



## Wisconsin - Small Grains

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### Production Up for Wisconsin Winter Wheat, Down for Oats

Wisconsin winter wheat production for 2011 was 21.8 million bushels, up 48 percent from 14.7 million bushels in 2010. Winter wheat acres planted increased 105,000 acres from the previous year to 345,000 acres, while harvested acres also increased by 105,000 acres, to 335,000 acres. The 2011 Wisconsin winter wheat yield of 65 bushels per acre was up 1 bushel from 2010.

Nationally, all wheat production was 2.01 billion bushels, down 9 percent from 2010. There were 54.4 million wheat acres planted and 45.7 million acres harvested during the 2011 growing season. Planted acres increased 816,000 acres from 2010, while harvested acres decreased 1.90 million acres. All wheat yielded 43.9 bushels per acre, down 2.4 bushels from last year. U.S. winter wheat production was 1.49 billion bushels, up 8.82 million bushels from 2010. Planted acres were up 9 percent to 40.6 million acres, and harvested acres increased 2 percent to 32.3 million acres. Nationwide, winter wheat yielded 46.2 bushels per acre this growing season, 0.6 bushel below 2010.

In Wisconsin, oats planted acres totaled 210,000 in 2011, down 32 percent from 2010. There were 115,000 acres harvested, 55,000 acres less than last year. The 2011 oats yield was 62.0 bushels per acre, up 4 bushels from the previous year. Despite the higher yield, the fewer harvested acres resulted in a 28 percent decrease in production from 2010, to a total of 7.13 million bushels. Wisconsin was the top oats producing state in 2011, above Minnesota, which was the top producer last year.

U.S. oat production totaled a record low 54.0 million bushels, down 33 percent from 2010. Yield was 57.5 bushels per acre, down 6.8 bushels from last year. Yields decreased from last year for Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota, the next three highest oat producers after Wisconsin. Harvested area, at 940,000 acres, was 26 percent below the previous year. This was the smallest acreage harvested for grain on record, continuing a steady downward trend.

Wisconsin produced 705,000 bushels of barley in 2011, down 51 percent from 2010. Area planted to barley, at 33,000 acres, was down 27 percent from last year, while area harvested, at 15,000 acres, was down 50 percent. Yield was down 1 bushel from the previous year to 47 bushels per acre.

At the national level, barley production fell 14 percent from 2010 to 155 million bushels, the lowest since 1936. Yield was 69.2 bushels per acre, down 3.9 bushels from the previous year. There were 2.56 million acres planted to barley, an 11 percent drop from last year. This was the lowest planted acreage on record. Harvested acres declined 9 percent to 2.24 million acres, the lowest level since 1881.

**WINTER WHEAT, OATS, AND BARLEY  
Acreage, Yield, and Production,  
Wisconsin, 2010-2011**

Grain	Planted		Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	1,000 Acres				Bushels		1,000 Bushels	
Winter Wheat	240	345	230	335	64	65	14,720	21,775
Oats	310	210	170	115	58	62	9,860	7,130
Barley	45	33	30	15	48	47	1,440	705

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