

Higher Yields for Small Grains in Wisconsin

Winter wheat production for 2009 in Wisconsin was 21.4 million bushels, down 3 percent from 2008, but still the second highest since 1909. Winter wheat acres planted decreased 15,000 from the previous year to 335,000 acres, while harvested acres decreased 20,000 to 315,000 acres. The 2009 winter wheat yield of 68 bushels per acre was up 2 bushels from 2008. Statewide, 94 percent of winter wheat harvesting was complete on August 24, below the 5-year average of 98 percent. Growers saw little or no disease.

Nationally, all wheat production was 2.22 billion bushels, a decrease of 11 percent from the previous year. There were 59.0 million wheat acres planted and 50.0 million acres harvested during the 2009 growing season. Planted acres decreased 4.1 million acres, while harvested acres decreased 5.6 million acres from 2008. All wheat yielded 44.4 bushels per acre, a 0.5 bushel decrease from the previous year. Winter wheat production dropped 18 percent, with 1.52 billion bushels harvested. Planted acres were down 6 percent to 43.3 million acres, and harvested acres decreased 13 percent to 34.5 million acres. Winter wheat yielded 44.2 bushels per acre this growing season, 2.9 bushels below the previous year.

In Wisconsin, the number of planted acres of oats in 2009 was up 40,000 from the previous year to 310,000 acres. There were 195,000 acres harvested, 5,000 acres more than 2008. Oats in 2009 yielded 68.0 bushels per acre, an increase of 6 bushels from the previous year. This matches the record yield set in 2000. Production was up 13 percent to a total of 13.3 million bushels. Wisconsin was the highest producing state for oats this year after being second in 2008.

U.S. oat production totaled 93.3 million bushels. This is 4.1 million bushels above last year's record low. Acres planted increased 5 percent to 3.40 million acres, while acres harvested were down 2 percent to 1.38 million acres. This is the third consecutive year that oats acres harvested has set a record low. Oats yielded 67.6 bushels per acre nationally, up 3.9 bushels from 2008. Compared with last year, yields increased for most States in the western third of the country and for several Appalachian States.

Wisconsin produced 1.48 million bushels of barley in 2009, a 9 percent decline from the previous year. Area planted to barley increased 2,000 acres from 2008 to 45,000 acres. Area harvested decreased 5,000 acres to 25,000 acres in 2009. Yields were up 5 bushels from the previous year to 59 bushels per acre.

At the national level, barley production fell 5 percent from 2008 to 227 million bushels. There were 3.57 million acres planted to barley in the U.S., a drop off of 679,000 acres from 2008. Harvested acres declined 656,000 acres to 3.12 million acres. Harvested acres were down in North Dakota, Idaho, and Montana, the three highest producing states. Nationally, barley yielded 72.8 bushels per acre, a 9.2 bushel per acre jump from the previous year.

Wisconsin Acres Planted to Winter Wheat and Oats, 2000-2009

