

CROP PRODUCTION

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SMALL GRAIN PRODUCTION DOWN FROM 2003

Based on July 1 conditions, the Minnesota **SPRING WHEAT** crop is forecast at 73.8 million bushels, down 29% from last year according to the Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service. Yield is forecast at 47 bushels per acre, down 11 bushels per acre from last year. Acres for harvest are down 13% from 2003 at 1.57 million acres.

BARLEY growers expect a crop of 5.2 million bushels, down 59% from last year. Yield at 58 bushels per acre is down 17 bushels from last year. Acres to be harvested are estimated at 90,000 acres, down 47% from 2003.

OAT production is forecast at 12.2 million bushels, down 35% from 2003. Yield at 61 bushels is down 10 bushels from 2003. Acres to be harvested are estimated at 200,000 acres, down 65,000 acres from last year.

FALL POTATO acres planted totaled 53,000 acres. Harvested acres are estimated to be 49,000 acres. The planted and harvested levels are down 12% and 16% respectively, from 2003.

U.S. HIGHLIGHTS

SPRING WHEAT production is forecast at 501 million bushels, down 6% from 2003. The U.S. yield is forecast at 37.9 bushels per acre, 1.8 bushels lower than last year. Of this total, 459 million is Hard Red Spring wheat, down 8% from last season.

WINTER WHEAT production is forecast at 1.47 billion bushels. This is down 4% from last month and 14% from 2003. The U.S. yield is forecast at 42.2 bushels per acre, down 1.4 bushels from last month.

DURUM WHEAT production is forecast at 88.6 million bushels, down 8% from 2003. The U.S. yield is forecast at 33.2 bushels per acre, 0.5 bushels less than last year.

BARLEY production for 2004 is forecast at 264 million bushels, 5% below 2003. Based on July 1 conditions, the average yield is forecast at 63.5 bushels per acre, up 4.6 bushels from last year.

OAT production is forecast at 122 million bushels, 16% below last year's 145 million bushels. The forecasted yield is 62.9 bushels per acre, 2.1 bushels below 2003.

Area planted to **FALL POTATOES** this year is estimated at 1.04 million acres, down 6% from last year. Harvest is expected from 1.02 million acres, down 6% from a year ago.

MINNESOTA & U.S. SMALL GRAIN HARVESTED ACRES, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION

COMMODITY	2003 HARVESTED ACRES	2004 HARVESTED ACRES	2003 YIELD	2004 YIELD	2003 PRODUCTION	2004 PRODUCTION
	-1,000 ACRES-		-BUSHEL-		-1,000 BUSHEL-	
MINNESOTA						
SPRING WHEAT	1,800	1,570	58.0	47.0	104,400	73,790
BARLEY	170	90	75.0	58.0	12,750	5,220
OATS	265	200	71.0	61.0	18,815	12,200
UNITED STATES						
SPRING WHEAT	13,429	13,210	39.7	37.9	532,820	500,765
DURUM WHEAT	2,869	2,671	33.7	33.2	96,637	88,571
WINTER WHEAT	36,541	34,825	46.7	42.2	1,707,069	1,469,735
BARLEY	4,688	4,152	58.9	63.5	276,087	263,502
OATS	2,224	1,938	65.0	62.9	144,649	121,860