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On: TEXAS WHEAT PRODUCTION
DOWN 25 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

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AUSTIN . . . The 2008 Texas winter wheat crop is forecast at 105 million bushels, down 25 percent from last year but up 213 percent from 2006. 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 30 bushels per acre, down 7 bushels from the record yield last year and unchanged from the July forecast. Harvested acreage, at 3.5 million acres, is down 8 percent from 2007.

Production on the Northern High Plains is forecast at 40.2 million bushels, down 51 percent from last year. Winter wheat production on the Low Plains is forecast at 25.6 million bushels, down 13 percent from last year. Production on the Blacklands is estimated at 19.9 million bushels, up 78 percent from last year. Production on the Edwards Plateau is forecast at 3.6 million bushels, up 1 percent from the 2007 crop.

United States winter wheat production for 2008 is forecast at 1.87 billion bushels, up 1 percent from last month and 24 percent above 2007. Yield is expected to average 46.6 bushels per acre, up 0.3 bushel from last month and up 4.4 bushels from last year. Acreage to be harvested for grain is expected to total 40.3 million acres, unchanged from last month but up 12 percent from last year.

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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	2,360.0	1,850.0	1,280.0	44.2	31.4	81,722	40,200
1-S	501.0	470.0	217.0	220.0	37.3	28.6	8,089	6,300
2-N	691.0	635.0	425.0	410.0	31.3	26.1	13,315	10,700
2-S	1,057.0	1,000.0	612.0	640.0	26.5	23.3	16,231	14,900
3	475.0	430.0	147.0	240.0	24.9	27.1	3,659	6,500
4	572.0	580.0	311.5	460.0	36.0	43.3	11,204	19,900
7	249.0	220.0	150.0	140.0	23.7	25.7	3,555	3,600
8-N	53.0	50.0	37.5	30.0	29.1	26.0	1,092	780
Other districts	101.0	155.0	50.0	80.0	34.7	26.5	1,733	2,120
STATE	6,200.0	5,900.0	3,800.0	3,500.0	37.0	30.0	140,600	105,000

^{1/} August 1, 2008.

