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WHEAT FORECAST

The California winter wheat production forecast, at 720 thousand tons, is 25 percent above last year. The 320 thousand acres expected to be harvested for grain is 33 percent above last year. The yield is expected to average 2.25 tons per acre, 6 percent below last year.

California's Durum wheat production is forecast at 512 thousand tons, up 139 percent from 2007. Acreage expected for harvest, at 155 thousand, is 107 percent above last year's acreage. The expected yield of 3.30 tons per acre is 16 percent above the previous year.

U.S. winter wheat production is forecast at 54.5 million tons, up 20 percent from 2007. Based on conditions as of June 1, the U.S. yield is expected to average 1.36 tons, 7 percent above 2007. Harvested area, forecast at 40.2 million acres, is 12 percent above last year.

The U.S. estimate for Durum wheat production for states other than Arizona and California will not be available until July 11, 2008.

TOP PRODUCING COUNTIES OF 2007 FOR ALL WHEAT TONNAGE PRODUCED

KINGS	139,950
IMPERIAL	107,100
FRESNO	90,750
YOLO	85,140
KERN	54,600
COLUSA	50,730
TULARE	45,150
SOLANO	41,160
SUTTER	33,570
RIVERSIDE	24,840
SISKIYOU	23,700
SAN JOAQUIN	22,800
MODOC	15,000
SACRAMENTO	13,710
GLENN	13,050

WHEAT ACREAGE, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION - JUNE 1, 2008

Crop and Location	Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	1,000 Acres		Tons		1,000 Tons	
WINTER						
California	240	320	2.40	2.25	576	720
U.S.	35,952	40,162	1.27	1.36	45,480	54,521
DURUM						
California	75	155	2.85	3.30	214	512
Arizona	79	145	3.00	3.00	237	435
U.S.	2,112	a/	1.02	b/	2,151	b/

a/ Published June 30, 2008.

b/ Published July 11, 2008.

SWEET POTATOES

California's 2007 sweet potato production is estimated at 4.26 million cwt., 14 percent above 2006. Harvested acreage is estimated at 13.3 thousand acres, 9 percent above 2006. The yield at 320 cwt. per acre is 5 percent above 2006.

Nationally, production for the 2007 crop year is revised to 18.1 million cwt., down 2 percent from the "January Crop Production 2007 Summary," but up 11 percent from 2006. Area harvested, at 97.5 thousand acres, is unchanged from January, but up 12 percent from 2006. The average yield is 185 cwt. per acre, down 4 cwt. from the January estimate and 2 cwt. below 2006. This yield is the second highest on record.

SWEET POTATOES 1/

State	Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	1,000 Acres		Cwt.		1,000 Cwt.	
Alabama	2.3	2.4	160	120	368	288
California	12.2	13.3	305	320	3,721	4,256
Louisiana	13.5	15.0	165	200	2,228	3,000
Mississippi	15.5	20.0	160	175	2,480	3,500
New Jersey	1.2	1.2	135	100	162	120
No. Carolina	39.0	43.0	180	155	7,020	6,665
So. Carolina	0.6	0.5	140	110	84	55
Texas	2.1	1.8	65	90	137	162
Virginia	0.4	0.3	120	120	48	36
U.S.	86.8	97.5	187	185	16,248	18,082

1/ Revised 2007 data.

JUNE 1 FALL POTATO STOCKS

The 13 major potato States held 58.7 million cwt. of potatoes in storage on June 1, 2008, up 32 percent from a year ago and 41 percent above June 1, 2006. Potatoes in storage accounted for 15 percent of the 2007 fall storage States' production, up 3 percent from last year. California's, Idaho's, Oregon's, and Washington's potato stocks were up 3, 17, 83, and 133 percent from June 1, 2007, respectively, while Colorado's stocks were down 27 percent from a year ago. Wisconsin's potato stocks were down 6 percent from last year; North Dakota's stocks were 19 percent above 2007; and potato stocks in Nebraska were down 54 percent from the previous season. Minnesota's stocks increased 25 percent from the same date in 2007. Maine's potato stocks were 35 percent lower than last year.

JUNE 1 FALL POTATO PRODUCTION AND STOCKS 1/

State	Crop of 2006			Crop of 2007		
	Production	Total Stocks Jun. 1, 2007 2/	Percent of Production	Production	Total Stocks Jun. 1, 2008 2/	Percent of Production
	1,000 Cwt.			1,000 Cwt.		
California	3,870	290	7	4,223	300	7
Colorado	22,686	3,700	16	20,981	2,700	13
Idaho	128,915	21,000	16	131,650	24,500	19
Maine	17,980	3,000	17	16,530	1,950	12
Michigan	14,190	---	---	14,700	---	---
Minnesota	20,400	2,000	10	20,680	2,500	12
Montana	3,518	---	---	3,696	---	---
Nebraska	8,730	700	8	8,051	320	4
New York	5,700	---	---	5,216	---	---
No. Dakota	25,480	2,100	8	23,660	2,500	11
Oregon	18,533	2,300	12	20,238	4,200	21
Washington	89,900	7,500	8	102,300	17,500	17
Wisconsin	29,370	1,700	6	28,160	1,600	6
Other States	---	170	---	---	320	---
13-STATE TOTAL	389,272	44,460	11	400,085	58,710	14
Klamath Basin 3/	---	---	---	---	---	---

- 1/ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop.
- 2/ Missing stocks are combined into "Other States."
- 3/ Includes potato stocks in CA and Klamath Co., OR. Data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

U.S. COTTON GINNING

A total of 18.7 million running bales were ginned during the 2007 season, 11 percent below the 2006 ginings of 21.0 million running bales.

There were 806 active cotton gins during the 2007 season, down from the 835 gins that operated in 2006. Forty-five percent of the gins processed more than 20.0 thousand running bales compared with 53 percent the previous season.

**COTTON GINNING:
RUNNING BALES GINNEED (excluding linters)
BY TYPE, STATE AND UNITED STATES - CROP YEARS 2004-07**

Type and State	2004	2005	2006	2007
	Bales			
ALL COTTON				
Alabama	797,350	831,750	668,600	397,300
Arizona	678,350	579,050	529,950	484,650
Arkansas	2,016,500	2,099,700	2,419,500	1,807,150
California	2,414,850	1,590,250	1,438,200	1,415,050
Florida	92,900	112,100	148,150	102,250
Georgia	1,749,800	2,101,650	2,285,750	1,620,550
Kansas	65,350	92,350	117,800	51,300
Louisiana	888,250	1,105,650	1,257,000	695,800
Mississippi	2,274,250	2,089,300	2,029,450	1,271,250
Missouri	808,700	864,400	994,100	785,550
New Mexico	67,750	72,300	61,050	60,700
North Carolina	1,324,150	1,398,300	1,257,600	763,650
Oklahoma	289,050	341,000	183,750	281,900
South Carolina	369,100	391,500	402,650	148,650
Tennessee	958,550	1,083,250	1,310,900	586,600
Texas	7,618,050	8,333,750	5,751,650	8,144,900
Virginia	142,600	166,750	141,500	95,900
UNITED STATES	22,555,550	23,253,050	20,997,600	18,713,150
AMERICAN-PIMA				
Arizona	5,300	6,750	13,350	4,450
California	656,200	537,300	660,600	766,300
New Mexico	17,650	20,650	21,650	10,350
Texas	37,750	42,300	41,550	42,150
UNITED STATES	716,900	607,000	737,150	823,250

**CALIFORNIA COTTON GINNING:
ALL COTTON RUNNING BALES GINNEED (excluding linters),
EQUIVALENT 480-POUND BALES GINNEED, RUNNING BALES
PRODUCED BY COUNTY, AND U.S. COUNTY RANK - 2007 CROP**

County	Running Bales Ginned	Equivalent 480-Pound Bales Ginned	Running Bales Produced	U.S. Rank by Running Bales Produced
Colusa	0	0	1,800	431
Fresno	493,700	513,050	415,450	5
Glenn	0	0	9,600	268
Imperial 1/	---	---	6,750	304
Kern	248,650	256,200	358,000	10
Kings	367,850	379,950	282,000	13
Madera 1/	---	---	24,200	167
Merced 1/	---	---	158,350	27
Riverside 1/	---	---	57,450	86
San Bernardino	0	0	1,100	476
Sutter 1/	---	---	1,450	452
Tulare	92,150	96,100	77,050	59
STATE TOTAL	1,415,050	1,465,300	1,393,200	---

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

CALIFORNIA FIELD CROP PRICES - MAY 2008

Mid-May prices received by California farmers increased from April for all potatoes, fall potatoes, all hay, and alfalfa hay, while other hay was unchanged from April. 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 oats, barley, and Upland cotton lint. Prices were above a year earlier for fall potatoes and all types of hay.

U.S. PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in May, at 150 percent based on 1990-92=100, increased five points (3.4 percent) from April. The Crop Index is up four points (2.4 percent) and the Livestock Index increased five points (3.9 percent). Producers received higher prices for hogs, cattle, onions, and broilers, but lower prices for eggs, lettuce, wheat, and broccoli. 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 marketing's of cantaloupes, grapes, sweet corn, and wheat offset the decreased marketing's of cattle, milk, corn, and apples.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 14 points (10 percent) from May 2007. The Food Commodities Index, at 147, increased five points (3.5 percent) from last month and increased 11 points (8.1 percent) from May 2007.

The May All Crops Index is 172, up 2.4 percent from April and 23 percent above May 2007. Index increases for fruits & nuts, potatoes & dry beans, oil-bearing crops, and feed grains & hay more than offset the index decreases for food grains, cotton, and commercial vegetables.

The May Food Grains Index, at 278, is 7.4 percent below the previous month, but 74 percent above a year ago. The May all wheat price, at \$293.33 per ton, is down \$40.00 from April, but \$130.66 above May 2007.

The May Feed Grains & Hay Index is 222, up 0.9 percent from last month and 41 percent above a year ago. The corn price, at \$182.66 per ton, is down \$1.07 from last month, but \$58.21 above May 2007. The all hay price, at \$166.00 per ton, is up \$14.00 from April and \$28.00 from last May. Grain sorghum, at \$9.18 per cwt., is 12 cents below April, but \$2.69 above May last year.

The May Cotton Index, at 100, is down 2 percent from April, but 37 percent above last year. The May price, at 60.7 cents per pound, is down 1.4 cents from the previous month, but 16.7 cents above last May.

The May Potatoes & Dry Beans Index, at 162, is up 8.7 percent from last month and 19 percent above May 2007. The all potato price, at \$9.21 per cwt., is up 76 cents from April and \$1.26 from last May. The all dry bean price, at \$36.30 per cwt., is up \$1.90 from the previous month and \$11.90 above May 2007.

AVERAGE FARM PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS 1/

Commodity	Unit	CALIFORNIA			UNITED STATES		
		May 2007	April 2008	May 15, 2008	May 2007	April 2008	May 15, 2008
<i>Dollars</i>							
Corn 2/	Tons	---	---	---	124.64	183.93	182.86
Wheat 2/	Tons	139.00	3/	3/	162.67	333.33	293.33
Oats 2/	Tons	4/	4/	4/	155.63	217.50	216.25
Barley 2/	Tons	3/	3/	4/	130.00	189.17	198.33
Sorghum Grain 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	6.49	9.30	9.18
Rice 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	10.00	14.60	15.00
Dry Edible Beans 2/	Cwt.	36.90	3/	3/	24.40	34.40	36.30
All Potatoes 5/	Cwt.	17.20	13.60	14.50	7.95	8.45	9.21
Winter	Cwt.	---	20.70	---	---	---	---
Spring	Cwt.	19.70	---	16.00	---	---	---
Summer	Cwt.	---	---	---	---	---	---
Fall	Cwt.	7.85	8.20	8.60	---	---	---
All Hay, Baled 2/	Tons	153.00	210.00	212.00	138.00	152.00	166.00
Alfalfa Hay, Baled 2/	Tons	165.00	221.00	223.00	145.00	157.00	177.00
Other Hay, Baled 2/	Tons	115.00	165.00	165.00	115.00	140.00	134.00
Upland Cotton Lint 2/	Lbs	0.557	3/	4/	0.440	0.621	0.607
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.

4/ Insufficient sales 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 2007	Apr 2008	May 2008	May 2007	Apr 2008	May 2008
Prices Received						
All Farm Products	861	924 1/	954	136	145 1/	150
All Crops	691	831 1/	846	140	168 1/	172
Food Grains	507	949 1/	883	160	299 1/	278
Feed Grains and Hay	567	786 1/	794	158	220 1/	222
Cotton	372	525 1/	513	73	102 1/	100
Potatoes and Dry Edible Beans	686	756 1/	820	136	149 1/	162
Prices Paid by Farmers for Commodities, Services, Interest, Taxes and Wage Rates 2/	2,144	2,418 1/	2,449	161	181	184
Parity Ratio 3/	40	38	39	84	80	82

1/ Revised.

2/ All production indexes as of 15th of month.

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

SUGAR BEETS

California's 2007 sugar beet production is estimated at 1.47 million tons, 6 percent below 2006. Planted acreage is estimated at 40.0 thousand acres, down 8 percent from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 39.1 thousand acres, 9 percent below 2006. The yield is at 37.5 tons per acre, 4 percent above 2006.

Nationally, the 2007 sugar beet production is revised to 31.9 million tons, 6 percent less than 2006. Area harvested totaled a revised 1.25 million acres, virtually unchanged from the January estimate, but 4 percent below the previous year. The yield, at 25.6 tons per acre, is the same as January, but down 0.5 ton from the 2006 record high yield.

SUGAR BEETS 1/ 2/

State	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>				<i>Tons</i>		<i>1,000 Tons</i>	
California	43.3	40.0	43.1	39.1	36.1	37.5	1,556	1,466
Idaho	188.0	169.0	187.0	167.0	31.7	34.4	5,928	5,745
Oregon	13.1	12.0	13.1	11.0	30.1	31.9	394	351
Washington	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	37.0	42.0	74	84
UNITED STATES	1,366.2	1,268.8	1,303.6	1,246.8	26.1	25.6	34,064	31,912

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.

2/ Revised 2007 data.