



# Press Release

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On: TEXAS WHEAT PRODUCTION  
UP 4 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

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AUSTIN . . . According to an April 1 survey conducted by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, Texas wheat producers expect to harvest 100 million bushels this year, up 4 percent from 2003, and 28 percent higher than the 2002 crop.

Planted acreage for the 2004 crop is estimated at 6.1 million acres, down 8 percent from 2003 and 5 percent lower than 2002.

Production on the Northern High Plains is expected to total 41.5 million bushels, up 1 percent from a year ago. Spring rains helped the crop recover from what was a very dry early growing season.

Producers in the Blacklands expect to harvest 17.0 million bushels, down 3 percent from last year. The crop made good progress in this region, however, disease was becoming a problem in fields with excess moisture.

On April 1, 40 percent of the winter wheat acreage was rated from good to excellent condition, compared to 43 percent good to excellent last year.

Texas is the only state that makes an April 1 winter wheat production estimate. The first national wheat forecast will be released on May 12, 2004.

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**TEXAS WHEAT DISTRICT ESTIMATES, 2002, 2003 AND 2004**

| Districts                        | Planted acres      |              |                   | Production           |               |                   |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------------|---------------|-------------------|
|                                  | 2002               | 2003         | 2004 <sup>1</sup> | 2002                 | 2003          | 2004 <sup>1</sup> |
|                                  | <i>1,000 acres</i> |              |                   | <i>1,000 bushels</i> |               |                   |
| 1-N .....                        | 2,440              | 2,527        | 2,350             | 24,160               | 41,199        | 41,500            |
| 1-S .....                        | 555                | 500          | 480               | 3,040                | 4,375         | 4,000             |
| 2-N .....                        | 689                | 679          | 640               | 8,008                | 10,997        | 8,500             |
| 2-S .....                        | 1,100              | 1,136        | 980               | 13,842               | 11,795        | 14,500            |
| 3 .....                          | 470                | 556          | 550               | 2,977                | 4,266         | 6,800             |
| 4 .....                          | 675                | 689          | 650               | 20,920               | 17,578        | 17,000            |
| 7 .....                          | 293                | 333          | 290               | 3,290                | 3,345         | 5,000             |
| 8-N .....                        | 70                 | 80           | 70                | 961                  | 1,604         | 1,600             |
| Other districts <sup>2</sup> ... | 108                | 100          | 90                | 1,102                | 1,441         | 1,100             |
| <b>STATE .....</b>               | <b>6,400</b>       | <b>6,600</b> | <b>6,100</b>      | <b>78,300</b>        | <b>96,600</b> | <b>100,000</b>    |

<sup>1</sup> Preliminary. <sup>2</sup> Total of individual districts with less than 50,000 acres planted.

