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WHEAT FORECAST

The California winter wheat production forecast, at 630 thousand tons, is 38 percent below last year. The 280 thousand acres expected to be harvested for grain is 30 percent below last year. The yield is expected to average 2.25 tons per acre, 12 percent below last year.

California's Durum wheat production is forecast at 405 thousand tons, down 17 percent from 2008. Acreage expected for harvest, at 135 thousand, is 13 percent below last year's acreage. The expected yield of 3.00 tons per acre is 5 percent below the previous year.

U.S. winter wheat production is forecast at 44.8 million tons, down less than 1 percent from the May 1 forecast and 20 percent below 2008. Expected area for harvest as grain or seed totals 34.0 million acres, unchanged from May 1. Based on June 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 1.32 tons per acre, down 1 percent from last month, and 7 percent less than last year.

The U.S. estimate for Durum wheat production for states other than Arizona and California will not be available until July 10, 2009.

TOP PRODUCING COUNTIES OF 2008 FOR ALL WHEAT TONNAGE PRODUCED	
IMPERIAL	304,530
KINGS	217,851
FRESNO	165,450
KERN	129,612
YOLO	116,910
COLUSA	57,000
SOLANO	53,040
SUTTER	42,150
SAN JOAQUIN	41,880
SISKIYOU	32,250
SACRAMENTO	25,440
MADERA	18,630
MODOC	16,050
STANISLAUS	7,215
BUTTE	5,850

WHEAT ACREAGE, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION - JUNE 1, 2009

Crop and Location	Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	1,000 Acres		Tons		1,000 Tons	
WINTER						
California	400	280	2.55	2.25	1,020	630
U.S.	39,614	33,995	1.42	1.32	56,037	44,753
DURUM						
California	155	135	3.15	3.00	488	405
Arizona	149	125	2.94	3.15	438	394
U.S.	2,584	a/	0.98	b/	2,546	b/

a/ Published June 30, 2009.

b/ Published July 10, 2009.

SWEET POTATOES

California's 2008 sweet potato production, at 4.37 million cwt., is up 2 percent from January due to a 2 percent increase in harvested area. Harvested acreage is estimated at 14.8 thousand acres, 11 percent above 2007. The yield, at 295 cwt., per acre is 8 percent below 2007.

Nationally, production for the 2008 crop year is revised to 18.4 million cwt., up 1 percent from the January production estimate, and up 2 percent from 2007. Area harvested, at 97,300 acres, is up slightly from January. The average yield is a record high 190 cwt. per acre, up 1 cwt. from the January estimate.

SWEET POTATOES 1/

State	Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	1,000 Acres		Cwt.		1,000 Cwt.	
Alabama	2.3	2.5	120	175	276	438
California	13.3	14.8	320	295	4,256	4,366
Louisiana	15.0	11.0	200	100	3,000	1,100
Mississippi	20.0	19.5	175	172	3,500	3,354
New Jersey	1.2	1.2	100	125	120	150
No. Carolina	43.0	46.0	155	190	6,665	8,740
So. Carolina	0.5	0.5	110	110	55	55
Texas	1.8	1.5	90	140	162	210
Virginia	0.3	0.3	120	100	36	30
U.S.	97.4	97.3	186	190	18,070	18,443

1/ Revised 2008 data.

JUNE 1 FALL POTATO STOCKS

The 13 major potato States held 44.8 million cwt. of potatoes in storage June 1, 2009, down 11 percent from a year ago. Potatoes in storage accounted for 12 percent of the 2008 fall storage States' production, slightly below June 1, 2008. Potato disappearance, at 323 million cwt., was 7 percent below June 1, 2008. Processors in the 9 major States have used 169 million cwt. of potatoes this season, down 7 percent from last year. Dehydrating usage accounted for 31.9 million cwt. of the total processing, down 16 percent from last year.

JUNE 1 FALL POTATO PRODUCTION AND STOCKS 1/

State	Crop of 2007			Crop of 2008		
	Production	Total Stocks Jun. 1, 2008 2/	Percent of Production	Production	Total Stocks Jun. 1, 2009 2/	Percent of Production
	1,000 Cwt.			1,000 Cwt.		
California	3,792	300	8	3,939	400	10
Colorado	20,981	2,500	12	21,338	3,400	16
Idaho	130,010	23,000	18	114,805	18,500	16
Maine	16,668	2,500	15	14,769	2,200	15
Michigan	14,700	---	---	14,875	100	1
Minnesota	21,560	2,400	11	20,400	3,400	17
Montana	3,696	---	---	3,465	40	1
Nebraska	8,217	---	---	8,342	---	---
New York	5,216	---	---	5,696	---	---
No. Dakota	23,660	2,800	12	22,680	2,000	9
Oregon	20,293	4,200	21	18,676	3,800	20
Washington	100,800	11,000	11	93,000	8,300	9
Wisconsin	28,160	1,000	4	25,730	2,000	8
Other States	---	720	---	---	630	---
13-STATE TOTAL	397,753	50,420	13	367,715	44,770	12
Klamath Basin 3/ 4/	---	---	---	---	---	---

1/ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2008 totaled 24.5 million cwt.

2/ Missing stocks are combined into "Other States."

3/ Includes potato stocks in CA and Klamath Co., OR. Included in the 13 State total.

4/ Data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

U.S. COTTON GINNING

A total of 12.5 million running bales were ginned during the 2008 season, 33 percent below the 2007 ginnings of 18.7 million running bales.

There were 734 active cotton gins during the 2008 season, down from the 806 gins that operated in 2007. Thirty-two percent of the gins processed more than 20.0 thousand running bales, compared with 45 percent the previous season.

**COTTON GINNING:
RUNNING BALES GINNED (excluding linters)
BY TYPE, STATE AND UNITED STATES - CROP YEARS 2005-08**

Type and State	2005	2006	2007	2008
	Bales			
ALL COTTON				
Alabama	831,750	668,600	397,300	451,400
Arizona	579,050	529,950	484,650	377,350
Arkansas	2,099,700	2,419,500	1,807,150	1,237,300
California	1,590,250	1,438,200	1,415,050	757,650
Florida	112,100	148,150	102,250	104,900
Georgia	2,101,650	2,285,750	1,620,550	1,568,800
Kansas	92,350	117,800	51,300	32,950
Louisiana	1,105,650	1,257,000	695,800	279,600
Mississippi	2,089,300	2,029,450	1,271,250	656,850
Missouri	864,400	994,100	785,550	698,600
New Mexico	72,300	61,050	60,700	47,350
North Carolina	1,398,300	1,257,600	763,650	735,450
Oklahoma	341,000	183,750	281,900	255,500
South Carolina	391,500	402,650	148,650	232,150
Tennessee	1,083,250	1,310,900	586,600	520,950
Texas	8,333,750	5,751,650	8,144,900	4,400,900
Virginia	166,750	141,500	95,900	104,500
UNITED STATES	23,253,050	20,997,600	18,713,150	12,462,200
AMERICAN-PIMA				
Arizona	6,750	13,350	4,450	750
California	537,300	660,600	766,300	386,300
New Mexico	20,650	21,650	10,350	3,800
Texas	42,300	41,550	42,150	22,350
UNITED STATES	607,000	737,150	832,250	413,200

**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 - 2008 CROP**

County	Running Bales Ginned	Equivalent 480-Pound Bales Ginned	Running Bales Produced	U.S. Rank by Running Bales Produced
Colusa	1/	1/	1/	---
Fresno	200,000	208,400	176,600	12
Glenn	1/	1/	1/	---
Imperial	1/	1/	1,650	316
Kern	155,350	161,550	155,600	16
Kings	233,250	243,250	219,000	7
Madera	1/	1/	8,300	247
Merced	1/	1/	87,350	31
Riverside	1/	1/	35,800	91
Sutter	1/	1/	1/	---
Tulare	37,800	39,700	47,050	63
STATE TOTAL	757,650	786,700	740,550	---

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

CALIFORNIA FIELD CROP PRICES - MAY 2009

Mid-May prices received by California farmers increased from April for all potatoes. Prices for fall potatoes and all types of hay were below the previous month. Mid-month prices for wheat and dry edible beans were not published to avoid possible disclosure of individual operations. There were insufficient sales to establish a mid-month price for oats, barley and upland cotton lint.

The May All Crops Index is 153, up 1.3 percent from April, but 12 percent below May 2008. Index increases for feed grains & hay, oil-bearing crops, fruits & nuts and food grains more than offset the index decreases for commercial vegetables, cotton and potatoes & dry beans.

The May Food Grains Index, at 206, is 2.5 percent above the previous month, but 27 percent below a year ago. The May all wheat price, at \$200.67 per ton, is up \$9.34 from April, but \$95.00 below May 2008.

U.S. PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in May, at 131 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 2 points (1.6 percent) from April. The Crop Index is up 2 points (1.3 percent), but the Livestock Index was unchanged. Producers received higher prices for broilers, soybeans, corn and onions, and lower prices for eggs, lettuce, tomatoes and milk. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of sweet corn, broilers, grapes and cantaloupes offset decreased marketings of cattle, milk, corn and apples.

The May Feed Grains & Hay Index is 177, up 5.4 percent from last month, but 22 percent below a year ago. The corn price, at \$145.71 per ton, is up \$8.21 from last month, but \$42.50 below May 2008. The May all hay price, at \$131.00 per ton, is up \$2.00 from April, but down \$37.00 from last May. Sorghum grain, at \$6.14 per cwt., is 57 cents above April, but \$3.18 below May last year.

The May Cotton Index, at 72, is down 4.0 percent from April and 33 percent below last year. The May price, at 43.9 cents per pound, is down 1.4 cents from the previous month and 20.7 cents below last May.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 21 points (14 percent) from May 2008. The Food Commodities Index, at 128, increased 1 point (0.8 percent) from last month, but decreased 20 points (14 percent) from May 2008.

The May Potatoes & Dry Beans index, at 168, is unchanged from last month, but 4.3 percent above May 2008. The all potato price, at \$9.88 per cwt., is up seven cents from April and 72 cents from last May. The all dry bean price, at \$30.00 per cwt., is down \$1.70 from the previous month and \$5.60 below May 2008.

AVERAGE FARM PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS 1/

Commodity	Unit	CALIFORNIA			UNITED STATES		
		May 2008	April 2009	May 15, 2009	May 2008	April 2009	May 15, 2009
Dollars							
Corn 2/	Tons	---	---	---	188.21	137.50	145.71
Wheat 2/	Tons	3/	3/	3/	295.67	191.33	200.67
Oats 2/	Tons	4/	4/	4/	226.88	148.13	135.00
Barley 2/	Tons	4/	4/	4/	188.33	198.33	217.92
Sorghum Grain 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	9.32	5.57	6.14
Rice 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	15.90	15.30	15.20
Dry Edible Beans 2/	Cwt.	47.70	61.00	3/	35.60	31.70	30.00
All Potatoes 5/	Cwt.	14.40	9.90	12.70	9.16	9.81	9.88
Winter	Cwt.	---	14.80	---	---	---	---
Spring	Cwt.	15.60	---	13.70	---	---	---
Summer	Cwt.	---	---	---	---	---	---
Fall	Cwt.	9.75	8.05	7.90	---	---	---
All Hay, Baled 2/	Tons	204.00	129.00	120.00	168.00	129.00	131.00
Alfalfa Hay, Baled 2/	Tons	218.00	133.00	126.00	180.00	133.00	138.00
Other Hay, Baled 2/	Tons	158.00	116.00	103.00	135.00	117.00	113.00
Upland Cotton Lint 2/	Lbs	3/	0.678	4/	0.646	0.453	0.439
Cottonseed	Tons	---	---	---	---	---	---

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/ Not published to avoid possible disclosure of operations.

4/ Insufficient data 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 2008	April 2009	May 2009	May 2008	April 2009	May 2009
Prices Received						
All Farm Products	962	821 1/	832	152	129 1/	131
All Crops	857	748 1/	760	173	151 1/	153
Food Grains	895	636 1/	653	283	201	206
Feed Grains and Hay	811	601 1/	632	228	168 1/	177
Cotton	547	383 1/	372	107	75 1/	72
Potatoes and Dry Edible Beans	815	853 1/	852	161	168 1/	168
Prices Paid by Farmers for Commodities, Services, Interest, Taxes and Wage Rates 2/	2,444	2,355	2,345	184	177	176
Parity Ratio 3/	39	35	35	83	73	74

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 2008 sugar beet production is estimated at 1.01 million tons, 27 percent below 2007. Planted acreage is estimated at 26.1 thousand acres, down 35 percent from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 25.4 thousand acres, 35 percent below 2007. The yield is at 39.7 tons per acre, 12 percent above 2007.

Nationally, the 2008 sugar beet production is revised to 26.8 million tons, up 17,000 tons from the January end-of-season estimate, but 15 percent below 2007. Area harvested totaled 1.00 million acres, unchanged from the previous estimate, but down 19 percent from the previous year. The 2008 record high yield, at 26.7 tons per acre, is up 1.2 tons from 2007 and 0.6 ton from the previous record set in 2006.

SUGAR BEETS 1/ 2/

State	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	1,000 Acres				Tons		1,000 Tons	
California	40.0	26.1	39.1	25.4	35.5	39.7	1,388	1,008
Idaho	169.0	131.0	167.0	116.0	34.4	31.2	5,745	3,619
Oregon	12.0	6.7	11.0	5.9	31.9	33.1	351	195
Washington	2.0	1.6	2.0	1.6	42.0	41.9	84	67
UNITED STATES	1,268.8	1,090.8	1,246.8	1,004.6	25.5	26.7	31,834	26,837

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 2008 data.