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WHEAT FORECAST

The California winter wheat production forecast, at 816 thousand tons, is 3 percent above last year. The 320 thousand acres expected to be harvested for grain is also 3 percent above last year. The yield is expected to average 2.55 tons per acre, unchanged from last year. Recent warm weather has been good for the wheat crop. Winter wheat for grain dried in preparation for harvest. Crop condition was rated 90 percent good to excellent.

California's Durum wheat production is forecast at 255 thousand tons, down 40 percent from last year. The yield is forecast at 3.00 tons per acre. Durum wheat experienced good growing conditions during the year. The Durum wheat harvest is well underway in Southern California with no significant disease or pest pressure.

U.S. winter wheat production is forecast at 45.2 million tons, up 2 percent from the May 1 forecast, but down 8 percent from 2012. Based on June 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 1.38 tons per acre, up 2 percent from last month, but down 2 percent from last year. Expected area for harvest as grain or seed totals 32.7 million acres.

The U.S. estimate for Durum wheat production for states other than Arizona and California will not be available until July 11, 2013.

WHEAT ACREAGE, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION - JUNE 1, 2013

Crop and Location	Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013
	1,000 Acres		Tons		1,000 Tons	
WINTER						
California	310	320	2.55	2.55	791	816
U.S.	34,834	32,709	1.42	1.38	49,356	45,274
DURUM						
California	135	85	3.15	3.00	425	255
Arizona	104	64	2.85	3.15	296	202
U.S.	2,102	1/	1.17	2/	2,459	2/

1/ Published June 28, 2013.

2/ Published July 11, 2013.

TOP PRODUCING COUNTIES OF 2012 FOR WINTER WHEAT TONNAGE PRODUCED

Kings	117,600
Yolo	77,580
Fresno	73,200
Tulare	60,900
Merced	57,900
Siskiyou	39,000
Solano	32,400
Colusa	30,600
Modoc	28,320
Sutter	18,900

SWEET POTATOES

California's 2012 sweet potato production, at 6.17 million cwt., is up 6 percent from 2011. Harvested acreage is estimated at 18.0 thousand acres, 1 percent below 2011. The yield, at 343 cwt. per acre, is 7 percent above 2011.

Nationally, the production of sweet potatoes in 2012 totaled 26.5 million cwt., unchanged from the *Crop Production 2012 Summary* released in January 2013, but down 2 percent from the previous year. Growers harvested 127 thousand acres, down 2 percent from 2011. Yield per acre, at a record high 209 cwt., is unchanged from January, but up 1 cwt. from the previous year.

SWEET POTATOES

State	Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
	1,000 Acres		Cwt.		1,000 Cwt.	
Alabama	2.5	2.6	129	210	323	546
Arkansas	3.5	3.9	180	200	630	780
California	18.2	18.0	320	343	5,824	6,174
Florida	3.0	6.3	160	120	480	756
Louisiana	13.0	9.5	185	205	2,405	1,948
Mississippi	23.0	22.0	181	160	4,163	3,520
New Jersey	1.3	1.3	150	160	195	208
No. Carolina	64.0	62.0	200	200	12,800	12,400
Texas	1.2	1.0	120	150	144	150
U.S.	129.7	126.6	208	209	26,964	26,482

U.S. FARM LABOR FOR APRIL

Workers hired directly by farm operators numbered 732,000 for the reference week of April 7-13, 2013, down 2 percent from the April 2012 reference week. There were 596,000 workers hired directly by farm operators on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of January 6-12, 2013, up 4 percent from the January 2012 reference week.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$11.91 per hour during the April 2013 reference week, up 4 percent from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$10.92 per hour, up 4 percent from a year earlier. Livestock workers earned \$11.46, up 51 cents. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$11.10 per hour, was up 48 cents from a year earlier. Hired laborers worked an average of 40.3 hours during the April 2013 reference week, compared with 39.2 hours a year earlier. For more information, the full copy of this report is located at:

<http://usda01.library.cornell.edu/usda/current/FarmLabo/FarmLabo-05-21-2013.pdf>

CALIFORNIA COTTON GINNING:

ALL COTTON RUNNING BALES GINDED (excluding linters), EQUIVALENT 480-POUND BALES GINDED, NUMBER OF ACTIVE GINS. AMD AVERAGE BALE WEIGHT BY COUNTY - 2012 CROP

County	Running Bales Ginned	Equivalent 480-Pound Bales Ginned	Number of Active Gins	Average Weight per Running Bale Ginned (pounds)
Fresno	359,450	371,150	12	495.6
Kern	166,550	173,050	7	498.7
Kings	405,100	422,750	13	500.9
Madera	1/	1/	1	501.3
Merced	1/	1/	2	498.8
Riverside	1/	1/	2	500.0
Sutter	1/	1/	1	503.0
Tulare	77,450	81,500	4	505.2
STATE TOTAL	1,258,550	1,308,750	42	499.1

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

U.S. COTTON GINNING

A total of 16.8 million running bales were ginned during the 2012 season, up 11 percent from the 2011 season.

There were 671 active cotton gins during the 2012 season, down from the 682 gins that operated in 2011. Fifty-two percent of the gins processed more than 20,000 running bales compared with 45 percent the previous season.

COTTON GINNING: RUNNING BALES GINDED (excluding linters) BY TYPE, STATE AND UNITED STATES - CROP YEARS 2009-12				
Type and State	2009	2010	2011	2012
	Bales			
ALL COTTON				
Alabama	331,650	463,450	682,450	764,150
Arizona	424,300	564,700	758,150	552,750
Arkansas	797,550	1,100,300	1,198,800	1,244,700
California	587,450	841,200	1,339,300	1,258,550
Florida	89,550	118,800	134,350	131,550
Georgia	1,821,100	2,222,950	2,426,700	2,857,850
Kansas	43,200	81,500	69,300	72,450
Louisiana	340,750	438,950	513,650	475,350
Mississippi	396,900	814,800	1,145,250	916,550
Missouri	522,450	712,650	762,700	755,700
New Mexico	34,900	49,350	69,650	44,800
North Carolina	750,050	937,100	1,021,300	1,221,250
Oklahoma	309,950	400,900	70,600	119,350
South Carolina	195,300	357,550	485,450	548,900
Tennessee	485,600	667,500	810,000	731,350
Texas	4,578,700	7,763,600	3,527,600	4,961,900
Virginia	122,700	108,050	137,750	176,600
UNITED STATES	11,832,100	17,643,350	15,153,000	16,833,750
AMERICAN-PIMA				
Arizona	3,950	4,200	19,850	7,300
California	346,450	444,750	760,250	723,950
New Mexico	5,150	5,800	7,550	5,800
Texas	29,300	28,700	36,450	12,950
UNITED STATES	384,850	483,450	824,100	750,000

NEVADA DROUGHT UPDATE

Western Nevada is in extreme drought and drought over much of the rest of the State is considered severe. Following the dry weather of last year, effects of the drought are more profound. Farmers and ranchers across the State are greatly impacted. Pasture and range conditions currently rate mostly poor to fair and are deteriorating as warm, windy weather continues to dry native forages. Lower elevation range is particularly poor. Many traditional ranges are lacking tank and spring water supplies usually available for stock. A number of ranchers are hauling water to ranges for livestock. Surface irrigation water is extremely limited in a number of valleys. Farmers in the Lovelock, Smith, and Mason valleys are being allotted only a small fraction of their normal water allocations. Increased reliance on well water disproportionately increases production costs.

Many fields have gone unplanted to devote what water is available to the remaining fields. A number of growers are anticipating fewer cuttings of alfalfa. Native grasses available for haying are sharply reduced. A high proportion of small grain acreage is being cut for hay rather than grown through grain production. Lower yields are expected from unmet irrigation needs. Administering agencies are expecting an extremely hazardous fire season which can be devastating to ranchers.

NASS will be releasing estimated of crop acreage planted and hay acreage to be harvested on June 28, 2013 at 12:00 PM ET. Immediate results will be available at:

www.nass.usda.gov/Publications/index.asp

U.S. PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in May, at 194 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 2 points (1.0 percent) from April. The Crop Index is down 1 point (0.5 percent) but the Livestock Index increased 6 points (3.7 percent). Producers received higher prices for eggs, hogs, soybeans, and broilers. Prices were lower for corn and wheat. 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, and hay offset decreased marketings of soybeans, apples, wheat, and oranges.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 14 points (7.8 percent) from May 2012. The Food Commodities Index, at 181, increased 3 points (1.7 percent) from last month and 12 points (7.1 percent) from May 2012.

The May All Crops Index, at 221, is down 0.5 percent from April but 3.3 percent higher than May 2012. Index decreases for feed grains & hay, commercial vegetables, and food grains more than offset index the increases for fruits & nuts, oilseeds, potatoes & dry beans, and upland cotton.

The May Food Grains Index, at 244, is 1.2 percent below the previous month but 11 percent above a year ago. The May price for all wheat, at \$250.33 per ton, is down \$6.67 from April but \$28.00 above May 2012.

The May Feed Grains & Hay Index, at 295, is down 1.7 percent from last month but 7.7 percent above a year ago. The corn price, at \$245.71 per ton, is down \$3.22 from last month but \$19.28 above May 2012. The all hay price, at \$203 per ton, is \$3.00 higher than April and \$2.00 above last May. Sorghum grain, at \$11.20 per cwt, is 40 cents below April but 80 cents above May last year.

The May Upland Cotton Index, at 125, is up 0.8 percent from April but 10 percent below last year. The May price, at 75.7 cents per pound, is up 0.3 cents from the previous month but 8.7 cents below last May.

The May Potatoes & Dry Beans Index, at 181, is up 8.4 percent from last month but 2.7 percent below May 2012. The all potato price, at \$10.52 per cwt, is up 89 cents from April and 8 cents higher than last May. The all dry bean price, at \$34.50 per cwt, is down 10 cents from the previous month and \$8.80 below May 2012.

CALIFORNIA FIELD CROP PRICES

Mid-May prices received by California farmers were above the previous month for all potatoes, and fall potatoes. Prices were below the previous month for spring 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.

HAY PRICES 1/

Commodity	Unit	Alfalfa hay			Other Hay		
		May 2012	April 2013	May 2013	May 2012	April 2013	May 2013
		Dollars					
Arizona	Tons	255.00	200.00	240.00	195.00	190.00	250.00
California 2/	Tons	220.00	205.00	202.00	175.00	178.00	175.00
Idaho	Tons	180.00	190.00	190.00	120.00	145.00	145.00
Nevada	Tons	225.00	202.00	202.00	175.00	175.00	209.00
Oregon	Tons	230.00	231.00	205.00	220.00	211.00	184.00
Utah	Tons	205.00	183.00	191.00	163.00	148.00	153.00
UNITED STATES	Tons	217.00	215.00	221.00	148.00	162.00	154.00

1/ Current month hay prices are preliminary.

2/ Previous month revised to monthly average.

AVERAGE FARM PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS 1/

Commodity	Unit	CALIFORNIA			UNITED STATES		
		May 2012	April 2013	May 15, 2013	May 2012	April 2013	May 15, 2013
		Dollars					
Corn 2/	Tons	---	---	---	226.43	248.93	245.71
Wheat 2/	Tons	3/	295.33	3/	222.33	257.00	250.33
Oats 2/	Tons	---	---	---	257.50	276.25	256.25
Barley 2/	Tons	3/	4/	4/	238.33	262.50	252.92
Sorghum Grain 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	10.40	11.60	11.20
Rice 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	14.10	15.20	15.70
Dry Edible Beans 2/	Cwt.	50.80	3/	3/	43.30	34.60	34.50
All Potatoes 5/	Cwt.	16.30	20.10	20.70	10.44	9.63	10.52
Spring	Cwt.	18.10	25.30	24.90	---	---	---
Fall	Cwt.	8.60	6.75	6.95	---	---	---
All Hay, Baled 2/	Tons	213.00	199.00	197.00	201.00	200.00	203.00
Alfalfa Hay, Baled 2/	Tons	220.00	205.00	202.00	217.00	215.00	221.00
Other Hay, Baled 2/	Tons	175.00	178.00	175.00	148.00	162.00	154.00
Upland Cotton Lint 2/	Lbs	3/	3/	4/	0.844	0.754	0.757
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.

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

Index	1910-14 = 100			1990-92 = 100		
	May 2012	Apr 2013	May 2013	May 2012	Apr 2013	May 2013
Prices Received						
All Farm Products	1144	1217	1232	180	192	194
All Crops	1059	1102	1096	214	222	221
Food Grains	694	783	774	219	247	244
Feed Grains and Hay	977	1068	1053	274	300	295
Cotton	714	638	641	139	124	125
Potatoes and Dry Edible Beans	944	848	916	186	167	181
Prices Paid by Farmers for Commodities, Services, Interest, Taxes and Wage Rates	2857	2920	2912	215	219	219
Parity Ratio 1/	40	42	42	84	88	89

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

SUGARBEETS

California's 2012 sugar beet production is estimated at 1.08 million tons, 8 percent below 2011. Planted and harvested acreage is estimated at 24.5 thousand acres, down 3 percent from last year. The yield is at 44.0 tons per acre, 5 percent below 2011.

Nationally, the production of sugarbeets for the 2012 crop year remains at 35.2 million tons, unchanged from the January end-of-season estimate but 22 percent above 2011. Planted area totaled 1.23 million acres and harvested area totaled 1.20 million acres, both unchanged from the previous estimate. The final U.S. yield, at 29.3 tons per acre, is a record high.

SUGAR BEETS 1/

State	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
	1,000 Acres		1,000 Acres		Tons		1,000 Tons	
California	25.2	24.5	25.2	24.5	46.5	44.0	1,172	1,078
Idaho	176.0	183.0	176.0	182.0	34.4	35.3	6,054	6,425
Oregon	10.9	11.0	10.8	11.0	35.8	38.0	387	418
UNITED STATES	1,232.8	1,230.1	1,213.2	1,204.2	23.8	29.3	28,896	35,236

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 2012 production of sugarcane for sugar and seed is revised to 1.31 million tons, down 4 percent from the March estimate and 2 percent below 2011. Area harvested for sugar and seed production totaled 17.4 thousand acres, up 400 acres from March and 4 percent above the previous year. Yield for sugar and seed is estimated at 75.1 tons per acre, down 5.1 tons per acre from 2011.

Nationally, the production of sugarcane for sugar and seed in 2012 is revised to 32.2 million tons, up slightly from the March estimate. Area harvested for sugar and seed production totaled 902 thousand acres for the 2012 crop year, up 6,400 acres from March and 3 percent above the previous year. Yield for sugar and seed is estimated at 35.7 tons per acre, down 0.2 ton from the previous estimate, but up 2.2 tons from 2011.

SUGARCANE 1/

Crop and Location	Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
	1,000 Acres		Tons		1,000 Tons	
Hawaii						
For Sugar	15.1	15.9	85.2	79.4	1,287	1,262
For Seed	1.5	1.5	30.0	30.0	45	45
For Sugar and Seed	16.6	17.4	80.2	75.1	1,332	1,307
UNITED STATES						
For Sugar	827.1	854.9	33.5	35.7	27,738	30,500
For Seed	45.5	47.5	32.7	36.4	1,486	1,727
For Sugar and Seed	872.6	902.4	33.5	35.7	29,224	32,227

1/ Yield and Production refer to net weight