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WHEAT FORECAST

The California winter wheat production forecast, at 893 thousand tons, is 17 percent below last year. The 350 thousand acres expected to be harvested for grain is also 17 percent below last year. The yield is expected to average 2.55 tons per acre, unchanged from last year.

California's Durum wheat production is forecast at 429 thousand tons, up 14 percent from last year. The yield is forecast at 3.30 tons per acre. If realized, this will tie a record high. With continued above normal temperatures in Southern California, crop harvest is well underway.

U.S. winter wheat production is forecast at 50.5 million tons, down 1 percent from the May 1 forecast, but up 13 percent from 2011. Based on June 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 1.42 tons per acre, down 1 percent from last month, but up 2 percent from last year. Expected area for harvest as grain or seed totals 35.6 million acres, unchanged from last month.

The U.S. estimate for Durum wheat production for states other than Arizona and California will not be available until July 11, 2012.

WHEAT ACREAGE, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION - JUNE 1, 2012

Crop and Location	Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
	1,000 Acres		Tons		1,000 Tons	
WINTER						
California	420	350	2.55	2.55	1,071	893
U.S.	32,314	35,580	1.39	1.42	44,810	50,510
DURUM						
California	115	130	3.27	3.30	376	429
Arizona	79	99	3.03	3.30	239	327
U.S.	1,312	a/	1.15	b/	1,514	b/

a/ Published June 29, 2012.

b/ Published July 11, 2012.

SWEET POTATOES

California's 2011 sweet potato production, at 5.82 million cwt., is down 9 percent from 2010. Harvested acreage is estimated at 18.2 thousand acres, 1 percent above 2010. The yield, at 320 cwt., per acre is 10 percent below 2010.

Nationally, the production of sweet potatoes in 2011 totaled 27.0 million cwt., down slightly from the *Crop Production 2011 Summary* released in January 2012, but up 13 percent from the previous year. Growers harvested 130 thousand acres, up 11 percent from 2010. Yield per acre, at a record high 208 cwt., is unchanged from January, but up 4 cwt. from the previous year.

SWEET POTATOES

State	Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	1,000 Acres		Cwt.		1,000 Cwt.	
Alabama	3.2	2.5	150	129	480	323
Arkansas	3.0	3.5	160	180	480	630
California	18.0	18.2	355	320	6,390	5,824
Florida	3.4	3.0	130	160	442	480
Louisiana	13.0	13.0	190	185	2,470	2,405
Mississippi	20.0	23.0	180	181	3,600	4,163
New Jersey	1.3	1.3	110	150	143	195
No. Carolina	54.0	64.0	180	200	9,720	12,800
Texas	1.0	1.2	120	120	120	144
U.S.	116.9	129.7	204	208	23,845	26,964

TOP PRODUCING COUNTIES OF 2011 FOR WINTER WHEAT TONNAGE PRODUCED

Fresno	142,500
Tulare	119,400
Yolo	97,650
Kern	92,400
San Joaquin	78,900
Merced	64,800
Solano	61,620
Colusa	41,280
Sutter	27,000
Siskiyou	22,950

JUNE 1 FALL POTATO STOCKS

The 13 major potato States held 43.9 million cwt. of potatoes in storage June 1, 2012, up 6 percent from a year ago. Potatoes in storage accounted for 12 percent of the 2011 fall storage States' production, unchanged from the previous year. Potato disappearance, at 336 million cwt., was 6 percent above June 1, 2011. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 25.9 million cwt., was up 11 percent from the same date in 2011. Processors in the 9 major States have used 177 million cwt. of potatoes this season, up 10 percent from the same period last year. Dehydrating usage accounted for 35.3 million cwt. of the total processing, up 37 percent from last year.

JUNE 1 FALL POTATO PRODUCTION AND STOCKS a/

State	Crop of 2010			Crop of 2011		
	Production	Total Stocks Jun. 1, 2011 b/	Percent of Production	Production	Total Stocks Jun. 1, 2012 b/	Percent of Production
	1,000 Cwt.			1,000 Cwt.		
California	2,828	d/	d/	4,128	d/	d/
Colorado	21,528	2,700	13	21,291	2,900	14
Idaho	112,970	17,500	15	127,070	18,000	14
Maine	15,892	2,300	14	14,310	1,700	12
Michigan	15,660	d/	d/	15,180	d/	d/
Minnesota	17,010	1,900	11	16,685	2,000	12
Montana	3,673	d/	d/	3,795	d/	d/
Nebraska	7,719	d/	d/	7,800	d/	d/
New York	5,120	d/	d/	4,050	d/	d/
No. Dakota	22,000	1,700	8	18,865	1,400	7
Oregon	20,058	3,100	15	23,342	2,300	10
Washington	88,440	10,400	12	98,400	14,000	14
Wisconsin	24,293	700	3	25,000	700	3
Other States	e/	1,020	e/	e/	930	e/
13-STATE TOTAL	357,191	41,320	12	379,916	43,930	12
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 2011 totaled 23.6 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 15.2 million running bales were ginned during the 2011 season, down 14 percent from the 2010 season.

There were 682 active cotton gins during the 2011 season, down from the 700 gins that operated in 2010. Forty-five percent of the gins processed more than 20,000 running bales, compared with 49 percent the previous season.

**COTTON GINNING:
RUNNING BALES GINNED (excluding linters)
BY TYPE, STATE AND UNITED STATES - CROP YEARS 2008-11**

Type and State	2008	2009	2010	2011
	Bales			
ALL COTTON				
Alabama	451,400	331,650	463,450	682,450
Arizona	377,350	424,300	564,700	758,150
Arkansas	1,237,300	797,550	1,100,300	1,198,800
California	757,650	587,450	841,200	1,339,300
Florida	104,900	89,550	118,800	134,350
Georgia	1,568,800	1,821,100	2,222,950	2,426,700
Kansas	32,950	43,200	81,500	69,300
Louisiana	279,600	340,750	438,950	513,650
Mississippi	656,850	396,900	814,800	1,145,250
Missouri	698,600	522,450	712,650	762,700
New Mexico	47,350	34,900	49,350	69,650
North Carolina	735,450	750,050	937,100	1,021,300
Oklahoma	255,500	309,950	400,900	70,600
South Carolina	232,150	195,300	357,550	485,450
Tennessee	520,950	485,600	667,500	810,000
Texas	4,400,900	4,578,700	7,763,600	3,527,600
Virginia	104,500	122,700	108,050	137,750
UNITED STATES	12,462,200	11,832,100	17,643,350	15,153,000
AMERICAN-PIMA				
Arizona	750	3,950	4,200	19,850
California	386,300	346,450	444,750	760,250
New Mexico	3,800	5,150	5,800	7,550
Texas	22,350	29,300	28,700	36,450
UNITED STATES	413,200	384,850	483,450	824,100

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 - 2011 CROP**

County	Running Bales Ginned	Equivalent 480-Pound Bales Ginned	Number of Active Gins	Average Weight per Running Bale Ginned (pounds)
Fresno	389,650	402,700	16	496.1
Kern	170,550	176,900	12	497.9
Kings	423,900	435,900	15	493.6
Madera	a/	a/	1	493.7
Merced	a/	a/	2	497.3
Riverside	a/	a/	2	488.5
Sutter	a/	a/	1	503.9
Tulare	101,550	106,400	5	502.9
STATE TOTAL	1,339,300	1,382,650	54	495.6

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

CALIFORNIA FIELD CROP PRICES

Mid-May prices received by California farmers were below the previous month for all potatoes, and all types of hay.

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 176 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, decreased 2 points (1.1 percent) from April. The Crop Index is down 3 points (1.4 percent) and the Livestock Index decreased 1 point (0.7 percent). Producers received lower prices for cattle, corn, milk, and wheat. Higher prices were received for broilers, grapefruit, hay, and oranges. 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 movement of broilers, sweet corn, wheat, and grapes offset the decreased marketing of corn, cattle, milk, and soybeans.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 1 point (0.6 percent) from May 2011. The Food Commodities Index, at 164, decreased 1 point (0.6 percent) from last month and decreased 1 point (0.6 percent) from May 2011.

The May All Crops Index, at 204, decreased 1.4 percent from April, but remained slightly above May 2011. Index decreases for feed grains & hay, food grains, and potatoes & dry beans more than offset the index increases for fruits & nuts, upland cotton, and commercial vegetables.

The May Food Grains Index, at 216, is 4.4 percent below the previous month and 15 percent below a year ago. The May all wheat price, at \$220.00 per ton, is down \$17.00 from April and \$52.00 below May 2011.

The May Feed Grains & Hay Index, at 269, is down 1.1 percent from last month but 1.1 percent above a year ago. The corn price, at \$222.14 per ton, is down \$4.29 from last month and \$3.57 below May 2011. The all hay price, at \$199 per ton, is up \$9.00 from April and \$28.00 higher than last May. Sorghum grain, at \$10.10 per cwt, is 50 cents below April and \$1.50 below May last year.

The May Upland Cotton Index, at 157, is up 4.7 percent from April and 15 percent above last year. The May price, at 95.1 cents per pound, is up 4.2 cents from the previous month and 11.9 cents above last May.

The May Potatoes & Dry Beans Index, at 179, is down 7.7 percent from last month and 5.3 percent below May 2011. The all potato price, at \$9.86 per cwt, is down 89 cents from April and \$1.31 from last May. The all dry bean price, at \$44.60 per cwt, is down \$2.40 from the previous month but \$11.70 above May 2011.

AVERAGE FARM PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS ^{a/}

Commodity	Unit	CALIFORNIA			UNITED STATES		
		May 2011	April 2012	May 15, 2012	May 2011	April 2012	May 15, 2012
Dollars							
Corn b/	Tons	---	---	---	225.71	226.43	222.14
Wheat b/	Tons	254.00	c/	c/	272.00	237.00	220.00
Oats b/	Tons	---	---	---	221.88	238.13	235.00
Barley b/	Tons	249.17	d/	d/	172.92	238.33	226.25
Sorghum Grain b/	Cwt.	---	---	---	11.60	10.60	10.10
Rice b/	Cwt.	---	---	---	12.70	13.90	13.70
Dry Edible Beans b/	Cwt.	c/	49.40	c/	32.90	47.00	44.60
All Potatoes e/	Cwt.	24.10	15.10	14.60	11.17	10.75	9.86
Spring	Cwt.	25.70	c/	15.90	---	---	---
Fall	Cwt.	10.80	c/	8.65	---	---	---
All Hay, Baled b/	Tons	224.00	230.00	221.00	171.00	190.00	199.00
Alfalfa Hay, Baled b/	Tons	244.00	235.00	227.00	187.00	207.00	215.00
Other Hay, Baled b/	Tons	145.00	200.00	186.00	114.00	140.00	146.00
Upland Cotton Lint b/	Lbs	0.944	c/	d/	0.832	0.909	0.951
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 2011	Apr 2012	May 2012	May 2011	Apr 2012	May 2012
Prices Received						
All Farm Products	1,111	1,127	1,116	175	178	176
All Crops	1,004	1,026	1,011	203	207	204
Food Grains	801	717	684	253	226	216
Feed Grains and Hay	948	971	959	266	272	269
Cotton	704	769	805	137	150	157
Potatoes and Dry Edible Beans	959	981	906	189	194	179
Prices Paid by Farmers for Commodities, Services, Interest, Taxes and Wage Rates ^{a/}	2,710	2,833	2,828	204	213	212
Parity Ratio ^{b/}	41	40	39	86	84	83

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 2011 sugar beet production is estimated at 1.10 million tons, 3 percent below 2010. Planted and harvested acreage is estimated at 25.1 thousand acres, down 2 percent from last year. The yield is at 44.0 tons per acre, 1 percent below 2010.

estimate, but 10 percent below 2010. Planted area totaled 1.23 million acres, down fractionally from the previous estimate. Harvested area totaled 1.21 million acres, unchanged from the previous estimate. The U.S. yield, at 23.8 tons per acre, is up 0.1 ton from the previous estimate, but down 3.9 tons per acre from the record high set in 2010.

Nationally, the production of sugar beets for the 2011 crop year is revised to 28.8 million tons, up slightly from the January end of season

SUGAR BEETS 1/

State	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	1,000 Acres				Tons		1,000 Tons	
California	25.6	25.1	25.5	25.1	44.6	44.0	1,137	1,104
Idaho	171.0	176.0	170.0	176.0	31.0	34.4	5,270	6,054
Oregon	10.3	10.9	10.3	10.8	36.3	35.8	374	387
UNITED STATES	1,171.9	1,232.7	1,156.1	1,213.1	27.7	23.8	32,034	28,828

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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