

Crop Production

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California

California winter wheat production is forecasted up 5% from 2009. Area harvested as grain or seed is estimated up at 380,000 acres, whereas estimated yield as of May 1 is down 10 bushels for a forecasted production of 26.6 million bushels.

California Durum, at 11 million bushels, is forecasted down 35% from 2009. Yield is up 5%, although estimated harvested acreage is down substantially due to lower planted acres.

U.S. Winter Wheat Production Down 4 Percent from 2009

U.S. winter wheat production is forecast at 1.46 billion bushels, down 4 percent from 2009. Expected area for harvest as grain or seed totals 31.8 million acres, down 8 percent from last year. Based on May 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 45.9 bushels per acre, up 1.7 bushels from the previous year.

Hard Red Winter, at 960 million bushels, is up 5 percent from 2009. Soft Red Winter, at 283 million bushels, is down 30 percent from last year. White Winter is up 7 percent from last year and now totals 215 million bushels. Of this total, 17.0 million bushels are Hard White and 198 million bushels are Soft White.

Winter Wheat Area Harvested, Yield, and Production - California: 2008, 2009, and Forecasted May 1, 2010

State	Area harvested		Yield		Production		
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2008	2009	2010
	-- 1,000 acres --		-- bushels --		----- 1,000 bushels -----		
California	315	380	80.0	70.0	34,000	25,200	26,600
Tons.....			2.4	2.1	1,020,000	756,000	798,000

Durum Wheat Area Harvested, Yield, and Production - California: 2008, 2009, and Forecasted May 1, 2010

State	Area harvested		Yield		Production		
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2008	2009	2010
	1,000 acres		--- bushels --		----- 1,000 bushels -----		
California	170	105	100.0	105.0	15,225	17,000	11,025
Tons.....			3.0	3.15	456,750	510,000	330,750

USDA estimated total: California

1,128,750 tons