



# Pacific Region Field Crop Review

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Durum wheat production in California is forecast at 173,000 tons, down 14 percent from 2013. Harvested acres are estimated at 55,000, with a yield of 3.15 tons per acre. The Durum wheat harvest was expected to begin in Southern California by mid-May.

## PACIFIC REGION WHEAT FORECAST

California farmers are expected to produce 480,000 tons of winter wheat in 2014, down 41 percent from last year. Harvested acres are estimated at 200,000, resulting in a yield of 2.40 tons per acre. In California, producers are expected to harvest a record low acreage due to exceptional drought in the winter wheat growing area.

United States winter wheat production is forecast at 42.1 million tons, down 9 percent from 2013. As of May 1, the yield is forecast at 1.29 tons per acre, down 9 percent from last year. Expected grain area is forecast at 32.6 million acres, up 1 percent from last year.

The United States estimate for Durum wheat production for states other than Arizona and California will not be available until July 11, 2014.

### WHEAT FORECAST 1/

Crop and Location		Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
		2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
		1,000 Acres		Tons		1,000 Tons	
<b>WINTER</b>	California	340	200	2.40	2.40	816	480
	UNITED STATES	32,402	32,572	1.42	1.29	46,028	42,075
<b>DURUM</b>	California	67	55	3.00	3.15	201	173
	Arizona	79	69	3.06	2.88	242	199
	UNITED STATES	1,421		1.31		1,857	

1/ Blank data cells indicated estimation period has not yet begun. Area harvested for the United States and remaining States will be published in *Acreage*, released in June 2014. Yield and production will be published in *Crop Production* released July 2014

## CALIFORNIA FIELD CROP PRICES - APRIL 2014

Mid-April prices received by California farmers were above March for alfalfa hay. Prices for all potatoes and fall potatoes were below the previous month. The mid-April price for other hay was unchanged from March.

There were insufficient sales to establish a mid-month price for wheat, barley, spring potatoes and cotton lint. Prices for dry edible beans were withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

## HAWAII TARO PRODUCTION

Hawaii taro production for the 2013 crop year is estimated at 3.10 million pounds, down 11 percent from the previous year but unchanged from the previous forecast. Area in crop, at 400 acres, is unchanged from 2012.

## UNITED STATES PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in April, at 115 percent, based on 2011=100, increased 4 points (3.6 percent) from March. The Crop Index is up 4 points (4.3 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 4 points (3.1 percent). Producers received higher prices for hogs, corn, soybeans, and broilers and lower prices for oranges, barley, and peanuts. 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 milk, broilers, and oranges offset the decreased marketing of corn, soybeans, hay, and wheat.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 8 points (7.5 percent) from April 2013. The Food Commodities Index, at 125, increased 3 points (2.5 percent) from last month and increased 18 points (17 percent) from April 2013.

The April All Crops index, at 98, increased 4.3 percent from March, but is 8.4 percent below April 2013. The

index increase for oilseeds & grains more than offset the index decrease for fruit & tree nut production.

The April Food Grains Index at 101, is 3.1 percent above the previous month, but 4.7 percent below a year ago. The April price for all wheat, at \$230.67 per bushel, is up \$5.67 cents from March, but down \$26.33 cents from April 2013.

The April Feed Grains Index, at 79, is up 3.9 percent from last month, but 32 percent below a year ago. The corn price, at \$168.93 per bushel, is up \$7.86 cents from last month, but \$80.00 below April 2013. Sorghum grain, at \$8.41 per cwt, is 17 cents above March, but \$3.19 below April last year.

The April Other Crops Index, at 102, is up 4.1 percent from last month, but unchanged from April 2013. The all hay price, at up \$191 per ton, is up \$18.00 from March, but \$4.00 less than last April. The price for upland cotton, at 80.7 cents per pound, is up 1.3 cents from March and 2.3 cents higher than last April.

### AVERAGE FARM PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS 1/

Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		April 2013	March 2014	Apr 15, 2014	April 2013	March 2014	Apr 15, 2014
Dollars							
Corn 2/	Tons	---	---	---	248.93	161.07	168.93
Wheat 2/	Tons	295.33	(D)	(S)	257.00	225.00	230.67
Oats 2/	Tons	---	---	---	276.88	256.88	251.25
Barley 2/	Tons	(S)	(D)	(S)	262.50	248.75	219.58
Sorghum Grain 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	11.60	8.24	8.41
Rice 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	15.40	16.10	16.50
Dry Edible Beans 2/	Cwt.	(D)	54.60	(D)	34.60	38.00	40.70
All Potatoes 3/	Cwt.	20.10	9.25	9.15	9.63	9.66	10.94
Spring	Cwt.	25.30	(S)	(S)	---	---	---
Fall	Cwt.	6.65	9.25	9.15	---	---	---
Upland Cotton Lint 2/	Lbs	(D)	(D)	(S)	0.784	0.794	0.807
Cottonseed	Tons	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations

(NA) Not available

(S) Insufficient number of reports to establish an estimate

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/ Monthly average.

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

Index	2011 Base		
	Apr 2013	Mar 2014	Apr 2014
Agricultural Production .....	107	111	115
Crop Production .....	107	94	98
Grains and oilseed .....	114	88	93
Feed grain .....	116	76	79
Food grain .....	106	98	101
Oilseed .....	114	108	114
Other crop .....	102	98	102
Prices Paid by Farmers for Commodities, Services, Interest, Taxes and Wage Rates 1/ Parity Ratio 2/	106 101	110 101	112 103

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 Rates (2011 Base)

## SPRING POTATOES

California spring potato production is forecast at 10.0 million cwt, down 8 percent from last year. Harvest had begun in some areas and yields were forecast lower than in last year.

at 73,800 acres, a 2 percent decrease from March intentions. Area for harvest is forecast at 72,300 acres, down 1 percent from the previous year. The average yield forecast, at 290 cwt per acre, is down 14 cwt from 2013.

Nationally, production for 2014 is forecast at 21.0 million cwt, down 5 percent from 2013. Planted area is forecast

### SPRING POTATOES

State	Area Harvested		Yield		Production		
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014
	1,000 Acres		Cwt.		1,000 Cwt.		
Arizona	3.4	3.8	280	285	833	952	1,083
California	26.5	25.0	410	400	11,600	10,865	10,000
Florida	29.5	30.0	240	247	8,917	7,080	7,410
North Carolina	13.5	13.5	240	185	3,200	3,240	2,498
UNITED STATES	72.9	72.3	304	290	26,736	22,137	20,991

## HAY STOCKS ON FARMS

Stocks of hay on California farms as of May 1, 2014 totaled 140 tons. This is 7 percent of the December 1 stocks, 56 percent below May 1, 2013 and is a record low. Nevada hay stocks were estimated at 45,000 tons, a decrease of 68 percent from a year ago.

May 1 hay stocks levels were record-lows in California, Maine, Minnesota, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, and Rhode Island.

All hay stored on United States farms May 1, 2014 totaled 19.2 million tons, up 35 percent from a year ago. This is the third lowest May 1 stocks level since 1989. Disappearance from December 1, 2013 - May 1, 2014 totaled 70.1 million tons, compared with 62.4 million tons for the same period a year earlier.

May 1 hay stocks were up from 2013 as improved weather conditions lead to larger production totals in many States when compared with drought conditions in 2012. However, several regions saw declines in stocks levels when compared to a year ago due to lower production in the Southeast, drought conditions in the West and Southern Plains, and a cold, wet spring in the Northeast and parts of the Midwest.

### HAY STOCKS ON FARMS, SELECTED STATES AND UNITED STATES: DECEMBER 1 AND MAY 1, 2011-14

State	December 1			May 1		
	2011	2012	2013	2012	2013	2014
	1,000 Tons					
California	1,640	1,900	1,900	240	320	140
Arizona	250	240	200	35	35	35
Nevada	830	650	650	238	140	45
Oregon	2,200	1,700	1,700	275	230	210
Utah	1,420	900	1,250	350	230	300
UNITED STATES	90,726	76,547	89,304	21,381	14,156	19,176

### HAY PRICES, SELECTED STATES AND UNITED STATES, APRIL 2014 WITH COMPARISONS 1/

Commodity	Unit	Alfalfa hay			Other Hay		
		April 2013	March 2014	April 2014	April 2013	March 2014	April 2014
		Dollars					
Arizona	Tons	200.00	215.00	225.00	190.00	210.00	220.00
California 2/	Tons	205.00	240.00	250.00	178.00	200.00	200.00
Idaho	Tons	190.00	195.00	200.00	145.00	170.00	170.00
Nevada	Tons	202.00	229.00	229.00	175.00	217.00	217.00
Oregon	Tons	231.00	225.00	220.00	211.00	180.00	220.00
Utah	Tons	183.00	175.00	170.00	148.00	140.00	140.00
UNITED STATES	Tons	213.00	191.00	206.00	157.00	137.00	151.00

1/ Current month hay prices are preliminary.

2/ Previous month revised to monthly average.

## 2013 COTTON PRODUCTION

California farmers produced 333,000 bales (480 lb. net weight) of upland cotton in 2013, 34 percent less than the 508,000 bales produced in 2012. Harvested acreage, at 92,000, was 35 percent below the 141,000 acres harvested the previous year. The average yield was 1,737 pounds per acre, 8 pounds above 2012.

American-Pima producers planted 187,000 acres, down 17 percent from last year. Harvested area, at 186,000 acres, is down 17 percent from last year. Production is estimated at 610,000 bales (480-pound), down 19 percent from last year. The average yield is estimated at 1,574 pounds per acre, down 40 pounds from 2012.

All cotton production in the United States is estimated at 12.9 million 480-pound bales, down 25 percent from the 2012 crop. The yield for all cotton is estimated at 821 pounds per acre, down 66 pounds from the previous year's record high yield.

United States upland cotton production is estimated at 12.3 million 480-pound bales, down 26 percent from the 2012 crop. The yield for upland cotton is estimated at 802 pounds per acre, down 67 pounds from 2012. Record high yields are estimated in Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi.

American Pima production in the United States is estimated at 634,200 bales (480-pounds), down 19 percent from 2012. The yield is estimated at 1,527 pounds per acre, down 54 pounds from the previous season.

United States cottonseed production in 2013 totaled 4.20 million tons, down 26 percent from the previous year. Sales to oil mills accounted for 49 percent of the disposition. The remaining 51 percent will be used for seed, feed, exports and various other uses.

### COTTON AND COTTONSEED

Commodity Item		Unit	California		United States	
			2012	2013	2012	2013
<b>UPLAND COTTON:</b>	Acres Planted	1,000 Acres	142.0	93.0	12,076.0	10,206.0
	Acres Harvested	1,000 Acres	141.0	92.0	9,135.0	7,345.0
	Yield	Lbs./Acre	1,729	1,737	869	802
	Production 1/	1,000 Bales	508.0	333.0	16,535.0	12,275.0
	Price 2/	Dollars/Lb.	0.892	0.888	0.725	0.764
	Value 2/ 3/	1,000 Dollars	217,505	134,266	5,827,428	4,689,264
<b>AMERICAN-PIMA COTTON:</b>	Acres Planted	1,000 Acres	225.0	187.0	238.4	201.0
	Acres Harvested	1,000 Acres	224.0	186.0	236.8	199.4
	Yield	Lbs./Acre	1,614	1,574	1,581	1,527
	Production 1/	1,000 Bales	753.0	610.0	779.8	634.2
	Price 2/	Dollars/Lb.	1.24	1.67	1.24	1.67
	Value 2/ 3/	1,000 Dollars	448,186	488,976	464,729	509,486
<b>COTTONSEED:</b>	Production	1,000 Tons	469.0	355.0	5,666.0	4,203.0
	Sales to Oil Mills	1,000 Tons	130.0	78.0	2,985.0	2,070.0
	Other Farm Disposition 4/	1,000 Tons	339.0	277.0	2,681.0	2,133.0
	Used for Planting 4/ 5/	1,000 Tons	2.5	1.7	64.4	68.9
	Price	Dollars/Ton	366.0	371.0	252.0	247.0
	Value	1,000 Dollars	171,654	135,044	1,456,245	1,102,934
	Value of Sales to Oil Mills	1,000 Dollars	47,580	28,938	752,220	511,290

1/ Production ginned and to be ginned.

2/ For 2013 based on marketings and monthly prices received from August 1, 2013 - December 31, 2013.

3/ Value based on 480-lb. net weight bale.

4/ Includes planting seed, feed, exports, inter-farm sales, shrinkage, losses, and other uses.

5/ Seed for planting is produced in crop year shown, but used in the following year.