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CORN: As of June 1, California's total planted acreage of corn for all purposes is estimated at 550 thousand, down 18 percent from last year. Of these acres, California farmers expected to harvest 125 thousand acres for grain in 2009, down 26 percent from 2008. In the U.S., corn planted acreage is estimated at 87.0 million, 1 percent above last year. Growers expect to harvest 80.1 million acres for grain, 2 percent above 2008.

FIELD CROP ACREAGE AND PRODUCTION

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BARLEY: California's barley harvested acreage is forecast at 40.0 thousand, 27 percent below last year. Nationally, the area to be harvested, at 3.14 million acres, is 17 percent below the 3.77 million acres harvested the previous year.

FIELD CROP ACREAGE, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION

Crop	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre			Production		
	2008	2009 Forecast	2008	2009 Forecast	Unit	2008	2009 Forecast	Unit	2008	2009 Forecast
	1,000 Acres									
CALIFORNIA										
Wheat, Winter a/	650.0	580.0	400.0	280.0	Tons	2.55	2.40	Tons	1,020.0	672.0
Wheat, Durum	170.0	180.0	155.0	155.0	Tons	3.15	3.00	Tons	488.3	465.0
Oats a/	230.0	240.0	20.0	20.0	Tons	1.20	1.60	Tons	24.0	32.0
Barley a/	90.0	70.0	55.0	40.0	Tons	1.32	1.46	Tons	72.6	58.6
Corn for Grain b/	670.0	550.0	170.0	125.0	Tons	5.46	c/	Tons	928.2	c/
Rice, All	519.0	562.0	517.0	559.0	Cwt.	83.20	c/	Cwt.	43,030.0	c/
Long	9.0	7.0	9.0	7.0	Cwt.	69.00	d/	Cwt.	621.0	d/
Medium	460.0	515.0	458.0	512.0	Cwt.	85.50	d/	Cwt.	39,159.0	d/
Short e/	50.0	40.0	50.0	40.0	Cwt.	65.00	d/	Cwt.	3,250.0	d/
Cotton, Upland	120.0	65.0	117.0	c/	Lbs.	1,506.00	c/	Bales	367.0	c/
Cotton, American-Pima	155.0	130.0	151.0	c/	Lbs.	1,281.00	c/	Bales	403.0	c/
Sweet Potatoes	14.8	17.4	14.8	17.4	Cwt.	295.00	d/	Cwt.	4,366.0	d/
Sugar Beets f/	26.1	25.0	25.4	24.6	Tons	39.69	c/	Tons	1,008.0	c/
Beans, Dry, All g/	52.0	60.0	51.9	60.0	Cwt.	18.50	c/	Cwt.	960.0	c/
Hay, All	---	---	1,520.0	1,615.0	Tons	5.80	c/	Tons	8,816.0	c/
Alfalfa	---	---	950.0	975.0	Tons	7.00	c/	Tons	6,650.0	c/
Other	---	---	570.0	640.0	Tons	3.80	c/	Tons	2,166.0	c/
Safflower	105.0	80.0	104.0	79.0	Lbs.	2,400.00	d/	Lbs.	249,600.0	d/
Sunflowers	h/	45.0	h/	44.0	Lbs.	h/	h/	Lbs.	h/	h/
UNITED STATES										
Wheat, Winter a/	46,281.0	43,448.0	39,614.0	34,787.0	Tons	1.42	1.31	Tons	56,037.1	45,743.1
Wheat, Durum	2,731.0	2,555.0	2,584.0	2,453.0	Tons	0.98	0.99	Tons	2,546.3	2,436.5
Oats a/	3,217.0	3,158.0	1,395.0	1,426.0	Tons	1.02	1.02	Tons	1,418.2	1,460.4
Barley a/	4,234.0	3,627.0	3,767.0	3,142.0	Tons	1.53	1.55	Tons	5,748.0	4,879.9
Corn for Grain b/	85,982.0	87,035.0	78,640.0	80,107.0	Tons	4.31	c/	Tons	338,834.7	c/
Rice, All	2,995.0	3,018.0	2,976.0	3,000.0	Cwt.	68.46	c/	Cwt.	203,733.0	c/
Long	2,365.0	2,246.0	2,350.0	2,232.0	Cwt.	65.22	d/	Cwt.	153,257.0	c/
Medium	579.0	731.0	575.0	727.0	Cwt.	82.03	d/	Cwt.	47,166.0	c/
Short e/	51.0	41.0	51.0	41.0	Cwt.	64.90	d/	Cwt.	3,310.0	c/
Cotton, Upland	9,297.0	8,905.0	7,400.0	c/	Lbs.	803.00	c/	Bales	12,384.5	c/
Cotton, American-Pima	174.0	149.4	168.7	c/	Lbs.	1,226.00	c/	Bales	430.8	c/
Sweet Potatoes	103.2	106.7	97.3	103.3	Cwt.	190.00	d/	Cwt.	18,443.0	d/
Sugar Beets f/	1,090.8	1,172.9	1,004.6	1,130.9	Tons	26.71	c/	Tons	26,837.0	c/
Beans, Dry, All g/	1,495.0	1,458.6	1,445.2	1,396.8	Cwt.	17.68	c/	Cwt.	25,558.0	c/
Hay, All	---	---	60,062.0	60,177.0	Tons	2.43	c/	Tons	145,672.0	c/
Alfalfa	---	---	20,980.0	20,982.0	Tons	3.32	c/	Tons	69,620.0	c/
Other	---	---	39,082.0	39,195.0	Tons	1.95	c/	Tons	76,052.0	c/
Safflower	202.0	194.0	195.0	187.0	Lbs.	1,592.00	d/	Lbs.	310,433.0	d/
Sunflowers	2,516.5	2,098.0	2,396.0	1,997.0	Lbs.	1,429.00	d/	Lbs.	3,422,840.0	d/

a/ Includes area planted in preceding fall.

b/ Planted acres for all purposes.

c/ Estimate to be released August 12, 2009.

d/ To be released January 2010.

e/ Includes sweet rice.

f/ Relates to year of intended harvest in all states, except California. In California, related to year of intended harvest for fall planted beets in central California and to year of planting for over-wintered beets in central and southern California.

g/ Excludes beans grown for garden seed.

h/ Not available.

FIELD CROP ACREAGE AND PRODUCTION

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COTTON: California's cotton growers planted 65.0 thousand acres of Upland cotton and 130 thousand acres of American Pima cotton in 2009. Upland acreage is down 46 percent, and American Pima acreage is down 16 percent from 2008. Upland planted acreage is at its lowest level on record. Nationally, planted Upland cotton acreage is expected to total 8.91 million acres, down 4 percent from last year. Growers intend to plant 149 thousand acres of American-Pima cotton, down 14 percent from last year.

DRY BEANS: An estimated 60.0 thousand acres in California were seeded to dry edible beans for the 2009 season, up 15 percent from last year's total. The U.S. dry edible bean seeded acreage is estimated at 1.46 million acres, down 2 percent from last year. Acreage for harvest is estimated at 1.40 million, down 3 percent from a year ago.

HAY: On June 1, California growers expected to harvest alfalfa from 975 thousand acres in 2009, up 3 percent from last year's 950 thousand acres. The estimate for all other hay to be harvested is 640 thousand acres, up 12 percent from last year's total. U.S. acreage harvested for alfalfa hay is estimated at 21.0 million and all other hay harvested acreage is expected to total 39.2 million acres. Alfalfa and other hay are slightly above 2008.

OATS: Oats were seeded on 240 thousand acres for 2009, up 4 percent from last year's acreage. Acreage expected to be harvested for grain totaled 20.0 thousand acres, unchanged from 2008. Nationally, the area harvested for grain, at 1.43 million acres, is 2 percent above 2008.

RICE: California's seeded rice acreage is estimated at 562 thousand acres; long grain rice 7.00 thousand acres, medium grain 515 thousand acres, short grain 40.0 thousand acres. A lack of rain during March allowed growers to get an early start on field preparations. Planting started in the middle of April and was virtually complete by the first week of June. U.S. growers are expecting to harvest 3.00 million acres of rice in 2009, 1 percent above last year. Long grain rice will be harvested from 2.23 million acres, medium grain rice from 727 thousand acres, and short grain from 41.0 thousand acres.

SAFFLOWER: California safflower growers planted 80.0 thousand acres in 2009. Safflower acreage is down 24 percent from last year's total. U.S. growers are expecting to harvest 187 thousand acres, 4 percent below the previous year.

SUGAR BEETS: California growers have planted and intend to plant 25.0 thousand acres to sugar beets, down 4 percent from last year's total planted acreage. U.S. growers planted an estimated 1.17 million acres of sugar beets for 2009, 8 percent above the previous year.

SUMMER POTATOES: California's summer potatoes planted and harvested acreage is estimated at 3.80 thousand acres. U.S. growers in the summer producing states planted an estimated 44.0 thousand acres, down 6 percent from the previous year.

SWEET POTATOES: California's sweet potato planted and harvested acreage is forecast at 17.4 thousand acres. Nationally, the area to be harvested, at 103 thousand acres, is 6 percent above the 97.3 thousand acres harvested the previous year.

WHEAT: California's Durum wheat planted acreage is estimated at 180 thousand acres, 6 percent more than last year. The 155 thousand acres for grain harvest remained unchanged from 2008. California's acreage seeded to Wheat other than Durum totaled 580 thousand acres, down 11 percent from 2008. U.S. Durum planted acreage for 2009 is estimated at 2.56 million acres, down 6 percent from last year. The area to be harvested for grain is expected to total 2.45 million acres, 5 percent below last year's level. U.S. acreage harvested for Wheat other than Durum is estimated at 34.8 million acres, 12 percent below 2008.

GRAIN STOCKS

Stocks of wheat in California on June 1, 2009 totaled 175 thousand tons, 142 percent above the 72.2 thousand tons on hand a year earlier. U.S. stocks of all wheat at 20.0 million tons were 118 percent more than the 9.17 million tons on hand June 1, 2008.

Barley stocks in California totaled 3.12 thousand tons on June 1, 2009, 51 percent below a year earlier. U.S. barley stocks, at 2.13 million tons, were 30 percent above the June 1, 2008 total.

Off-farm stocks of corn in California totaled 141 thousand tons on June 1, 2009, 32 percent below a year earlier. U.S. stocks of corn in all positions totaled 119 million tons, 6 percent above June 2008.

GRAIN STOCKS IN ALL POSITIONS

(Includes stocks under support and government owned grain.)

Grain and Position	June 1, 2008	March 1, 2009 1/	June 1, 2009
	Tons		
ALL WHEAT			
California			
On-Farm	600	12,000	3,000
Off-Farm 2/	71,610	347,370	171,900
Total	72,210	359,370	174,900
U.S. Total	9,174,540	31,210,470	20,011,320
BARLEY			
California			
Off-Farm 2/ 3/	6,312	11,784	3,120
U.S. Total	1,637,352	3,098,424	2,125,680
OATS			
California			
Off Farm 2/ 3/	3,312	3,920	---
U.S. Total	1,068,384	1,527,200	1,346,176
CORN			
California			
Off-Farm 2/ 3/	208,348	203,644	141,148
U.S. Total	112,784,476	194,804,344	119,435,484
SORGHUM GRAIN			
California			
Off-Farm 2/ 3/ 4/	---	6,272	4,088
U.S. Total	2,828,532	5,837,860	2,824,192

- 1/ U.S. revised.
- 2/ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors.
- 3/ California on-farm stocks and total stocks are included in United States totals.
- 4/ California off-farm stocks and total stocks for June 2008 are included in United States totals.

OFF-FARM RICE STOCKS

Stocks of milled rice stored in California mills and warehouses on June 1, 2009 totaled 1.66 million cwt. This was 23 percent above the 1.34 million cwt. stored a year earlier. Whole kernels accounted for 41 percent of the total milled rice in storage. Nationally, milled rice stocks in all positions on June 1 totaled 5.72 million cwt., up 31 percent from a year ago.

California rough rice stocks in all positions totaled 11.8 million cwt. on June 1, 2009. This was 12 percent below the 13.5 million cwt. on hand a year earlier. Nationally, rough rice in all positions on June 1 totaled 48.4 million cwt., down 9 percent from the total on June 1, 2008.

ROUGH AND MILLED RICE STOCKS IN ALL POSITIONS

Type of Rice	CALIFORNIA		UNITED STATES	
	June 1		June 1	
	2008	2009	2008	2009
	1,000 Cwt.			
ROUGH RICE				
Long Grain	a/	a/	35,580	34,29
Medium Grain	11,579	10,03	16,284	12,77
Short Grain	a/	a/	1,554	1,301
TOTAL ROUGH RICE	13,484	11,81	53,418	48,36
MILLED RICE				
Whole Kernels (Head Rice)				
Long Grain	3	6	2,015	3,251
Medium Grain	707	614	850	823
Short Grain	72	53	78	57
Total	782	673	2,943	4,131
Broken Kernels				
Second Heads	371	a/	906	828
Screenings	b/	b/	145	61
Brewers	190	a/	379	704
Total	561	983	1,430	1,593
TOTAL MILLED RICE	1,343	1,656	4,373	5,724

- a/ Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.
- b/ Screenings included with second heads.

CALIFORNIA ROUGH RICE STOCKS a/

Month	Season		
	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
	1,000 Cwt.		
December 1	35,672	38,189	35,848
March 1	24,129	27,523	22,940
June 1 b/	---	13,484	11,810
August 1	7,407	5,746	---
October 1	2,995	1,837	---

- a/ Small amount of on-farm stocks included in off-farm total.
- b/ Estimates began in 2008.

CALIFORNIA FIELD CROP PRICES – JUNE 2009

Mid-June prices received by California farmers were above May for all potatoes. Spring potatoes and fall potatoes were below the previous month. All types of hay remained the same as the previous month. Prices for wheat were not published to avoid disclosure of individual buyers. Sales were insufficient to establish a mid-month price for oats, barley, and upland cotton lint. Crop prices at mid-June were below the previous year's level for all potatoes, spring potatoes, fall potatoes, and all types of hay.

U.S. PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in June, at 135 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 5 points (3.8 percent) from May. The Crop Index is up 12 points (8.0 percent) but the Livestock Index decreased 1 point (0.9 percent). Producers received higher prices for tomatoes, soybeans, broilers, and cantaloupes, and lower prices for cattle, strawberries, milk, and hay. 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 wheat, grapes, hay, and cantaloupes offset decreased marketings of tomatoes, oranges, strawberries, and sweet corn.

The June Grains Index, at 194, is 3.5 percent below the previous month, and 24 percent below a year ago. The June all wheat price, at \$189.67 per ton, is down \$5.00 from May and \$64.33 below June 2008.

The June Feed Grains & Hay Index is 169, down 2.3 percent from last month, and 27 percent below a year ago. The corn price, at \$140.36 per ton, is down \$1.43 from last month, and \$55.00 below June 2008. The all hay price, at \$123.00 per ton, is down \$8.00 from May, and \$38.00 from last June. Sorghum grain, at \$6.08 per cwt., is 10 cents above May, but \$4.02 below June last year.

The June Cotton Index, at 73, is down 5.2 percent from May, and 31 percent below last year. The June price, at 44.4 cents per pound, is down 2.0 cents from the previous month, and 19.6 cents below last June.

The June Potatoes & Dry Beans Index, at 167, is up 1.2 percent from last month, but 9.2 percent below June 2008. The all potato price, at \$9.73 per cwt., is up 11 cents from May, but down \$1.05 from last June. The all dry bean price, at \$32.20 per cwt., is up 80 cents from the previous month, but \$1.30 below June 2008.

AVERAGE FARM PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS 1/

Commodity	Unit	CALIFORNIA			UNITED STATES		
		June 2008	May 2009	Jun 15, 2009	June 2008	May 2009	Jun 15, 2009
Dollars							
Corn 2/	Tons	---	---	---	195.36	141.79	140.36
Wheat 2/	Tons	3/	3/	3/	254.00	194.67	189.67
Oats 2/	Tons	4/	4/	4/	222.50	165.00	139.38
Barley 2/	Tons	3/	4/	4/	199.17	191.25	201.67
Sorghum Grain 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	10.10	5.98	6.08
Rice 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	16.50	15.20	14.80
Dry Edible Beans 2/	Cwt.	3/	3/	63.00	33.50	31.40	32.20
All Potatoes 5/	Cwt.	17.40	12.50	12.80	10.78	9.62	9.73
Winter	Cwt.	---	---	---	---	---	---
Spring	Cwt.	17.80	13.50	13.30	---	---	---
Summer	Cwt.	---	---	---	---	---	---
Fall	Cwt.	12.90	7.80	7.45	---	---	---
All Hay, Baled 2/	Tons	207.00	118.00	118.00	161.00	131.00	123.00
Alfalfa Hay, Baled 2/	Tons	218.00	119.00	119.00	172.00	138.00	128.00
Other Hay, Baled 2/	Tons	171.00	115.00	115.00	130.00	113.00	107.00
Upland Cotton Lint 2/	Lbs	3/	3/	4/	0.640	0.464	0.444
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.
- 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		
	Jun 2008	May 2009	Jun 2009	Jun 2008	May 2009	Jun 2009
Prices Received						
All Farm Products	1,004	823 1/	859	158	130 1/	135
All Crops	907	744 1/	803	183	150 1/	162
Food Grains	809	638 1/	614	255	201 1/	194
Feed Grains and Hay	822	617 1/	603	231	173 1/	169
Cotton	542	393 1/	376	106	77 1/	73
Potatoes and Dry Edible Beans	932	837 1/	848	184	165 1/	167
Prices Paid by Farmers for Commodities, Services, Interest, Taxes and Wage Rates 2/	2,493	2,365	2,382	187	178	179
Parity Ratio 3/	40	35	36	84	73	75

- 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.

POTATO ACREAGE AND PRODUCTION

California's planted and harvested fall potato acreage for 2009 is forecast at 7.80 thousand acres, unchanged from the previous year's estimate. Cold weather early in the season slowed crop development. Late season rains reduced pressure on irrigation water supplies early in the season. Nationally, harvested acres are forecast at 923 thousand acres, up slightly from 2008.

California's summer potato harvested acreage for 2009 are estimated at 3.80 thousand acres, up 6 percent from last year's harvested acreage. Nationally, production of summer potatoes is forecast at 14.5 million cwt., up 6 percent from a year ago. Harvested area is estimated at 42.5 thousand acres, 5 percent below last year.

POTATO ACREAGE, YIELD AND PRODUCTION

Seasonal Group and State	Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	Thousand Acres		Cwt.		Thousand Cwt.	
WINTER 1/ - California	11.0	9.0	230	240	2,530	2,160
SPRING 1/ - California	15.4	17.5	450	430	6,930	7,525
SUMMER - California	3.6	3.8	360	375	1,296	1,425
TOTAL SUMMER	44.8	42.5	306	341	13,694	14,506
FALL - California	7.8	7.8	505	2/	3,939	2/
Colorado	56.9	55.8	375	2/	21,338	2/
Idaho	304.0	319.0	378	2/	114,805	2/
10 SW Co.	15.0	19.0	525	2/	7,875	2/
Other Co.	289.0	300.0	370	2/	106,930	2/
North Dakota	81.0	77.0	280	2/	22,680	2/
Ohio	2.1	2.3	325	2/	683	2/
Oregon	35.3	36.0	529	2/	18,676	2/
Malheur	2.8	3/	460	3/	1,288	3/
Other Co.	32.5	3/	535	3/	17,388	3/
Washington	155.0	145.0	600	2/	93,000	2/
TOTAL FALL	921.1	922.7	409	2/	376,386	2/
U.S. TOTAL	1,045.7	1,047.6	395	2/	412,742	2/

1/ Estimates for current year carried forward from earlier forecast.
 2/ Yield and production for 2009 to be released November 10, 2009.
 3/ Estimates discontinued in 2009.