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Comments:

2.4.09 "The 2009 wheat crop is completely planted at this point in the Central and Southern San Joaquin Valley. Both early planted wheat that was irrigated and later wheat that was brought up with the rain is looking relatively strong. The little amount of rain we have received thus far has come at very opportune times, so the initial stand looks promising. There is a huge concern over the amount of water that will be available from the water districts with many districts indicating that growers will receive 0%-25% of normal delivery. This may put the wheat crop in jeopardy as water will likely be diverted to permanent crops and higher value crops in some situations. This is a situation we will have to monitor, but if the water is pulled early on many

wheat fields, we could be looking at lower yields and bushel weights at harvest.

Forage wheat stands are looking strong as well. There may be another flush of wheat intended for the dairy market diverted to the grain market because of the struggling dairy industry, but there is a lot of time still before that situation unfolds." *Geoff Schulz Penny-Newman Grain Company, Fresno CA*

2.4.09 "Wheat crop looks good so far. Some irrigating taking place. Need rain!" *Mike Holdsworth, Western Milling, Goshen CA*

2.4.09 "With the warm January, five degrees above normal, the wheat is progress very rapidly and looks very good. Do not see any reason at this point not to expect a normal to good yields. Most of my herbicide work has been completed, I have the second water on most fields and I am looking to put the third water on some of the earlier fields. With prices lower that last year I am expecting the acreage in our area to be more in the normal range." *Roy Motter, Grower, Imperial County*

(From one end of the state to the other, some perspective on the vast diversity of California agriculture)

2.4.08 – "We're a couple of months from planting!" *J.W. Cope, Winema Elevators, Tulelake CA*

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