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WHEAT FORECAST

The California winter wheat production forecast, at 1.10 million tons, is 28 percent above last year. The 460 thousand acres expected to be harvested for grain is also 28 percent above last year. The yield is expected to average 2.40 tons per acre, unchanged from last year.

California's Durum wheat production is forecast at 479 thousand tons, up 38 percent from last year. The yield is forecast at 3.30 tons per acre. If realized, this will tie last year's record high yield. The cooler than normal growing season in California has set harvest slightly behind normal.

U.S. winter wheat production is forecast at 43.5 million tons, up 2 percent from the May 1 forecast, but 2 percent below 2010. Based on June 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 1.36 tons per acre, up 0.03 tons from last month, but 0.04 tons less than last year. Expected area for harvest as grain or seed totals 32.0 million acres, unchanged from May 1.

The U.S. estimate for Durum wheat production for states other than Arizona and California will not be available until July 12, 2011.

TOP PRODUCING COUNTIES OF 2010 FOR WINTER WHEAT TONNAGE PRODUCED	
Fresno	151,200
Kings	145,800
Kern	109,500
Tulare	79,200
Yolo	73,680
San Joaquin	54,000
Solano	44,280
Merced	43,800

WHEAT ACREAGE, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION - JUNE 1, 2011

Crop and Location	Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	1,000 Acres		Tons		1,000 Tons	
WINTER						
California	360	460	2.40	2.40	864	1,104
U.S.	31,749	32,039	1.40	1.36	44,557	43,503
DURUM						
California	105	145	3.30	3.30	347	479
Arizona	79	69	3.45	3.30	273	228
U.S.	2,529	a/	1.27	b/	3,215	b/

a/ Published June 30, 2011

b/ Published July 12, 2011.

SWEET POTATOES

California's 2010 sweet potato production, at 6.39 million cwt., is up 8 percent from 2009. Harvested acreage is estimated at 18.0 thousand acres, 3 percent above 2009. The yield, at 355 cwt. per acre, is 4 percent above 2009.

Nationally, the production of sweet potatoes in 2010 totaled 23.8 million cwt., unchanged from the *Crop Production 2010 Summary* released in January 2011, but up 22 percent from the previous year. Growers harvested 117 thousand acres, up 21 percent from 2009. Yield per acre, at 204 cwt., is unchanged from January, but up 3 cwt. from last year and is a record high.

SWEET POTATOES

State	Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	1,000 Acres		Cwt.		1,000 Cwt.	
Alabama	2.3	3.2	170	150	391	480
Arkansas	2.5	3.0	185	160	463	480
California	17.4	18.0	340	355	5,916	6,390
Florida	3.2	3.4	110	130	352	442
Louisiana	12.0	13.0	135	190	1,620	2,470
Mississippi	11.0	20.0	115	180	1,265	3,600
New Jersey	1.2	1.3	110	110	132	143
No. Carolina	46.0	54.0	200	180	9,200	9,720
Texas	1.3	1.0	100	120	130	120
U.S.	96.9	116.9	201	204	19,469	23,845

JUNE 1 FALL POTATO STOCKS

The 13 major potato States held 35.5 million cwt. of potatoes in storage June 1, 2011, down 36 percent from a year ago. Potatoes in storage accounted for 10 percent of the 2010 fall storage States' production, four percentage points below June 1, 2010. Potato disappearance, at 316 million cwt., was 4 percent below June 1, 2010. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 23.3 million cwt., was down 18 percent from the same date in 2010. Processors in the 9 major States have used 161 million cwt. of potatoes this season, up 1 percent from the same period last year. Dehydrating usage accounted for 25.8 million cwt. of the total processing, down 14 percent from last year.

JUNE 1 FALL POTATO PRODUCTION AND STOCKS ^{a/}

State	Crop of 2009			Crop of 2010		
	Production	Total Stocks Jun. 1, 2010 ^{b/}	Percent of Production	Production	Total Stocks Jun. 1, 2011 ^{b/}	Percent of Production
	1,000 Cwt.			1,000 Cwt.		
California	3,960	400	10	2,280	d/	d/
Colorado	22,080	3,300	15	21,528	2,500	12
Idaho	132,500	25,500	19	114,440	19,000	17
Maine	15,263	2,200	14	15,892	2,100	13
Michigan	15,660	d/	d/	15,660	d/	d/
Minnesota	20,700	3,000	14	17,010	2,100	12
Montana	3,298	d/	d/	3,673	d/	d/
Nebraska	8,756	d/	d/	7,719	d/	d/
New York	4,950	d/	d/	5,120	d/	d/
No. Dakota	19,125	1,700	9	22,000	1,700	8
Oregon	21,460	2,800	13	20,058	3,100	15
Washington	87,230	14,100	16	81,740	3,000	4
Wisconsin	28,980	1,500	5	24,293	900	4
Other States	e/	620	e/	e/	1,050	e/
13-STATE TOTAL	383,962	55,120	14	351,413	35,450	10
Klamath Basin ^{c/}	e/	d/	e/	e/	d/	e/

- a/ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2010 totaled 23.7 million cwt.
- b/ Missing stocks are combined into "Other States."
- c/ Includes potato stocks in CA and Klamath Co., OR. Included in the 13-State total.
- d/ Data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.
- e/ Not applicable.

U.S. COTTON GINNING

A total of 17.6 million running bales were ginned during the 2010 season, up 49 percent above the 2009 season.

There were 700 active cotton gins during the 2010 season, up from the 680 gins that operated in 2009. Forty-nine percent of the gins processed more than 20,000 running bales compared with 34 percent the previous season.

**COTTON GINNING:
RUNNING BALES GINNED (excluding linters)
BY TYPE, STATE AND UNITED STATES - CROP YEARS 2007-10**

Type and State	2007	2008	2009	2010
	Bales			
ALL COTTON				
Alabama	397,300	451,400	331,650	463,450
Arizona	484,650	377,350	424,300	564,700
Arkansas	1,807,150	1,237,300	797,550	1,100,300
California	1,415,050	757,650	587,450	841,200
Florida	102,250	104,900	89,550	118,800
Georgia	1,620,550	1,568,800	1,821,100	2,222,950
Kansas	51,300	32,950	43,200	81,500
Louisiana	695,800	279,600	340,750	438,950
Mississippi	1,271,250	656,850	396,900	814,800
Missouri	785,550	698,600	522,450	712,650
New Mexico	60,700	47,350	34,900	49,350
North Carolina	763,650	735,450	750,050	937,100
Oklahoma	281,900	255,500	309,950	400,900
South Carolina	148,650	232,150	195,300	357,550
Tennessee	586,600	520,950	485,600	667,500
Texas	8,144,900	4,400,900	4,578,700	7,763,600
Virginia	95,900	104,500	122,700	108,050
UNITED STATES	18,713,150	12,462,200	11,832,100	17,643,350
AMERICAN- PIMA				
Arizona	4,450	750	3,950	4,200
California	766,300	386,300	346,450	444,750
New Mexico	10,350	3,800	5,150	5,800
Texas	42,150	22,350	29,300	28,700
UNITED STATES	823,250	413,200	384,850	483,450

**CALIFORNIA COTTON GINNING:
ALL COTTON RUNNING BALES GINNED (excluding linters),
EQUIVALENT 480-POUND BALES GINNED, NUMBER OF ACTIVE GINS,
AND AVERAGE BALE WEIGHT BY COUNTY - 2010 CROP**

County	Running Bales Ginned	Equivalent 480-Pound Bales Ginned	Number of Active Gins	Average Weight per Running Bale Ginned (pounds)
Fresno	185,650	192,900	12	498.7
Kern	135,550	141,150	9	499.8
Kings	265,150	276,550	14	500.6
Madera	a/	a/	1	499.1
Merced	a/	a/	2	499.4
Riverside	a/	a/	2	487.5
Sutter	a/	a/	1	509.5
Tulare	74,200	77,700	4	502.5
STATE TOTAL	841,200	874,700	45	499.1

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

CALIFORNIA FIELD CROP PRICES - MAY 2011

Mid-May prices received by California farmers increased from April for all potatoes, spring potatoes, fall potatoes, and other hay. Prices for all hay and alfalfa hay were below the previous month.

The 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 barley and upland cotton lint.

U.S. PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in May, at 174 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, decreased 1 point (0.6 percent) from April. The Crop Index is unchanged, but the Livestock Index decreased 3 points (1.9 percent). Producers received lower prices for cattle, corn, eggs, and strawberries and higher prices for hay, broilers, celery, and lettuce. 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, cantaloupes, broilers, and sweet corn offset decreased marketings of cattle, corn, milk, and soybeans.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 36 points (26 percent) from May 2010. The Food Commodities Index, at 165, decreased 2 points (1.2 percent) from last month, but increased 27 points (20 percent) from May 2010.

The May All Crops Index, at 199, was unchanged from April, but 34 percent above May 2010. Index increases for food grains, commercial vegetables, and potatoes & dry beans offset index decreases for feed grains & hay, oilseeds, and cotton.

The May Food Grains Index, at 256, is up 4.5 percent from the previous month and 62 percent above a year ago. The May all wheat price, at 273.00 per ton, is up \$5.00 from April and \$128.67 above May 2010.

The May Feed Grains & Hay Index, at 259, is down 1.1 percent from last month, but 70 percent above a year ago. The corn price, at \$219.64 per ton, is down \$7.15 from last month, but \$95.35 above May 2010. The all hay price, at \$169 per ton, is up \$28.00 from April and up \$53.00 from last May. Sorghum grain, at \$10.80 per cwt., is 90 cents below April, but \$5.11 above May last year.

The May Upland Cotton Index, at 133, is down 7.6 percent from April, but 21 percent above last year. The May price, at 80.3 cents per pound, is down 7.0 cents from the previous month, but 13.7 cents above last May.

The May Potatoes & Dry Beans Index, at 190, is up 1.1 percent from last month and 29 percent above May 2010. The all potato price, at \$11.26 per cwt., is up 9 cents from April and up \$2.69 from last May. The all dry bean price, at \$31.70 per cwt., is unchanged from the previous month, but \$3.90 above May 2010.

AVERAGE FARM PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS a/

Commodity	Unit	CALIFORNIA			UNITED STATES		
		May 2010	April 2011	May 15, 2010	May 2010	April 2011	May 15, 2010
Dollars							
Corn b/	Tons	---	---	---	124.29	226.79	219.64
Wheat b/	Tons	145.67	c/	c/	144.33	268.00	273.00
Oats b/	Tons	---	---	---	136.88	220.63	218.13
Barley b/	Tons	c/	d/	d/	177.08	177.92	190.42
Sorghum Grain b/	Cwt.	---	---	---	5.69	11.70	10.80
Rice b/	Cwt.	---	---	---	13.80	13.00	13.40
Dry Edible Beans b/	Cwt.	49.30	45.70	c/	27.80	31.70	31.70
All Potatoes e/	Cwt.	15.60	19.30	24.80	8.57	11.17	11.26
Spring	Cwt.	16.50	20.20	26.40	---	---	---
Fall	Cwt.	9.80	10.70	10.80	---	---	---
All Hay, Baled b/	Tons	114.00	227.00	224.00	116.00	141.00	169.00
Alfalfa Hay, Baled b/	Tons	123.00	242.00	239.00	121.00	155.00	186.00
Other Hay, Baled b/	Tons	91.00	140.00	141.00	100.00	103.00	112.00
Upland Cotton Lint b/	Lbs	0.708	d/	d/	0.666	0.873	0.803
Cottonseed	Tons	---	---	---	---	---	---

a/ 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.

b/ Previous month revised to monthly average.

c/ Not published to avoid possible disclosure of operations.

d/ Insufficient data to establish a price.

e/ Monthly average.

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

Index	1910-14 = 100			1990-92 = 100		
	May 2010	Apr 2011	May 2011	May 2010	Apr 2011	May 2011
Prices Received						
All Farm Products	875	1,113	1,104	138	175	174
All Crops	731	988	987	148	199	199
Food Grains	501	775	811	158	245	256
Feed Grains and Hay	542	935	925	152	262	259
Cotton	564	739	680	110	144	133
Potatoes and Dry Edible Beans	745	954	961	147	188	190
Prices Paid by Farmers for Commodities, Services, Interest, Taxes and Wage Rates a/	2,409	2,707	2,719	181	203	204
Parity Ratio b/	36	41	41	76	86	85

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

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

SUGAR BEETS

California's 2010 sugar beet production is estimated at 1.0 million tons, 9 percent below 2009. Planted acreage is estimated at 25.1 thousand acres, down 1 percent from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 25.1 thousand acres, down slightly from 2009. The yield is at 40.0 tons per acre, 9 percent below 2009.

Nationally, the production of sugarbeets for the 2010 crop year is revised to 31.9 million tons, down slightly from the January end-of-season estimate, but 7 percent above 2009. Planted area totaled 1.17 million acres while harvested area totaled 1.16 million acres, both unchanged from the previous estimate. The United States yield, at 27.6 tons per acre, is also unchanged from the previous estimate, but up 1.7 tons per acre from the record high set in 2009, making the 2010 crop yield a new record.

SUGAR BEETS 1/

State	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	1,000 Acres				Tons		1,000 Tons	
California	25.3	25.1	25.2	25.1	43.9	40.0	1,106	1,004
Idaho	164.0	171.0	163.0	170.0	34.3	31.0	5,591	5,270
Oregon	10.6	10.3	10.5	10.3	37.6	36.3	395	374
UNITED STATES	1,185.8	1,171.4	1,148.5	1,155.7	25.9	27.6	29,783	31,901

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.

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