

# California Wheat

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## Weekly Wheat Bulletin

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### Comments:

**6.10.08** – “Harvest in full swing. HRW yields excellent, 3.5-4.0 tons. Proteins seem to be slightly lower than normal, would say averaging 12.5 with test weights of 62-64 lbs. White wheat varieties seem to be struggling with proteins 9-11%.” *Mike Holdsworth, Western Milling, Goshen CA*

**6.11.08** – “Southern Sacramento Valley wheat harvest is well underway with about 20% done. Unfortunately, I am getting reports from growers that the high winds are causing some shattering problems in Cal Rojo. We are also having some problems with fires, so please be extra careful. I had one grower calling in to say he is setting a

new farm record averaging 3.5 tons/acre with irrigated Blanca Fuerte and no shattering. It sounds like for the irrigated wheat that is not shattering we are going to have good yields and quality.” *Kent L. Brittan, Yolo, Solano and Sacramento County Farm Advisor.*

**6.12.08** – “Most of the harvesters in the central and southern San Joaquin Valley are operating now at capacity and we are starting to see some trends developing. Red and white wheat yields and bushel weights are running very high, while protein levels are varying greatly. Durum yields and proteins are generally running high. Blanca Fuerte and Blanca Royale white wheat are averaging 3 ½ to 4 ½ tons/acre with bushel weights ranging from 62.0 to 65.5 lbs/bushel. Protein levels vary from 10.0% to 13.5%, as farmers’ fertilization practices are making a significant difference in protein percentage.

Ultra and Cal Rojo red wheat are averaging 3 to 4 ½ tons/acre with bushel weights ranging from 61.0 to 65.0 lbs/bushel. Protein levels vary from 10.0% to 13%. Fertilization is also playing a large role in these varieties.

Fortissimo and Platinum durum have been very strong as well averaging 3 to 4 ton/acre with 61.0 to 64.0 bushel weights. Proteins have generally ranged from 12.0% to 13.0% with some 11% to 12% on lesser fertilized ground.

Some examples of yields:  
Grower in Stratford (Kings Co.) had Ultra go 4.5 tons/acre with an average of 12% protein and 64.5 lbs/bushel. A Fortissimo

durum field in San Joaquin (Fresno Co.) went 3.53 ton/acre with 13.97% protein and 61.7 lbs/bushel. A Platinum field in San Joaquin (Fresno Co.) went 3.88 tons/acre with 13.68% protein and 62.67 lbs/bushel. A field of Cal Rojo in Los Banos (Merced Co.) went 3.59 tons/acre with 12.71% protein and 63.02 lbs/bushel. A field of Blanca Royale in Huron (Fresno Co.) went 4.15 tons/acre with 12.30% protein and 63.56 lbs/bushel. A field of Blanca Fuerte in Los Banos (Merced Co.) went 3.76 tons/acre with 11.96% protein and 65.63 lbs/bushel." *Geoff Schulz Penny-Newman Grain Company*

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