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On: TEXAS WHEAT PRODUCTION

DOWN 3 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

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AUSTIN . . . The 2005 Texas winter wheat crop is forecast at 105 million bushels, down 3 percent from last year but 9 percent higher than 2003. This estimate is unchanged from the May forecast.

According to a June 1 survey conducted by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, statewide yield is expected to average 30 bushels per acre, down 1 bushel from last year but identical to the May forecast. Harvested acreage, at 3.5 million acres, is identical to the 2004 crop and unchanged from May.

"Despite rust infestations in some areas, it looks like yields have held up on the Panhandle for the most part and producers are gearing up for harvest," reports State Director Robin Roark.

Production on the Northern High Plains is forecast at 56.0 million bushels, up 16 percent from last year. Winter wheat production on the Low Plains is forecast at 24.4 million bushels, down 4 percent from last year. The Blacklands' production is estimated at 8.9 million bushels, down 42 percent from last year. Production on the Edwards Plateau is forecast at 6.6 million bushels, 44 percent higher than the 2004 crop.

On June 1, harvest was in full swing in Central Texas and was beginning to gain momentum in northern districts.

United States winter wheat production for 2005 is forecast at 1.55 billion bushels, an increase of 3 percent from last year but 3 percent lower than the May forecast. Yield is expected to average 44.1 bushels per acre, up 0.6 bushels from a year ago but down 1.3 bushels from the last forecast. Acreage to be harvested for grain is expected to total 35.1 million acres, 2 percent higher than a year ago and unchanged from May.

TEXAS WHEAT: ACREAGE, YIELD AND PRODUCTION, 2004 AND 2005 $^{1/}$

Districts	Planted acres		Harvested acres		Yield per acre		Production	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	<u>1,000 acres</u>		<u>1,000 acres</u>		<u>Bushels</u>		1,000 bushels	
1-N	2,391.0	2,300.0	1,505.0	1,675.0	32.2	33.4	48,400.0	56,000.0
1-S	497.5	400.0	177.0	115.0	30.5	20.0	5,390.0	2,300.0
2-N	661.0	690.0	363.5	380.0	27.6	25.3	10,050.0	9,600.0
2-S	1,098.0	1,050.0	594.0	600.0	26.0	24.7	15,420.0	14,800.0
3	531.0	480.0	195.0	190.0	27.5	25.3	5,370.0	4,800.0
4	621.0	400.0	370.5	220.0	41.5	40.5	15,365.0	8,900.0
7	284.0	360.0	158.0	250.0	29.0	26.4	4,580.0	6,600.0
8-N	100.0	65.0	75.1	50.0	28.8	30.0	2,160.0	1,500.0
Other districts ² /	116.5	55.0	61.9	20.0	28.5	25.0	1,765.0	500.0
STATE	6,300.0	5,800.0	3,500.0	3,500.0	31.0	30.0	108,500.0	105,000.0

^{1/} Preliminary 2005. 2/ Districts with less than 50,000 acres planted are included in other districts.

