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On: TEXAS WHEAT PRODUCTION
DOWN 33 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

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AUSTIN . . . The 2009 Texas winter wheat crop is forecast at 66.2 million bushels, down 33 percent from last year and down 53 percent from 2007. This estimate is up 2 percent from the June forecast.

According to a July 1 survey conducted by the Texas Field Office, statewide yield is expected to average 27 bushels per acre, down 3 bushels from last year and unchanged from the June forecast. Harvested acreage, at 2.45 million acres, is down 26 percent from the 2008 crop but up 2 percent from June 1.

Production on the Northern High Plains is forecast at 38.3 million bushels, up 7 percent from last year. Winter wheat production on the Low Plains is forecast at 6.9 million bushels, down 33 percent from last year. Blacklands' production is estimated at 11.0 million bushels, down 75 percent from last year. Production on the Southern High Plains is forecast at 5.1 million bushels, 38 percent less than the 2008 crop.

United States winter wheat production for 2009 is forecast at 1.52 billion bushels, a decrease of 18 percent from last year and up 2 percent from the June forecast. Yield is expected to average 43.8 bushels per acre, down 3.4 from a year ago and down 0.1 bushels from the last forecast. Acreage to be harvested for grain is expected to total 34.8 million acres, down 12 percent from a year ago and unchanged from the June forecast.

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TEXAS WHEAT: ACREAGE, YIELD AND PRODUCTION, 2008 AND 2009 ^{1/}

Districts	Planted acres		Harvested acres		Yield per acre		Production	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	<i>1,000 acres</i>		<i>1,000 acres</i>		<i>Bushels</i>		<i>1,000 bushels</i>	
1-N	2,296.0	2,000.0	1,193.0	1,300.0	29.9	29.5	35,728	38,300
1-S	475.0	530.0	219.0	164.0	37.3	31.1	8,160	5,100
2-N	684.0	630.0	431.0	220.0	28.5	19.1	12,294	4,200
2-S	1,024.0	1,270.0	679.0	170.0	22.5	15.9	15,250	2,700
3	435.0	620.0	190.4	97.0	24.6	12.4	4,687	1,200
4	492.0	640.0	361.0	360.0	45.7	30.6	16,495	11,000
5-N	36.0	80.0	15.5	17.0	57.7	24.1	895	410
7	218.5	270.0	129.0	65.0	22.2	26.2	2,868	1,700
8-N	54.0	60.0	29.0	32.0	24.1	28.8	700	920
Other districts	85.5	100.0	53.1	25.0	36.2	24.8	1,923	620
STATE	5,800.0	6,200.0	3,300.0	2,450.0	30.0	27.0	99,000	66,150

^{1/} July 1, 2009.

