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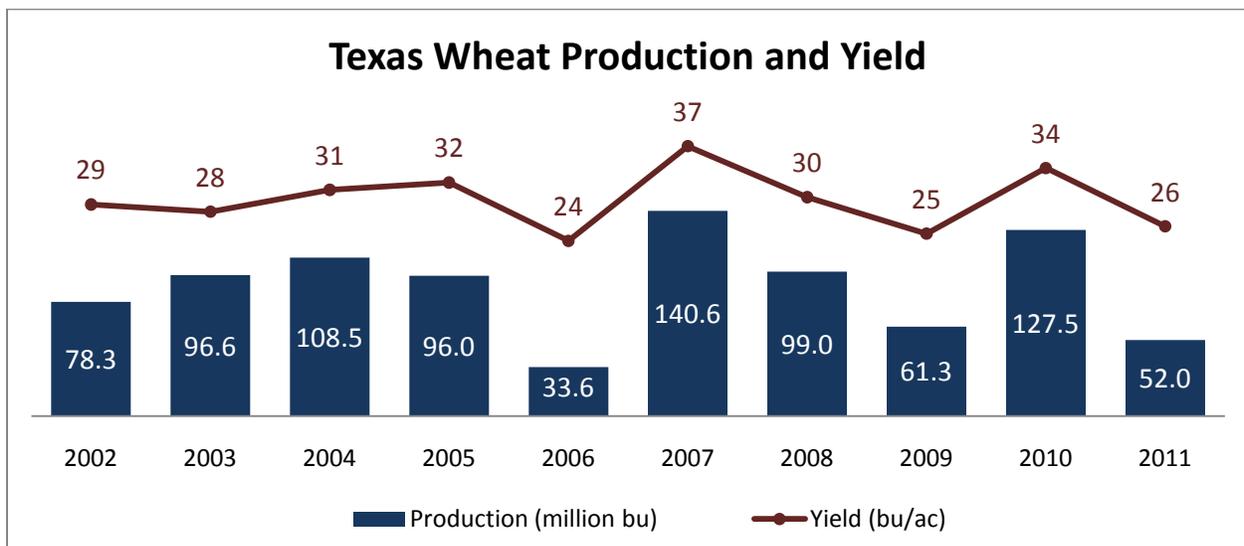
## Texas Wheat Production Estimated at 52.0 Million Bushels

According to an August 1 survey conducted by the USDA-NASS, Texas Field Office, Texas wheat producers expect to harvest 52.0 million bushels, down from 127.5 million in 2010 and down 15 percent from 2009. Production is unchanged from the July 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 is unchanged from July at 2.0 million acres and down 47 percent from 2010.

Production on the Northern High Plains is forecast at 17.5 million bushels, down 71 percent from last year. Winter wheat production in the Blacklands is forecast at 18.1 million bushels, up 9.4 million from last year. The Low Plains' production is estimated at 7.6 million bushels, down from 33.4 million bushels last year.

United States winter wheat production for 2011 is forecast at 1.5 billion bushels, slightly higher than last month and up 1 percent from 2010. Yield is expected to average 46.3 bushels per acre, 0.5 bushels less than a year ago. Acreage to be harvested for grain is expected to total 32.3 million acres, up 2 percent from last year.



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**Texas Wheat District Estimates 2010 and 2011 <sup>1</sup>**

District	Planted Acres		Harvested Acres		Yield per Acre		Production	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011 <sup>2</sup>	2010	2011
	<i>1,000 acres</i>		<i>1,000 acres</i>		<i>bushels</i>		<i>1,000 bushels</i>	
1 – N	2,184.0	1,800.0	1,723.0	632.0	35.5	27.5	61,236.0	17,467.0
2 – N	697.0	660.0	422.0	158.0	29.6	17.0	12,498.0	2,703.0
2 – S	1,069.5	1,000.0	689.2	328.0	30.3	15.0	20,883.0	4,920.0
3	432.2	530.0	177.9	201.0	29.3	13.5	5,210.0	2,683.0
4	319.3	600.0	198.2	450.0	43.6	40.0	8,635.0	18,070.0
5 – N	25.4	70.0	4.6	14.5	41.6	51.0	191.2	739.0
7	249.0	240.0	183.0	53.2	34.6	16.5	6,335.0	877.0
8 – N	55.9	80.0	37.7	30.0	44.5	32.0	1,677.0	955.0
Other districts	667.7	670.0	314.4	133.3	34.5	27.0	10,834.8	3,586.0
<b>State</b>	<b>5,700.0</b>	<b>5,650.0</b>	<b>3,750.0</b>	<b>2,000.0</b>	<b>34.0</b>	<b>26.0</b>	<b>127,500.0</b>	<b>52,000.0</b>

<sup>1</sup> August 1, 2011. <sup>2</sup> Yield is rounded to the nearest half bushels.

**Survey procedures:** Objective yield and farm operator surveys were conducted between July 25 and August 5 to gather information on expected yields as of August 1. The objective yield survey for wheat was conducted in the major producing States that usually account for about 75 percent of the United States production. Farm operators were interviewed to update previously reported acreage data and seek permission to randomly locate two sample plots in selected fields for the objective yield survey. The counts made within each sample plot depend on the crop and the maturity of that crop. In all cases, the number of plants is recorded along with other measurements that provide information to forecast the number of heads and their weight. The counts are used with similar data from previous years to develop a projected biological yield. The average harvesting loss is subtracted to obtain a net yield. The plots are revisited each month until crop maturity when the fruit are harvested and weighed. After the farm operator has harvested the sample field, another plot is sampled to obtain current year harvesting loss.

The farm operator survey was conducted primarily by telephone with some use of mail, internet, and personal interviews. Approximately 27,000 producers were interviewed during the survey period and asked questions about probable yield. These growers will continue to be surveyed throughout the growing season to provide indications of average yields.

Link to the US report: <http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProd//2010s/2011/CropProd-08-11-2011.pdf>

Link to USDA-NASS website: [www.nass.usda.gov/index.asp](http://www.nass.usda.gov/index.asp)