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WHEAT ACREAGE, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION - JUNE 1, 2006

Crop and Location	Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	1,000 Acres		Tons		1,000 Tons	
WINTER						
California	300	220	2.16	2.10	648	462
U.S.	33,794	31,177	1.33	1.22	44,974	37,913
DURUM						
California	69	60	2.85	3.00	197	180
Arizona	79	70	3.00	3.00	237	210
U.S.	2,716	<u>a/</u>	1.12	<u>b/</u>	3,033	<u>b/</u>

a/ Published June 30, 2006

b/ Published July 12, 2006

WHEAT FORECAST

The California winter wheat production forecast, at 462 thousand tons, is 29 percent below 2005. Acreage harvested for grain is 27 percent below last year. Yields are expected to be 2.10 tons per acre, down 3 percent from last year.

U.S. winter wheat production is forecast at 37.9 million tons, 16 percent below June 2005. Based on June 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 1.22 tons per acre, 8 percent below 2005. Harvested area, forecast at 31.2 million acres, is down 8 percent from 2005.

California's Durum wheat production is forecast at 180 thousand tons, 9 percent below 2005. Acreage expected for harvest, at 60.0 thousand, is 13 percent below last year. The expected yield of 3.00 tons per acre is 5 percent above the previous year. The Durum wheat harvest is nearly complete. A cool growing season allowed for good grain fill and better yields than last year.

The U.S. estimates for Durum wheat production for states other than Arizona and California will not be available until July 12, 2006.

SWEET POTATOES

California's 2005 sweet potato production is estimated at 3.34 million cwt., 4 percent above 2004. Harvested acreage is estimated at 11.7 thousand acres, 2 percent above 2004. The yield, at 285 cwt. per acre, is 2 percent above 2004.

Nationally, production for the 2005 crop year is revised to 15.7 million cwt., virtually unchanged from the annual estimate made in January, but down 2 percent from 2004. Area harvested, at 88.4 thousand acres, is up 1 percent from January, but down 5 percent from 2004. The average yield, at 178 cwt. per acre, is down 1 cwt. from the January estimate, but 4 cwt. above 2004. This is the largest yield on record, surpassing the previous record high of 174 cwt. set in 2004.

TOP PRODUCING COUNTIES OF 2005 FOR ALL WHEAT TONNAGE PRODUCED

KINGS	137,910
FRESNO	120,330
IMPERIAL	97,470
YOLO	81,390
KERN	72,600
COLUSA	54,720
TULARE	51,960
SOLANO	37,560
SAN JOAQUIN	33,360
SISKIYOU	29,370
RIVERSIDE	29,310
SUTTER	27,030
MODOC	16,650
MERCED	14,010
MADERA	11,910

SWEET POTATOES 1/

State	Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	1,000 Acres		Cwt.		1,000 Cwt.	
Alabama	2.3	2.5	165	150	380	375
California	11.5	11.7	280	285	3,220	3,335
Louisiana	15.5	17.0	150	145	2,325	2,465
Mississippi	15.3	17.3	170	180	2,601	3,114
New Jersey	1.2	1.2	140	130	168	156
No. Carolina	43.0	35.0	160	170	6,880	5,950
So. Carolina	0.8	0.8	120	160	96	128
Texas	2.8	2.6	140	65	392	169
Virginia	0.4	0.3	125	125	50	38
U.S.	92.8	88.4	174	178	16,112	15,730

1/ Revised 2005 data.

JUNE 1 FALL POTATO STOCKS

The 13 major potato States held 40.0 million cwt. of potatoes in storage June 1, 2006, down 23 percent from last year and 13 percent below June 1, 2004, for comparable States. Ohio and Pennsylvania were dropped from the potato stocks program starting with the 2005 storage season. Potatoes in storage account for 11 percent of the 2005 fall storage States' production, down 2 percent from last year. Disappearance of 333 million cwt. from the start of harvest to June 1 is down 4 percent from last year for comparable States. Shrink and loss, at 24.7 million cwt., is down 23 percent from last year for comparable States. Processors have used 167 million cwt. of 2005 crop potatoes so far this season, down 3 percent from a year ago and 4 percent below two years ago. Dehydrating usage accounts for 33.8 million cwt. of the total processing, down 12 percent from last year and 14 percent below the same date in 2004.

JUNE 1 FALL POTATO PRODUCTION AND STOCKS 1/

State	Crop of 2004			Crop of 2005		
	Production	Total Stocks June 1, 2005 2/	Percent of Production	Production	Total Stocks June 1, 2006 2/	Percent of Production
	1,000 Cwt.		Percent	1,000 Cwt.		Percent
CA	3,648	---	---	3,240	260	8
CO	23,791	3,600	15	22,292	2,200	10
ID	131,970	24,000	18	116,975	17,500	15
ME	19,065	2,900	15	15,736	2,700	17
MI	13,650	---	---	13,920	---	---
MN	18,920	3,500	18	17,630	2,000	11
MT	3,551	---	---	3,434	---	---
NE	9,288	---	---	8,245	---	---
NY	5,184	---	---	5,226	---	---
ND	26,765	4,800	18	20,500	1,300	6
OH 3/	1,080	---	---	---	---	---
OR	19,775	2,100	11	22,023	2,500	11
PA 3/	2,640	---	---	---	---	---
WA	93,810	8,000	9	95,480	9,000	9
WI	30,450	1,600	5	27,880	1,700	6
Other States	---	1,200	---	---	800	---
15-STATE TOTAL 4/	403,587	51,700	13	372,581	39,960	11

1/ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant the following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2005 totaled 24.7 million cwt.

2/ Missing stocks included in "Other States."

3/ Stock estimates discontinued for the 2005 crop.

4/ 13-State Total for the 2005 crop.



U.S. COTTON GINNING

A total of 23.3 million running bales were ginned during the 2005 season, 3 percent above 2004's ginnings of 22.6 million running bales. A 6 percent increase in acres harvested from last season contributed to the higher ginnings.

There were 887 active cotton gins during the 2005 season, down from the 896 gins that operated in 2004. Fifty-five percent of the gins processed more than 20.0 thousand bales compared with 53 percent the previous season.

**COTTON GINNING:
RUNNING BALES GINNED (excluding linters)
BY TYPE, STATE AND UNITED STATES - CROP YEARS 2002-05**

Type and State	2002	2003	2004	2005
	Bales			
ALL COTTON				
Alabama	566,200	799,950	797,350	831,750
Arizona	596,200	514,000	678,350	579,050
Arkansas	1,615,150	1,735,600	2,016,500	2,099,700
California	2,008,300	1,822,950	2,414,850	1,590,250
Florida	67,300	122,200	92,900	112,100
Georgia	1,549,550	2,041,400	1,749,800	2,101,650
Kansas	68,300	89,200	65,350	92,350
Louisiana	749,050	1,028,300	888,250	1,105,650
Mississippi	1,880,500	2,063,250	2,274,250	2,089,300
Missouri	579,200	675,800	808,700	864,400
New Mexico	58,700	56,800	67,750	72,300
North Carolina	782,300	1,007,450	1,324,150	1,398,300
Oklahoma	203,500	205,350	289,050	341,000
South Carolina	127,000	311,450	369,100	391,500
Tennessee	788,950	853,900	958,550	1,083,250
Texas	4,981,500	4,274,850	7,618,050	8,333,750
Virginia	88,750	106,450	142,600	166,750
UNITED STATES	16,710,450	17,708,900	22,555,550	23,253,050
AMERICAN-PIMA				
Arizona	16,800	4,400	5,300	6,750
California	581,500	356,450	656,200	537,300
New Mexico	18,000	12,550	17,650	20,650
Texas	38,700	43,450	37,750	42,300
UNITED STATES	655,000	416,850	716,900	607,000

**CALIFORNIA COTTON GINNING:
ALL COTTON RUNNING BALES GINNED (excluding linters),
EQUIVALENT 480-POUND BALES GINNED, RUNNING BALES
PRODUCED BY COUNTY, AND U.S. COUNTY RANK - 2005 CROP**

County	Running Bales Ginned	Equivalent 480-Pound Bales Ginned	Running Bales Produced	U.S. Rank by Running Bales Produced
Colusa 1/	---	---	5,450	371
Fresno	583,300	606,400	494,350	1
Glenn	0	0	1,400	477
Imperial 1/	---	---	20,100	240
Kern	280,800	290,350	292,600	12
Kings	314,100	326,600	367,100	9
Madera 1/	---	---	34,650	174
Merced 1/	---	---	159,500	34
Riverside 1/	---	---	41,400	145
San Bernardino	0	0	1,050	498
San Joaquin	0	0	800	513
Sutter 1/	---	---	9,800	319
Tulare	171,600	177,050	136,950	41
STATE TOTAL	1,590,250	1,647,900	1,565,150	---

1/ Not published to avoid disclosing individual gins, but included in "State Total."

CALIFORNIA FIELD CROP PRICES - MAY 2006

Mid-May prices received by California farmers increased from April for dry edible beans, all potatoes, and hay other than alfalfa. Prices for alfalfa hay were below the previous month's level, while fall potatoes and all hay remained unchanged from the previous month. Wheat and Upland cotton lint prices were not published in order to avoid disclosure of individual buyers. There were insufficient sales to establish a mid-month price for oats and barley. Prices at mid-May were above a year earlier for dry edible beans, all potatoes, spring potatoes, and hay other than alfalfa. All hay and alfalfa hay were below May 2005's level, while fall potatoes remained the same.

The May All Crops Index is 126, up 2.4 percent from April and 8.6 percent above May 2005. From April, index increases for food grains, potatoes & dry beans, and feed grains & hay more than offset the index decreases for commercial vegetables and cotton.

The May Food Grains Index, at 132, is 5.6 percent above the previous month and 21 percent above a year ago. The May all wheat price, at \$135.67 per ton, is up \$8.67 from April and \$25.34 above May 2005.

The May Feed Grains & Hay Index is 107, up 4.9 percent from last month and 8.1 percent above a year ago. The corn price, at \$77.50 per ton, is up \$2.14 from last month and \$6.79 above May 2005. The all hay price, at \$114.00 per ton, is up \$8.00 from April and \$7.00 above last May. Grain sorghum, at \$3.84 per cwt., is 14 cents above April and 79 cents above May last year.

U.S. PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in May, at 114 based on 1990-92=100, increased one point (0.9 percent) from April. The Crop Index is up three points (2.4 percent), but the Livestock Index decreased one point (1.0 percent). Producers received higher prices for lettuce, hogs, onions, and grapefruit. Lower prices were received for cattle, asparagus, tomatoes, and eggs. The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased average marketings of grapes, sweet corn, cantaloupe, and broilers offset decreased marketings of cattle, milk, calves, and apples.

The May Cotton Index, at 78, is down 2.5 percent from April, but 20 percent above last year. The May price, at 47.2 cents per pound, is down 1.4 cents from the previous month, but 7.6 cents above last May.

The May Potatoes & Dry Beans Index, at 140, is up 5.3 percent from last month and 15 percent above May 2005. The all potato price, at \$8.29 per cwt., is up 32 cents from April and up \$2.06 from last May. The all dry bean price, at \$22.80 per cwt., is up \$3.80 from the previous month, but \$8.30 below May 2005.

Preliminary All Farm Products Index is down five points (4.2 percent) from May 2005. The Food Commodities Index, at 115, increased one point (0.9 percent) from last month, but decreased seven points (5.7 percent) from May 2005.

FARM PRICES: AVERAGE PRICE RECEIVED BY FARMERS 1/

Commodity	Unit	CALIFORNIA			UNITED STATES		
		May 2005	April 2006	May 15, 2006	May 2005	April 2006	May 15, 2006
		Dollars					
Corn 2/	Ton	---	---	---	70.71	75.36	77.50
Wheat 2/	Ton	121.33	134.67	3/	110.33	127.00	135.67
Oats 2/	Ton	---	4/	4/	102.50	109.38	110.00
Barley 2/	Ton	3/	3/	4/	102.50	111.25	112.50
Sorghum Grain 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	3.05	3.70	3.84
Rice 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	6.98	8.19	7.99
Dry Edible Beans 2/	Cwt.	35.40	42.40	43.60	31.10	19.00	22.80
All Potatoes 5/	Cwt.	12.80	15.70	17.90	6.23	7.97	8.29
Winter	Cwt.	---	24.50	---	---	---	---
Spring	Cwt.	13.60	---	19.50	---	---	---
Summer	Cwt.	---	---	---	---	---	---
Fall	Cwt.	8.20	8.20	8.20	---	---	---
All Hay, Baled 2/	Ton	136.00	130.00	130.00	107.00	106.00	114.00
Alfalfa Hay, Baled 2/	Ton	144.00	134.00	133.00	116.00	110.00	118.00
Other Hay, Baled 2/	Ton	102.00	108.00	109.00	75.40	93.20	96.80
Upland Cotton Lint 2/	Lb.	0.550	0.624	3/	0.396	0.486	0.472
Cottonseed	Ton	---	---	---	---	---	---

1/ The estimated prices shown in the table represent composite average prices received by farmers. They are averages for all grades, classes, and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

2/ Previous month revised to monthly average.

3/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual buyers.

4/ Insufficient sales to establish a price.

5/ Monthly average

INDEX NUMBER OF PRICES RECEIVED AND PRICES PAID BY FARMERS, UNITED STATES

Index	1910-14 = 100			1990-92 = 100		
	May 2005	April 2006	May 2006	May 2005	April 2006	May 2006
Prices Received						
All Farm Products	756	716 1/	723	119	113 1/	114
All Crops	572	607 1/	622	116	123 1/	126
Food Grains	347	398 1/	421	109	125 1/	132
Feed Grains and Hay	353	363	382	99	102 1/	107
Cotton	335	411 1/	399	65	80 1/	78
Potatoes and Dry Edible Beans	616	671 1/	707	122	133 1/	140
Prices Paid by Farmers for Commodities, Services, Interest, Taxes and Wage Rates 2/	1,859	1,950 1/	1,950	140	146 1/	146
Parity Ratio 3/	41	37 1/	37	85	77 1/	78

1/ Revised.

2/ All production indexes as of 15th of month.

3/ Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid, Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates.

SUGAR BEETS

California's 2005 sugar beet production is estimated at 1.72 million tons, 14 percent below 2004. Planted acreage is estimated at 44.4 thousand acres, down 10 percent from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 44.1 thousand acres, 10 percent below 2004. The yield, at 38.9 tons per acre, is 5 percent below 2004. Harvest in the Imperial Valley will not be completed until mid-July.

Nationally, the 2005 sugar beet production is revised to 27.5 million tons, 8 percent below 2004, Area harvested totaled a revised 1.24 million acres, 5 percent below the previous year and the smallest harvested area since 2001. The revised yield is 22.2 tons per acre, 3 percent below the 2004 yield.

SUGAR BEETS 1/ 2/

State	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	1,000 Acres				Tons		1,000 Tons	
California	49.1	44.4	48.9	44.1	40.8	38.9	1,995	1,715
Idaho	195.0	169.0	192.0	167.0	28.7	27.1	5,510	4,526
Oregon	12.9	9.8	12.6	9.7	31.4	32.1	396	311
Washington	3.8	1.7	3.8	1.7	37.9	40.6	144	69
UNITED STATES	1,345.6	1,299.8	1,306.7	1,242.9	23.0	22.2	30,021	27,537

1/ Relates to year of intended harvest in all states, except California. In California, relates to year of intended harvest for fall planted beets in central California, but to year of planting for overwintered beets in central and southern California.

2/ Revised 2005 data.