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Washington's Small Grain Estimates Updated

Small Grain Updates

Survey respondents who reported barley, oat, spring wheat, or durum wheat acreage as not yet harvested in Idaho, Maine, Montana, North Dakota, Oregon, and Washington during the surveys conducted in preparation for the Small Grains 2011 Summary were re-contacted in late October to determine how many of the acres were actually harvested and record the actual production from those acres. Based on this updated information, several changes were made to the estimates published in the Small Grains 2011 Summary. Because unharvested production is a component of on-farm stocks, changes were made to the September 1 on-farm stocks levels comparable with the production adjustments.

Washington's spring wheat yields averaged 62 bushels per acre, the highest average yield on record, above the previous high 55 bushels in 1984. This is a one bushel increase from the September 2011 estimate. Production totaled 38.1 million bushels, up 28 percent from last year. An estimated 615,000 acres were harvested from an originally seeded 620,000 acres.

Barley growers in Washington averaged 74 bushels per acre, 2 bushels higher than in 2010. This is a 2 bushel increase from the September 2011 estimate. Production totaled 8.51 million bushels in 2011, 46 percent above 2010. Acreage harvested, at 115,000 acres, was up 42 percent from last year.

An estimated 10,000 acres of **oats** were planted in 2011 with 3,000 acres harvested for grain. Production was 177,000 bushels from an average yield of 59.0 bushels per acre compared with 84.0 bushels per acre in 2010. This is a two bushel decrease from the September 2011 estimate.

U.S. production of **other spring wheat** in 2011 is estimated at 455.2 million bushels, down 26 percent from 2010. Harvested area is 12.1 million acres, down 10 percent from last year. The United States yield is 37.7 bushels, per acre, down 8.4 bushels per acre, from last years' record high, and down 0.6 bushels per acre from the September 2011 estimate.

U.S. **barley** production in 2011 is estimated at 155.8 million bushels, down 14 percent from 2010. Harvested area at 2.2 million acres is down 9 percent from last year. The United States yield is 69.6 bushels, per acre, down 3.5 bushels per acre from last year, but up 0.4 bushels per acre from the September 2011 estimate.

Oat production in the U.S. is estimated at 53.6 million bushels, down 34 percent from 2010. Harvested area at 939,000 acres is down 26 percent from last year. The United States yield is 57.1 bushels, per acre, down 7.2 bushels per acre from last year, and down 0.4 bushels per acre from the September 2011 estimate

SMALL GRAIN SUMMARY, NOVEMBER 2011

CROP	WASHINGTON						PACIFIC NW 1/		UNITED STATES		
	Harvested		Unit	Yield		Production		Production		Production	
	2010	2011		2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	1,000 Acres							1,000			
All Wheat	2,285	2,345	Bu.	64.7	71.6	147,890	167,880	318,886	358,374	2,206,916	1,999,347
Winter Wheat	1,710	1,730	Bu.	69.0	75.0	117,990	129,750	230,480	256,415	1,484,861	1,493,677
Spring Wheat	575	615	Bu.	52.0	62.0	29,900	38,130	87,186	101,200	615,975	455,188
Barley	81	115	Bu.	72.0	74.0	5,832	8,510	52,032	57,410	180,268	155,780
Oats	5	3	Bu.	84.0	59.0	420	177	4,300	2,427	81,190	53,649

1/ Includes Oregon, Idaho, and Washington.



Wheat: Production by Class, United States, 2009-2011, Updated November 2011 1/

Year	Winter					Spring					Durum	Total
	Hard Red	Soft Red	Hard White	Soft White	All White	Hard Red	Hard White	Soft White	All White			
	1,000 Bushels											
2009	919,939	403,984	18,248	182,437	200,685	547,933	7,865	28,613	36,478	109,042	2,218,061	
2010	1,018,337	237,429	13,496	215,599	229,095	569,975	9,256	36,744	46,000	106,080	2,206,916	
2011	780,089	457,535	12,368	243,685	256,053	397,689	11,878	45,621	57,499	50,482	1,999,347	

1/ Wheat class estimates are based on the latest available data including both survey and administrative data.

To access the entire release, including the complete narrative and tables point to <http://www.nass.usda.gov/wa/press/smgrainupdate11.pdf>

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