



Pacific Region Field Crop Review

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PACIFIC REGION WHEAT FORECAST

California farmers are expected to produce 390 thousand tons of winter wheat, down 10 percent from last year. Harvested acres are estimated at 200 thousand, resulting in a yield of 1.95 tons per acre.

Durum wheat production in California is forecast at 153 thousand tons, up 94 percent from 2014. Harvested acres are estimated at 50 thousand, with a yield of 3.06 tons per acre.

United States winter wheat production is forecast at 45.3 million tons, up 2 percent from the May 1 forecast and up 9 percent from 2014. Based on June 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 1.34 tons per acre, up 0.06 tons from last month and up 0.06 tons from last year.

As of May 31, forty-four percent of the winter wheat crop in the 18 major producing States was rated in good to excellent condition, 14 percentage points better than at the same time last year. Nationally, 84 percent of the winter wheat crop was headed by May 31, seven percentage points ahead of the 5-year average pace.

The United States estimate for durum wheat production for states other than Arizona and California will not be available until July 10, 2015.

WHEAT ACREAGE, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION - JUNE 1, 2015

Crop and Location	Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	1,000 Acres		Tons		1,000 Tons	
WINTER						
California	180	200	2.40	1.95	432	390
U.S.	32,304	33,838	1.28	1.34	41,326	45,152
DURUM						
California	25	50	3.15	3.06	79	153
Arizona	72	124	3.33	2.85	240	353
U.S.	1,337	1/	1.19	2/	1,593	2/

1/ Published June 30, 2015.

2/ Published July 10, 2015.

SWEET POTATOES

California's 2014 sweet potato production, at 5323 million cwt, is down 24 percent from 2013. Harvested acreage is estimated at 19.0 thousand acres, unchanged from 2013. The yield, at 275 cwt per acre, is down 24 percent from 2013.

Nationally, production of sweet potatoes in 2014 totaled 29.6 million cwt, unchanged from the *Crop Production 2014 Summary* released in January 2015 but up 19 percent from the previous year. Growers harvested 135,200 acres, up 19 percent from 2013. Yield per acre, at a record high 219 cwt, is unchanged from both January and the previous year.

SWEET POTATOES

State	Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	1,000 Acres		Cwt.		1,000 Cwt.	
Alabama	2.4	2.0	173	220	415	440
Arkansas	3.9	3.9	180	200	702	780
California	19.0	19.0	360	275	6,840	5,225
Florida	5.9	5.9	142	200	838.0	1,180
Louisiana	7.5	8.8	220	230	1,650	2,024
Mississippi	19.5	21.5	180	175	3,510	3,763
New Jersey	1.2	1.2	125	160	150	192
No. Carolina	53.0	72.0	200	220	10,600	15,840
Texas	0.8	0.9	100	155	80	140
U.S.	113.2	135.2	219	219	24,785	29,584

UNITED STATES FARM LABOR FOR APRIL

There were 687,000 workers hired directly by farm operators on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of April 12-18, 2015, down less than 1 percent from the April 2014 reference week. Workers hired directly by farm operators numbered 549,000 during the week of January 11-17, 2015, up 2 percent from the January 2014 reference week.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$12.27 per hour during the April 2015 reference week, up 2 percent from the April 2014 reference week. Field workers received an average of \$11.34 per hour, an increase of 3 percent. Livestock workers earned \$11.58 per hour, up 2 percent. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$11.42 per hour, was up 3 percent from the 2014 reference week. Hired laborers worked an average of 39.9 hours during the April 2015 reference week, compared with 40.1 hours worked during the April 2014 reference week.

JUNE 1 FALL POTATO STOCKS

The 13 major potato States held 56.5 million cwt of potatoes in storage June 1, 2015, up 20 percent from June 2014. Potatoes in storage accounted for 14 percent of the 2014 fall storage States' production, 2 percentage points higher than last year. Potato disappearance, at 345 million cwt, was up 1 percent from June 1, 2014. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 25.8 million cwt, was 7 percent lower than last year. Processors in the 9 major States used 181 million cwt of potatoes for the season, up 2 percent from June 2014.

JUNE 1 FALL POTATO PRODUCTION AND STOCKS ^{1/}						
State	Crop of 2013			Crop of 2014		
	Production	Total Stocks Jun. 1, 2014 2/	Percent of Production	Production	Total Stocks Jun. 1, 2015 2/	Percent of Production
	1,000 Cwt.			1,000 Cwt.		
California	3,504	(D)	(D)	4,038	(D)	(D)
Colorado	20,304	2,800	14	23,735	3,500	15
Idaho	131,131	20,000	15	135,920	24,000	18
Maine	15,660	(D)	(D)	15,150	2,200	15
Michigan	15,840	(D)	(D)	15,725	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	17,325	3,000	17	16,800	2,800	17
Montana	3,441	(D)	(D)	3,616	(D)	(D)
Nebraska	8,418	(D)	(D)	6,438	600	9
New York	4,959	(D)	(D)	4,424	(D)	(D)
No. Dakota	22,620	1,800	8	24,255	2,700	11
Oregon	21,582	3,000	14	22,562	2,700	12
Washington	96,000	12,500	13	101,475	12,500	12
Wisconsin	26,040	1,300	5	27,090	4,500	17
Other States	(NA)	2,485	(NA)	(NA)	985	(NA)
13-STATE						
TOTAL	386,824	46,885	12	401,228	56,485	14
Klamath						
Basin 3/	(NA)	(D)	(X)	(NA)	(D)	(X)

(D) Data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

(NA) Not available.

(X) Not applicable.

^{1/} Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2013 totaled 25.6 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.

CALIFORNIA COTTON GINNING: ALL COTTON RUNNING BALES GINNED (excluding linters), EQUIVALENT 480- POUND BALES GINNED, NUMBER OF ACTIVE GINS. AMD AVERAGE BALE WEIGHT BY COUNTY - 2014 CROP

County	Running Bales Ginned	Equivalent 480- Pound Bales Ginned	Number of Active Gins	Average Weight per Running Bale Ginned (pounds)
Fresno	1/	1/	10	496.4
Kern	1/	1/	5	497.6
Kings	1/	1/	8	502.0
Madera	1/	1/	1	499.5
Merced	1/	1/	1	497.2
Riverside	1/	1/	2	489.8
Sutter	1/	1/	1	500.7
Tulare	1/	1/	3	499.4
STATE TOTAL	710,550	737,700	31	498.3

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

UNITED STATES COTTON GINNING

A total of 15.9 million running bales were ginned during the 2014 season, up 27 percent from the 2013 season. There were 601 active cotton gins during the 2014 season, down from the 610 gins that operated in 2013. Fifty-three percent of the gins processed more than 20,000 running bales compared with 36 percent the previous season.

COTTON GINNING: RUNNING BALES GINNED (excluding linters) BY TYPE, STATE AND UNITED STATES - CROP YEARS 2011-14

Type and State	2011	2012	2013	2014
	Bales			
UPLAND				
Alabama	682,450	764,150	568,250	642,850
Arizona	738,300	545,450	452,150	454,400
Arkansas	1,198,800	1,244,700	699,150	804,200
California	579,050	534,600	338,850	231,000
Florida	134,350	131,550	124,400	139,600
Georgia	2,426,700	2,857,850	2,294,400	2,528,650
Kansas	69,300	72,450	43,550	50,500
Louisiana	513,650	475,350	321,500	403,050
Mississippi	1,145,250	916,550	666,850	966,800
Missouri	762,700	755,700	504,850	578,400
New Mexico	62,100	39,000	31,900	34,750
North Carolina	1,021,300	1,221,250	773,300	1,013,300
Oklahoma	70,600	119,350	132,650	241,400
South Carolina	485,450	548,900	319,950	472,150
Tennessee	810,000	731,350	415,450	494,900
Texas	3,491,150	4,948,950	4,087,400	6,075,650
Virginia	137,750	176,600	135,700	199,150
UNITED STATES	14,328,900	16,083,750	11,910,300	15,330,750
AMERICAN-PIMA				
Arizona	19,850	7,300	3,250	29,750
California	760,250	723,950	587,400	479,550
New Mexico	7,550	5,800	7,100	9,350
Texas	36,450	12,950	13,000	26,250
UNITED STATES	824,100	750,000	610,750	544,900

UNITED STATES PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The April Prices Received Index (Agricultural Production), at 104, increased 2.0 percent from March. The Crop Production Index, at 89, increased 3.5 percent. At 116, the Livestock Production Index decreased 0.9 percent. Producers received higher prices for broilers, cattle, onions, and hay but lower prices for market eggs, hogs, corn, and oranges. In addition to prices, the indexes are impacted by the five-year average monthly mix of commodities producers market. Increased monthly movement of strawberries, milk, broilers, and oranges offset the decreased marketing of corn, cattle, soybeans, and hay.

The Prices Received Index is down 9.6 percent from the previous year. The Food Commodities Index, at 111, increased 0.9 percent from the previous month but is down 11 percent from April 2014.

The April index for crop production, at 89, increased 3.5 percent from March but is 10 percent below April 2014. Index increases for vegetable & melon production and other crop production more than offset the index decreases for oilseeds & grains and fruit & tree nut production.

The April feed grain index, at 63, is down 1.6 percent from last month and 20 percent below a year ago. The corn price, at \$3.75 per bushel, is down 6 cents from last month and 96 cents below April 2014. At \$7.90 per cwt, sorghum grain is 10 cents below March and 65 cents lower than a year earlier.

The April food grain index, at 81, is 1.2 percent lower than the previous month and 18 percent below a year earlier. The April price for all wheat, at \$5.56 per bushel, is down 14 cents from March and \$1.26 below April 2014.

The April other crop index, at 86, is up 3.6 percent from the previous month but is 10 percent below April 2014. The all hay price, at \$173 per ton, is up \$13.00 from March but is down \$15.00 from April 2014. At 62.4 cents per pound, the price for upland cotton is up 2.5 cents from March but is 20.3 cents below April 2014.

CALIFORNIA FIELD CROP PRICES

April prices received by California farmers decreased from March dry edible beans. There was insufficient data to publish a price for barley. Upland cotton lint and wheat prices were not released to avoid possible disclosure for individual operations. April prices for fall potatoes, all potatoes, alfalfa hay, and hay other were up.

HAY PRICES 1/							
Commodity	Unit	Alfalfa hay			Other Hay		
		April 2014	March 2015	April 2015	April 2014	March 2015	April 2015
Dollars							
Arizona	Tons	225.00	200.00	200.00	220.00	165.00	200.00
California 2/	Tons	250.00	190.00	215.00	200.00	160.00	175.00
Idaho	Tons	200.00	170.00	160.00	170.00	160.00	155.00
Nevada	Tons	229.00	215.00	215.00	217.00	210.00	190.00
Oregon	Tons	220.00	210.00	200.00	220.00	185.00	180.00
Utah	Tons	170.00	170.00	175.00	140.00	135.00	140.00
UNITED STATES	Tons	207.00	172.00	184.00	156.00	136.00	142.00

1/ Current month hay prices are preliminary.
2/ Previous month revised to monthly average.

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

Index	2011 Base		
	Apr 2014	Mar 2015	Apr 2015
Agricultural Production	115	102	104
Crop Production	99	86	89
Grains and oilseed	92	72	71
Feed grain	79	64	63
Food grain	99	82	81
Oilseed	113	79	78
Other crop	96	83	86
Prices Paid by Farmers for Commodities, Services, Interest, Taxes and Wage Rates 1/ Parity Ratio 2/	112 (NA)	110 (NA)	110 (NA)

1/ All production indexes as of 15th of month.
2/ Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid, Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rated (1910-1914=100)

AVERAGE FARM PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS 1/

Commodity	Unit	CALIFORNIA			UNITED STATES		
		April 2014	March 2015	Apr 01, 2015	April 2014	March 2015	April 2015
Dollars							
Corn 2/	Tons	---	---	---	168.21	136.07	133.93
Wheat 2/	Tons	3/	3/	3/	227.33	190.00	185.33
Oats 2/	Tons	---	---	---	247.50	181.88	175.63
Barley 2/	Tons	3/	4/	4/	245.83	199.17	205.42
Sorghum Grain 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	8.55	8.00	7.90
Rice 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	16.20	12.40	12.50
Dry Edible Beans 2/	Cwt.	66.00	59.80	59.50	36.50	33.80	32.20
All Potatoes 5/	Cwt.	13.10	9.40	17.80	9.92	9.21	9.82
Spring	Cwt.	14.90	4/	22.90	---	---	---
Fall	Cwt.	9.95	9.40	9.55	---	---	---
Upland Cotton Lint 2/	Lbs	3/	3/	3/	0.827	0.599	0.624
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.

SUGARBEETS

California's 2014 sugarbeet production is estimated at 1.00 million tons, down 5 percent from 2013. Planted acreage is estimated at 24.3 thousand acres, down slightly from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 22.6 thousand acres, down 7 percent from last year. The yield, at 44.4 tons per acre, is up 2 percent from 2013.

Nationally, production of sugarbeets for the 2014 crop year is revised to 31.4 million tons, down slightly from the January end of season estimate and 4 percent below 2013. Planted area totaled 1.16 million acres, up slightly from the previous estimate. Harvested area totaled 1.15 million acres, down slightly from the previous estimate. The United States yield, at 27.4 tons per acre, is unchanged from the previous estimate but down 1.0 ton per acre from 2013.

SUGAR BEETS 1/

State	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	1,000 Acres				Tons		1,000 Tons	
California	24.4	24.3	24.3	22.6	43.4	44.4	1,055	1,003
Idaho	175.0	171.0	174.0	169.0	36.2	37.5	6,299	6,338
Oregon	9.4	6.7	9.3	6.5	38.4	34.7	357	226
UNITED STATES	1,198.0	1,163.4	1,154.0	1,146.7	28.4	27.4	32,789	31,365

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.

SUGARCANE

Hawaii's 2014 production of sugarcane for sugar and seed is estimated at 1.31 million tons, down 8 percent from the March estimate and 7 percent from 2013. Area harvested for sugar and seed production totaled 18.2 thousand acres, down 800 acres from March but 3 percent above the previous year. Yield for sugar and seed is estimated at 71.8 tons per acre, down 7.1 tons per acre from 2013.

Nationally, production of sugarcane for sugar and seed in 2014 is revised to 30.4 million tons, down 2 percent from the March estimate and down 1 percent from 2013. Area harvested for sugar and seed production totaled 870,300 acres for the 2014 crop year, down 3,800 acres from March and down 40,500 acres from the previous year. Yield for sugar and seed is estimated at 35.0 tons per acre, down 0.7 ton from the previous estimate but up 1.2 tons from 2013.

SUGARCANE 1/

Crop and Location	Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	1,000 Acres		Tons		1,000 Tons	
Hawaii						
For Sugar	15.5	16.0	87.2	78.8	1,352	1,261
For Seed	2.2	2.2	20.5	20.5	45	45
For Sugar and Seed	17.7	18.2	78.9	71.8	1,397	1,306
UNITED STATES						
For Sugar	859.6	825.5	33.8	35.0	29,023	28,895
For Seed	51.2	44.8	33.9	34.1	1,738	1,529
For Sugar and Seed	910.8	870.3	33.8	35.0	30,761	30,424

1/ Yield and Production refer to net weight