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Washington's 2008 June 1 Winter Wheat Production Forecast Steady

OLYMPIA, Wash., June 10, 2008--Based on June 1 conditions, **Washington's** 2008 winter wheat crop is expected to total 108.4 million bushels, slightly above the 2007 production of 108.2 million bushels. Washington growers are expected to average 63.0 bushels per acre from 1.72 million acres.

“Adequate moisture concerns dominate grain growing areas despite appreciable showers received during the last week of May.” reported David Knopf, Director, USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Washington Field Office.

In the Pacific Northwest States (Idaho, Oregon, and Washington), yields are unchanged from last month in Washington and Oregon but up 1 bushel in Idaho. Forecasted head counts from the objective yield survey in Washington are above last year. Condition ratings declined in Washington but improved in Oregon and Idaho during May. Crop progress was behind normal for all three States at the end of May.

Oregon's winter wheat production in 2008 is estimated at 45.6 million bushels, 13 percent above last year. Oregon's harvested acres, at 760,000 acres, are 25,000 acres above last year; yields, at 60.0 bushels per acre, are 5 bushels above the 2007 crop.

Idaho's winter wheat production, at 61.3 million bushels, is 18 percent above last year. Idaho growers are expected to harvest 840,000 acres, up 130,000 acres from last year, and yields are expected to average 73.0 bushels per acre, unchanged from 2007.

Hard Red production is up 2 percent from a month ago to 1.03 billion bushels. **Soft Red** is up 4 percent from last month and now totals 572 million bushels. White production totals 216 million bushels, up slightly from last month. Of the White production total, 23.2 million bushels are Hard White and 193 million bushels are **Soft White**.



**Winter Wheat Harvested Acreage, Yield, and Production,
2006-2007, Forecasted June 1, 2008**

State	Acres Harvested			Yield				Production		
	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008		2006	2007	2008
						May 1	Jun 1			
	Bushels/Acre				1,000 Bushels					
Washington	1,800	1,690	1,720	66	64	63	63	118,800	108,160	108,360
Oregon	730	735	760	53	55	60	60	38,690	40,425	45,600
Idaho	710	710	840	77	73	72	73	54,670	51,830	61,320
Pacific NW	3,240	3,135	3,320	65.5	63.9	64.6	64.8	212,160	200,415	215,280
Kansas	9,100	8,600	9,400	32	33	38	38	291,200	283,800	357,200
Oklahoma	3,400	3,500	4,500	24	28	33	35	81,600	98,000	157,500
Montana	1,920	2,190	2,600	43	38	34	35	82,560	83,220	91,000
Colorado	1,900	2,350	2,100	21	40	32	30	39,900	94,000	63,000
Ohio	960	730	1,000	68	63	64	67	65,280	45,990	67,000
Texas	1,400	3,800	3,400	24	37	29	30	33,600	140,600	102,000
Nebraska	1,700	1,960	1,850	36	43	44	43	61,200	84,280	79,550
10 States	23,620	26,265	28,170	36.7	39.2	39.7	40.2	867,500	1,030,305	1,132,530
U.S. Total	31,117	35,952	40,162	41.7	42.2	44.3	45.3	1,298,081	1,515,989	1,817,364

Wheat: Production by Class, United States, 2006-2008 1/ 2/

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	961,588	357,897	21,460	175,044	196,504	448,904	5,589	24,554	30,143	71,686	2,066,722
2008	1,029,523	571,627	23,212	193,002	216,214						

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.

2/ Spring production by class and total production will be published in "Crop Production" released July 11, 2008.

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