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CALIFORNIA CROP PRODUCTION REPORT

SACRAMENTO -- The USDA, NASS, California Field Office today released the crop production forecast for June. The latest survey, which was conducted during the last week of May and the first week of June, includes the following commodities:

Wheat - California's 2012 Durum wheat harvested acreage is estimated at 130 thousand acres. The yield is forecast to be 3.30 tons per acre, resulting in total production of 429 thousand tons. Durum wheat experienced good growing conditions during the year. Durum wheat was being harvested in Southern California and good yields were reported. No significant disease or pest pressure was noted. California's wheat other than Durum harvested acreage is estimated at 350 thousand acres for 2012. The forecast yield is 2.55 tons per acre, bringing the total production to 893 thousand tons. Recent warm weather has been good for the wheat crop. The lack of moisture early in the year impacted dry land wheat, although moisture in March and April did improve conditions. The wheat other than Durum harvest was underway in Southern California, and will progress north in the coming weeks.

Production forecasts are released on a monthly basis and do not reflect final production estimates. Late summer and fall harvests may change these estimates considerably. The next production forecast will be issued July 11, 2012.

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