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## Washington’s Forecasted 2011 Spring Wheat Production Up 6 Percent from 2010 Barley Production Up 24 Percent

OLYMPIA, Wash. July 12, 2011 – Based on July 1, 2011 conditions, **spring wheat** yield in Washington is forecast at 50.0 bushels per acre, 2 bushels below last years’ 52.0 bushel per acre yield. Spring wheat harvested acreage is 60,000 acres higher this year at 635,000 acres. Total production is estimated at 31.8 million bushels, 6 percent above 2010 production. **Barley** production is estimated at 7.3 million bushels, 24 percent above last year. The increase in harvested area to 110,000 acres contributed to higher production, as yield fell to 66.0 bushels per acre compared to 72.0 bushels in 2010.

**Winter wheat** yield is forecast at 69.0 bushels per acre, up 2 bushels from last month. Production in Washington is expected to reach 120.8 million bushels, up 2 percent from the 2010 crop. An increase in harvested acres to 1.75 million accounted for the increase as the yield is at the same level as 2010. Harvest is still a couple weeks behind normal due to the cool spring weather.

David Knopf, Director of the National Agricultural Statistics’ Washington Field Office, stated, “Washington’s spring and winter wheat crops look great throughout the state. The wheat is benefitting from warmer temperatures in June and heads are filling as harvest approaches in some areas.”

Total wheat production in the Pacific Northwest, including Washington, Oregon and Idaho, is estimated at 328.9 million bushels, an increase of 4 percent from 2010. Winter wheat production is expected to be 5 percent above last year and spring wheat is down slightly from 2010.

The next production estimates for wheat and barley will be published August 11, 2011.

### Wheat & Barley: Area Harvested, Yield, & Production, 2010-2011, July 1

Crop	Washington						Pacific NW 1/		United States	
	Harvested		Yield		Production		Production		Production	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	1,000 Acres		Bushels		1,000 Bushels					
Wheat:										
Winter	1,710	1,750	69	69	117,990	120,750	230,480	241,805	1,485,236	1,491,739
Spring	575	635	52	50	29,900	31,750	87,186	87,115	615,975	550,660
Barley	81	110	72	66	5,832	7,260	52,032	53,635	180,268	172,658

1/ Includes Oregon, Idaho, and Washington.

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## Winter Wheat Harvested Acreage, Yield, and Production, 2010-2011

State	Acres Harvested		Yield			Production	
	2010	2011	2010	June 2011	July 2011	2010	2011
	Acres		Bushels			1,000 Bushels	
<b>Washington</b>	<b>1,710</b>	<b>1,750</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>117,990</b>	<b>120,750</b>
Oregon	810	825	67	71	73	54,270	60,225
Idaho	710	770	82	79	79	58,220	60,830
<b>Pacific NW</b>	<b>3,230</b>	<b>3,345</b>	<b>71.4</b>	<b>70.8</b>	<b>72.3</b>	<b>230,480</b>	<b>241,805</b>
Kansas	8,000	7,800	45	34	35	360,000	273,000
Oklahoma	3,900	3,400	31	22	22	120,900	74,800
Montana	1,950	2,150	48	47	45	93,600	96,750
Colorado	2,350	2,000	45	32	36	105,750	72,000
Texas	3,750	2,000	34	26	26	127,500	52,000
Nebraska	1,490	1,400	43	44	44	64,070	61,600
Ohio	750	860	61	67	64	45,750	55,040
10 States	25,420	22,955	45.2	39.9	40.4	1,148,050	926,995
<b>U.S. Total</b>	<b>31,749</b>	<b>32,307</b>	<b>46.8</b>	<b>45.3</b>	<b>46.2</b>	<b>1,485,236</b>	<b>1,491,739</b>

## Wheat: Production by Class, United States, 2006-2011 1/

Year	Winter					Spring					Total
	Hard Red	Soft Red	Hard White	Soft White	All White	Hard Red	Hard White	Soft White	All White	Durum	
	1,000 Bushels										
2006	682,079	390,165	13,284	212,553	225,837	432,339	6,226	21,915	28,141	53,475	1,812,036
2007	955,555	352,026	21,454	170,206	191,660	450,070	5,585	23,968	29,553	72,224	2,051,088
2008	1,034,694	613,578	22,702	196,360	219,062	512,138	6,340	29,525	35,865	83,827	2,499,164
2009	919,015	403,563	18,128	182,012	200,140	547,933	7,865	28,613	36,478	109,042	2,216,171
2010	1,018,337	237,804	13,496	215,599	229,095	569,975	9,256	36,744	46,000	107,180	2,208,391
2011	791,250	457,670	11,571	231,248	242,819	504,364	8,968	37,328	46,296	63,720	2,106,119

1/ Wheat class estimates are based on the latest available data including both survey and administrative data. The previous end-of-season class percentages are used throughout the forecast season for States that do not have survey or administrative data available.

## Winter Wheat: Heads per Square Foot, Selected States, 2006-2011 1/

State & Month		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
		Number					
CO	July	34.6	41.3	37.8	44.0	47.3	45.3
	Final	34.5	41.5	38.8	43.9	48.6	2/
KS	July	39.9	43.5	44.7	45.5	44.6	42.2
	Final	39.9	43.6	44.7	45.5	44.6	2/
MT	July	42.1	38.5	38.6	37.1	44.7	44.3
	Final	42.9	38.1	39.4	36.0	45.0	2/
OK	July	31.7	42.8	41.8	38.7	36.5	37.7
	Final	31.7	42.8	41.8	38.7	36.5	2/
TX	July	29.1	38.5	30.6	35.2	35.9	32.7
	Final	29.1	38.5	31.5	35.1	35.9	2/
<b>WA</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>38.5</b>	<b>38.9</b>	<b>38.4</b>	<b>36.0</b>	<b>40.2</b>	<b>41.3</b>
	<b>Final</b>	<b>37.9</b>	<b>38.1</b>	<b>36.6</b>	<b>35.4</b>	<b>39.2</b>	<b>2/</b>

1/ Based on the number of heads counted in plots selected for the objective yield survey.

2/ Final head counts will be published in the "Small Grains 2011 Summary" in September 2011.