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HIGHLIGHTS IN THIS REPORT

Winter Wheat Production 2007 Sugarcane and Sweet Potato Production Revisions

U.S. Wheat Production

Winter Wheat production is forecast at 1.82 billion bushels, up 2 percent from the May 1 forecast and up 20 percent from 2007. Based on June 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 45.3 bushels per acre, up 1.0 bushel from the previous forecast and up 3.1 bushels from last year. Grain area totals 40.2 million acres, unchanged from last month. As of June 1, heading had reached 75 percent in the 18 major states, 9 percentage points behind the 5-year average. Progress was behind normal due primarily to below normal temperatures throughout the growing season. Harvest was underway in the southern-most portions of the growing area.

Forecasted head counts from the Objective Yield Survey in the 6 Hard Red Winter States (Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Texas) are below last year's level in Colorado, Montana, Oklahoma and Texas but above in Kansas and Nebraska. Condition ratings declined during May in Colorado and Nebraska while the other states showed improved conditions. Harvest was just getting started in Oklahoma and Texas.

A lack of moisture during May reduced yield potential in Colorado. Oklahoma benefited from a cooler than normal spring with adequate rainfall.

Forecasted head counts from the Objective Yield Survey in the 3 Soft Red Winter States (Illinois, Missouri and Ohio) are above last year's level. Condition ratings declined in Illinois, increased in Ohio and remained constant in Missouri during May. In Missouri, yield potential improved despite excessive moisture in some areas of the state during May. Wet conditions in Ohio during early May slowed crop development, however more recent warmer weather has allowed winter wheat conditions to improve.

In the Pacific Northwest States (Idaho, Oregon, and Washington) yields are unchanged from last month in Washington and Oregon but up 1 bushel in Idaho. Forecasted head counts from the Objective Yield Survey in Washington are above last year. Condition ratings declined in Washington but improved in Oregon and Idaho during May. Crop progress was behind normal for all three states at the end of May.

Durum Wheat production of Durum wheat in Arizona and California is forecast at a collective 31.6 million bushels, up 8 percent from May 1 and 110 percent above their 2007 total of 15.0 million bushels. Durum wheat in California is progressing normally, with no quality or disease problems. The harvest in Arizona, as of June 1, is slightly ahead of the 5 year average.

June 1, 2008 Crop Report, Winter Wheat

	Area Harvested		Yield		Production		
		Ind		Ind		Ind	
Selected States	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	
	1,000 Acres		Bushe	ls	1,000 Bushels		
Arkansas	700	840	41.0	56.0	28,700	47,040	
Colorado	2,350	2,100	40.0	30.0	94,000	63,000	
Kansas	8,600	9,400	33.0	38.0	283,800	357,200	
Louisiana	220	1/	54.0	1/	11,880	1/	
Mississippi	330	425	56.0	57.0	18,480	24,225	
Oklahoma	3,500	4,500	28.0	35.0	98,000	157,500	
Texas	3,800	3,400	37.0	30.0	140,600	102,000	
United States	35,952	40,162	42.2	45.3	1,515,989	1,817,364	

¹Not available until September 2008.

Louisiana Sugarcane

Sugarcane production for sugar and seed in 2007 totaled 12.8 million tons, 8 percent above the 2006 production. Harvested acreage for sugar and seed totaled 420,000 acres, 15,000 acres below 2006. The average yield per acre was 30.4 tons, up 3.1 tons from 2006.

U. S. Sugarcane Production

Production of sugarcane for sugar and seed for the 2007 crop year is revised to 30.0 million tons, down 3 percent from the March 1 estimate but up 1 percent from 2006. Area harvested for sugar and seed during the 2007 crop year totaled 879,600 acres, down fractionally from the March estimate and down 2 percent from 2006. This is the lowest area harvested for sugar and seed since 1990. Yield is estimated at 34.1 tons per acre, 0.8 ton below the March estimate but 1.2 tons above the 2006 crop.

Total production of cane for sugar and seed decreased from the previous year in all states, except Louisiana. Area harvested for sugar decreased 18,700 acres but area harvested for seed was up 600 acres from 2006. Yield per acre of sugarcane for sugar increased 1.2 tons per acre from the previous year, resulting in an overall increase of 1 percent in sugarcane for sugar production from 2006. Sugarcane for seed yield increased 1.4 tons per acre from the previous year. The increase in harvested area and yield resulted in a 6 percent increase in sugarcane for seed production from 2006.

Sugarcane For Sugar and Seed: Acreage, Yield and Production

	Area Harvested		Yield ¹		Production ¹		
	2006	2007 ²	2006	2007^{2}	2006	2007 ²	
State	1,000 Acres		Tons		1,000 Tons		
For Sugar							
Florida	382.0	375.0	35.8	36.0	13,676	13,500	
Hawaii	20.4	20.4	79.1	73.2	1,614	1,493	
Louisiana	405.0	390.0	27.3	30.4	11,057	11,856	
Texas	39.2	42.5	41.2	33.5	1,615	1,424	
United States	846.6	827.9	33.0	34.2	27,962	28,273	
For Seed							
Florida	18.0	18.0	37.2	37.6	670	677	
Hawaii	1.6	2.5	32.0	28.3	51	71	
Louisiana	30.0	30.0	27.3	30.4	819	912	
Texas	1.5	1.2	41.0	30.4	62	36	
United States	51.1	51.7	31.4	32.8	1,602	1,696	
For Sugar and Seed							
Florida	400.0	393.0	35.9	36.1	14,346	14,177	
Hawaii	22.0	22.9	75.7	68.3	1,665	1,564	
Louisiana	435.0	420.0	27.3	30.4	11,876	12,768	
Texas	40.7	43.7	41.2	33.4	1,677	1,460	
United States	897.7	879.6	32.9	34.1	29,564	29,969	

¹ Yield and production refer to net weight.

Sugarcane for Sugar and Seed: Price and Value

		For Sugar and Seed					
	Price Per Ton		Value of Production		Value of Production ¹		
State	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007^{2}	
	Dollars		1,000 Dollars				
Florida	31.10		425,324		446,161		
Hawaii	31.00		50,034		51,615		
Louisiana	29.60		327,287		351,529		
Texas	28.70		46,351		48,130		
United States	30.40		848,996		897,435		

¹ Price per ton of cane for sugar used in evaluating value of production for seed.

² Revised.

² Estimates are not available. State estimates will be published in "Crop Values," February 2009.

Louisiana Sweet Potatoes

Louisiana farmers planted 16,000 acres of sweet potatoes in 2007, down 2,000 acres from the previous year. Harvested area totaled 15,000 acres, while yield per acre averaged a record 200 cwt. Production was estimated at 3.0 million cwt, 35 percent above previous year's total.

U. S. Sweet Potato Production

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 97,500 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.

North Carolina sweet potato production, at 6.67 million cwt, is down 6 percent from January due to a 10 cwt per acre decrease in yield. South Carolina production decreased 21 percent from January, also due to a decrease in yield. Louisiana sweet potato production increased 3 percent due to an increase in yield from January.

Sweet Potatoes

	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
State	2006	2007 ¹	2006	20071	2006	2007^{1}	2006	2007 ¹
	1,000 Acres				(Cwt	1,000 Cwt	
Alabama	2.4	2.5	2.3	2.4	160	120	368	288
California	12.2	13.5	12.2	13.3	305	320	3,721	4,256
Louisiana	18.0	16.0	13.5	15.0	165	200	2,228	3,000
Mississippi	18.0	20.5	15.5	20.0	160	175	2,480	3,500
New Jersey	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	135	100	162	120
North Carolina	40.0	44.0	39.0	43.0	180	155	7,020	6,665
South Carolina	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.5	140	110	84	55
Texas	2.2	1.9	2.1	1.8	65	90	137	162
Virginia	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3	120	120	48	36
United States	95.2	100.6	86.8	97.5	187	185	16,248	18,082

¹ Revised.

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