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On: TEXAS WHEAT ACREAGE DOWN 8 PERCENT

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AUSTIN . . . Texas wheat producers have seeded 5.8 million acres for the 2005 winter wheat crop, down 8 percent from last year, and 12 percent lower than 2003.

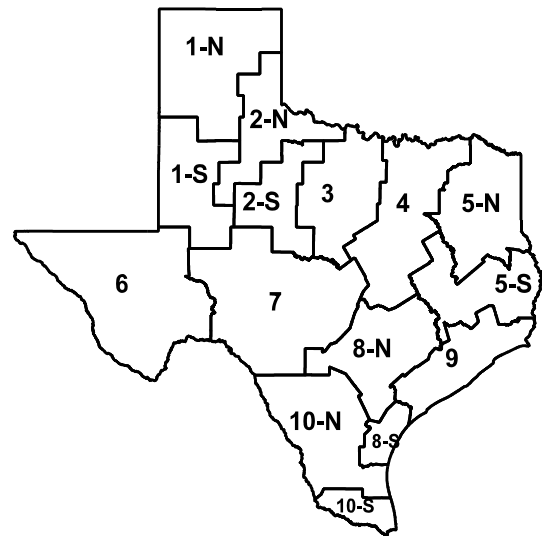
“A combination of wet fields, high cattle prices and late cotton harvest discouraged many producers from sowing wheat this year,” State Director Robin Roark reported.

Nationally, U.S. seedings of winter wheat for 2005 totaled 41.6 million acres, down 4 percent from 2004.

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TEXAS WHEAT: SEEDED ACREAGE BY DISTRICTS

Districts	2003	2004	2005 ¹
1-N	2,527,000	2,400,000	2,300,000
1-S	500,000	493,000	430,000
2-N	679,000	660,000	690,000
2-S	1,136,000	1,098,000	1,090,000
3	556,000	529,000	430,000
4	689,000	621,000	375,000
7	333,000	284,000	370,000
8-N	80,000	101,000	*
Other districts ²	100,000	114,000	115,000
STATE TOTAL	6,600,000	6,300,000	5,800,000



¹ Preliminary. ² Total of individual districts with less than 50,000 acres planted for current year.