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Weekly Wheat Bulletin

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www.californiawheat.org

For those of you that are new to our mailing list, the length of this bulletin will change from week to week. The amount of material is dependent on the contributions of our readers.

Comments:

6.5.08 – “Imperial Valley harvest is about halfway complete. The crop is looking pretty good, yields are higher than expected, and we are seeing good protein levels (mid 13’s and some 14’s). Overall the crop appears better than last year at this point. Harvest will be continuing into July because many fields were planted late this year.” *Albert Santana, Farwell Grain Inspection, Imperial Valley, CA*

6.5.08 – “The Tulalake region is essentially all planted. We have received significant rainfall (+/- 2 inches) in the past 10 days which has improved conditions

considerably. We continue to have cool weather with some frost; could use some more sun and warmth.” *J.W. Cope, Winema Elevators, Tulalake, CA.*

6.5.08 – “Harvest has picked up this week in the Central and Southern San Joaquin Valleys and should be in full swing next week. Bushel weights and yields are looking very strong as we are starting to see more irrigated wheat come off. Protein levels seem to vary greatly by grower and ranch, but we are seeing a lot of 12% and 13% proteins with some 10% and 11% as well, depending on fertilization practices.” *Geoff Schulz Penny-Newman Grain Company*

6.5.08 – California Agricultural Inspection Company’s grading station in Corcoran reports that the cooler than normal weather has delayed harvest. They are hoping to see some grain next week. *Cymantha Fredrickson, Assistant Director, California Wheat Commission*

Knowledge:

Plant Variety Protection / Patent What a grower should know.

Many growers have become familiar with the rules of buying seed that is protected by the Plant Variety Protection Act.

1. A grower can hold back seed for planting

the following year on his or her land only.

2. Seed cannot be sold to a neighbor or another farmer.

...but did you know that if the seed has been **patented**.... a grower cannot hold back seed for planting the following year on his or her land; seed cannot be sold to a neighbor or another farmer.

Resources:

California Grain and Feed Association – Market Review Bulletin, Daily Report. Reports California grain and feedstuff prices. Cost \$225 / year for non-members. Contact: Nida Agno, nida@cgfa.org, phone (916) 441.2272

One can also access a report on the weekly delivered grain prices for California via USDA's web page:

<http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSv1.0/ams.fetchTemplateData.do?template=TemplateS&navID=MarketNewsAndTransportationData&leftNav=MarketNewsAndTransportationData&page=LSMarketNewsPageStateGrainReports>

Research News:

“Monsanto Co. said on Wednesday it is establishing a \$10 million grant aimed at accelerating research in wheat and rice yields and is working to double corn, soybean and cotton yields by 2030. Monsanto Chairman and CEO Hugh Grant said in a release Wednesday that the company is looking to partner with business and citizen groups and governments to meet increased global food, feed and energy needs related to agriculture.” The rest of this article can be viewed at <http://www.guardian.co.uk/business/feedarticle/7562226> KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 4 (Reuters)

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