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Weekly Wheat Bulletin

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The Weekly Wheat Bulletin is designed to share quick, informal and reliable information about the state's wheat crop and disease conditions. Comments forwarded by Thursday morning of each week will be posted in the Bulletin for distribution Thursday evening. Archived copies of the 2008 Wheat Bulletin may be accessed on the California Wheat Commission website:

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:

5.22.08 – “We have been receiving loads of white, red and durum wheat for the past week. These have been from dryland growers of red wheat and from some minimum irrigation white wheat and durum fields. Bushel weights have been in the 61 to 65 range on the white and durum fields while the reds have been in the 55 to 61 range. Proteins on the reds have been much higher than the white and durum with red fields coming in at 14 to 16% while the white and durum has been closer to 11.5 to 12.5%. The majority of the irrigated crop is still a good 3 to 4 weeks away from harvesting and yields look like they will be very strong.” *Geoff Schulz*
Penny-Newman Grain Company

5.28.08 – “Wheat harvest in the Southern Sacramento Valley is still a few weeks away. Cool damp weather has been delaying harvest. Not sure if the light rain that went through area last weekend caused any sprouting in the head. Yields look favorable on the irrigated acres, and even some of the non-irrigated grain looks average, considering that we have had no rain since early march. Some varieties that had been rust resistant did show some rust. Next report from me will be when harvest is in progress. *Alan Freese, Grower, Birds Landing CA*

5.29.08 – First 2 fields of irrigated Joaquin (HRW) harvested 75 acres averaged 3.7 short tons, 12-13% protein, 85 acres averaged 3.95 short tons, 13% protein from different growers. *Mike Holdsworth, Western Milling, Goshen CA*

5.29.08 - Weekly Wheat Bulletin Comments

Concerns have recently been raised with our office regarding the characterizations of disease susceptibility or performance of varieties by some comments to the Wheat Bulletin. The goal of the Wheat Bulletin is to provide timely information of crop progress, condition and of course disease observation by a wide variety of industry representatives throughout the production areas of California. The aim is to foster a broader knowledge base with which to make decisions on many fronts including potential pest and disease control and future research needs to name two.

Part of the concern expressed was that comments that implied the general performance of certain varieties have been made based on observations in a more localized area. I assign some blame to myself in my short tenure here at the Wheat Commission in not recognizing that some of the comments we have published were of a sensitive nature and should have followed up with the submitter to clarify the information.

In the future we would appreciate that comments submitted be confined to first hand observations and put in the appropriate context of where the observations were made.

Comments we have received about the Wheat Bulletin have been very favorable and we want to continue providing valued information to industry members. Many thanks go to all who actively participate in supplying comments to the Wheat Bulletin.

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