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Texas Wheat Production Estimated at 46.8 Million Bushels

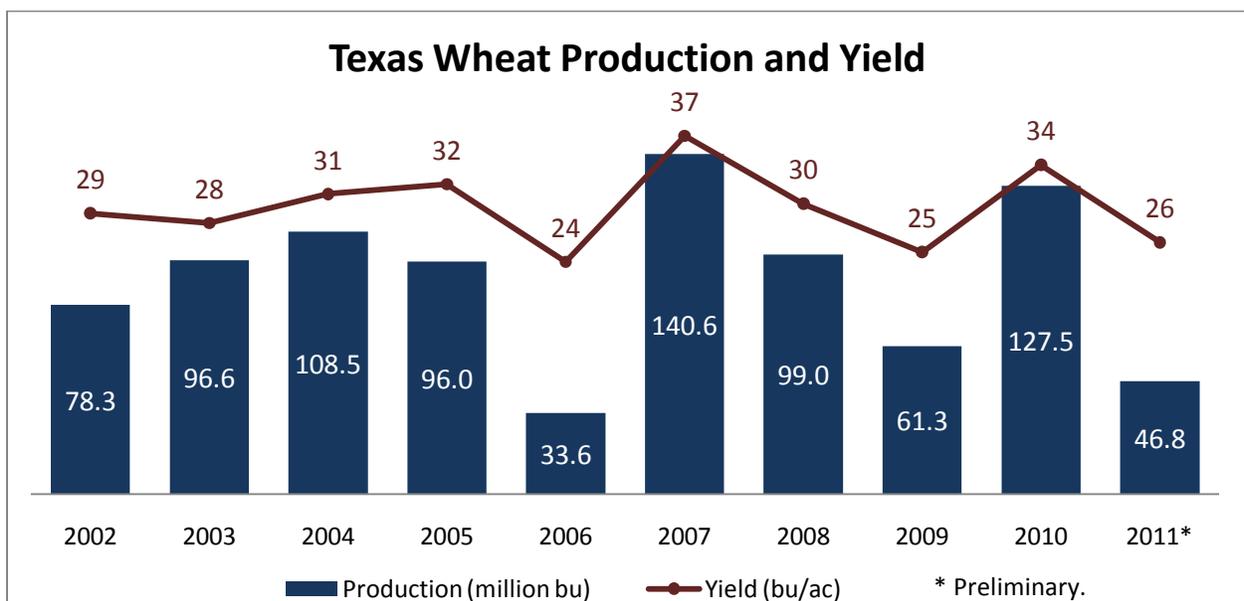
According to a May 1 survey conducted by the USDA-NASS, Texas Field Office, Texas wheat producers expect to harvest 46.8 million bushels, down from 127.5 million in 2010 and down 24 percent from 2009. This forecast is down 28 percent from the Texas April forecast.

Statewide yield is expected to average 26 bushels per acre, down 8 bushels from last year, and up 1 bushel from two years ago. Harvested acreage for grain, at 1.8 million acres, is down 52 percent from 2010.

Production on the Northern High Plains is forecast at 16.8 million bushels, down 73 percent from last year. Winter wheat production in the Blacklands is forecast at 16.6 million bushels, up 92 percent from last year. The Low Plains' production is estimated at 6.6 million bushels, down from 33.4 million bushels last year.

On May 1, 76 percent of the Texas winter wheat acreage was rated poor to very poor, compared to 8 percent poor to very poor last year.

United States winter wheat production for 2011 is forecast at 1.42 billion bushels, down 4 percent from 2010. Yield is expected to average 44.5 bushels per acre, 2.3 bushels less than a year ago. Acreage to be harvested for grain is expected to total 32 million acres, up 1 percent from last year.



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Texas Wheat District Estimates 2010 and 2011 ¹

District	Planted Acres		Harvested Acres		Yield per Acre		Production	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011 ²	2010	2011
	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>bushels</i>	<i>bushels</i>	<i>1,000 bushels</i>	<i>1,000 bushels</i>
1 – N	2184.0	1,800.0	1723.0	600.0	35.5	28.0	61,236.0	16,800.0
1 – S	595.0	560.0	270.0	32.0	33.5	30.5	9,054.0	970.0
2 – N	697.0	660.0	422.0	145.0	29.6	15.0	12,498.0	2,200.0
2 – S	1069.5	1,000.0	689.2	287.0	30.3	15.5	20,883.0	4,400.0
3	432.2	530.0	177.9	126.0	29.3	14.5	5,210.0	1,800.0
4	319.3	600.0	198.2	435.0	43.6	38.0	8,635.0	16,600.0
5 – N	25.4	70.0	4.6	14.5	41.6	42.0	191.2	610.0
7	249.0	240.0	183.0	74.1	34.6	20.0	6,335.0	1,500.0
8 – N	55.9	80.0	37.7	17.0	44.5	17.5	1,677.0	300.0
Other districts	72.7	110.0	44.4	69.4	40.1	23.5	1,780.0	1,620.0
State	5,700.0	5,650.0	3,750.0	1,800.0	34.0	26.0	127,500.0	46,800.0

¹ Preliminary May 1, 2011. ² Yield is rounding to nearest half bushel.

The May wheat yield and production forecast are based on two surveys conducted by the Texas Field Office of USDA-NASS: a farm operator survey and an objective yield survey. The farm operator survey was conducted primarily by telephone with some use of mail, internet and personal interviewers. The objective yield survey collects actual stalk counts and head weights from plots set up in producer fields across the state.

Link to the US report: <http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProd//2010s/2011/CropProd-05-11-2011.pdf>

Link to USDA-NASS website: www.nass.usda.gov