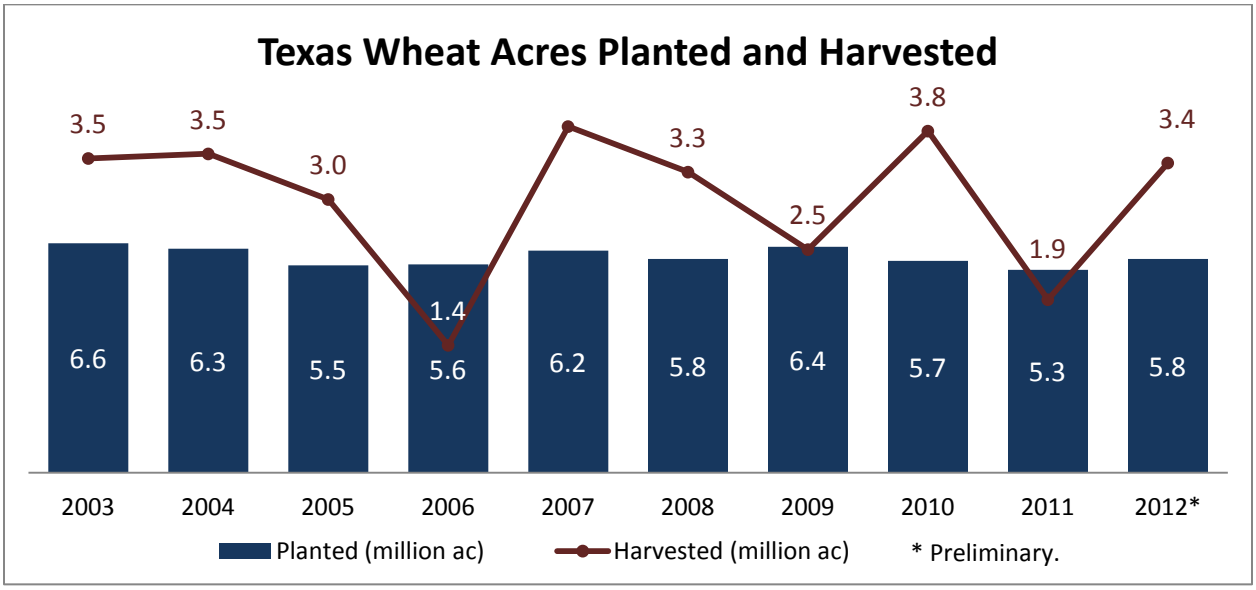

Texas Wheat District Estimates 2011 and 2012 [1]

District	Planted Acres		Harvested Acres		Yield per Acre		Production	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012[2]	2011	2012
	1,000 acres		*1,000 acres*		*Bushels*		*1,000 bushels*	
1 – N	1,845.0	2,100.0	718.0	1,180.0	25.4	30.5	18,265.0	36,000.0
1 – S	439.0	570.0	77.0	120.0	27.2	26.0	2,094.0	3,100.0
2 – N	607.7	610.0	219.1	340.0	14.6	26.0	3,197.0	8,800.0
2 – S	987.7	950.0	234.0	640.0	16.0	21.0	3,754.0	13,450.0
3	429.5	455.0	112.2	150.0	14.6	28.5	1,641.0	4,250.0
4	615.7	660.0	420.6	570.0	39.8	51.5	16,759.0	29,400.0
5 – N	40.6	65.0	9.4	18.0	46.7	44.5	439.0	800.0
7	198.3	188.0	44.1	155.0	28.7	24.5	1,266.0	3,805.0
8 – N	56.7	90.0	30.1	88.0	26.5	22.5	798.0	2,000.0
Other districts	85.8	112.0	35.5	89.0	33.4	25.0	1,187.0	2,245.0
State	**5,300.0**	**5,800.0**	**1,900.0**	**3,350.0**	**26.0**	**31.0**	**49,400.0**	**103,850.0**

[1] Preliminary May 1, 2012. [2] Yield is rounding to the nearest half bushel.

The May wheat yield and production forecast are based on two surveys conducted by the Texas Field Office of USDA-NASS: a farm operator survey and an objective yield survey. The farm operator survey was conducted primarily by telephone with some use of mail, internet and personal interviewers. The objective yield survey collects actual stalk counts and head weights from plots set up in producer fields across the state.

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