

Crop Production

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California

There was no change in the production estimates for California winter and durum wheat from July to August. 2010 winter wheat is still projected to be up 4% from 2009, while durum production is estimated down 35% from 2009 due to less planted acres.

U.S. Wheat production, at 2.26 billion bushels, is up 2 percent from the July forecast and up 2 percent from 2009. Based on August 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 46.9 bushels per acre, up 1.0 bushel from last month and 2.5 bushels above last year. If realized, this will be the highest yield on record, 2.0 bushels above 2008.

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.52 billion bushels, up 1 percent from last month and up slightly from 2009. The United States yield is forecast at 47.5 bushels per acre, up 0.6 bushel from last month and up 3.3 bushels from last year. If realized, this will be the second highest yield on record, trailing only 1999. The area expected to be harvested for grain totals 32.1 million acres, unchanged from last month but down 7 percent from last year.

Hard Red Winter, at 1.03 billion bushels, is up 2 percent from a month ago.

Soft Red Winter, at 260 million bushels, is down 3 percent from the previous forecast. White Winter is up 3 percent from last month and now totals 234 million bushels. Of this total, 18.6 million bushels are Hard White and 215 million bushels are Soft White.

Durum wheat production is forecast at 109 million bushels, up 5 percent from July but down slightly from 2009. The United States yield is forecast at 42.0 bushels per acre, 2.0 bushels above last month but 2.9 bushels below last year. If realized, this will be the second highest yield on record, trailing only last year. Expected area to be harvested for grain totals 2.59 million acres, unchanged from last month but up 7 percent from last year.

Winter Wheat Area Harvested, Yield, and Production - California: 2009 and Forecasted August 1, 2010

| State | Area harvested | | Yield | | | Production | |
|------------|----------------|------|---------|---------|----------|---------------|---------|
| | 2009 | 2010 | 2009 | July 1 | August 1 | 2009 | 2010 |
| | 1,000 acres | | bushels | bushels | | 1,000 bushels | |
| California | 315 | 350 | 80.0 | 75.0 | 75.0 | 25,200 | 26,250 |
| Tons..... | | | 2.4 | 2.25 | 2.25 | 756,000 | 787,500 |

Durum Wheat Area Harvested, Yield, and Production - California: 2009 and Forecasted August 1, 2010

| State | Area harvested | | Yield | | | Production | |
|------------|----------------|------|---------|---------|----------|---------------|---------|
| | 2009 | 2010 | 2009 | July 1 | August 1 | 2009 | 2010 |
| | 1,000 acres | | bushels | bushels | | 1,000 bushels | |
| California | 170 | 100 | 100.0 | 110.0 | 110.0 | 17,000 | 11,000 |
| Tons..... | | | 3.0 | 3.15 | 3.3 | 510,000 | 330,000 |