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On: TEXAS WHEAT PRODUCTION
DOWN 30 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

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AUSTIN . . . The 2008 Texas winter wheat production is estimated at 99 million bushels, down 30 percent from last year and 195 percent higher than 2006.

According to the September survey conducted by the Texas Field Office, the statewide yield averaged 30 bushels per acre, down 7 bushels from last year and unchanged from the August 1 forecast. Acreage harvested for grain, at 3.3 million acres, was down 13 percent from 2007 and down 200,000 acres from the August 1 forecast. Many farmers in the Texas Plains abandoned wheat fields because of the persistent drought conditions that affected grain development.

Production on the Northern High Plains is estimated at 32.3 million bushels, down 60 percent from last year. Winter wheat production on the Low Plains is estimated at 29.2 million bushels, down 1 percent from last year. Production on the Blacklands is estimated at 17.8 million bushels, up 59 percent from last year. Production on the Edwards Plateau is estimated at 3.5 million, down slightly from the 2007 crop.

United States winter wheat production for 2008 is estimated at 1.87 billion bushels, up 23 percent from last year and down slightly from the August 1 forecast. Yield per acre averaged 47.2 bushels, up 5 bushels from a year ago. Acreage harvested for grain totaled 39.6 million acres, up 10 percent from a year ago.

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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	2,320.0	1,850.0	1,100.0	44.2	29.4	81,722	32,300
1-S	501.0	480.0	217.0	195.0	37.3	36.4	8,089	7,100
2-N	691.0	680.0	425.0	445.0	31.3	28.4	13,315	12,650
2-S	1,057.0	1,020.0	612.0	715.0	26.5	23.1	16,231	16,500
3	475.0	420.0	147.0	210.0	24.9	24.8	3,659	5,200
4	572.0	480.0	311.5	390.0	36.0	45.6	11,204	17,800
7	249.0	220.0	150.0	145.0	23.7	24.3	3,555	3,530
8-N	53.0	50.0	37.5	34.0	29.1	32.1	1,092	1,090
Other districts	101.0	130.0	50.0	66.0	34.7	32.0	1,733	2,830
STATE	6,200.0	5,800.0	3,800.0	3,300.0	37.0	30.0	140,600	99,000

^{1/} September 2008.

