

Crop Production

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California

USDA's 2012 Winter wheat production forecast is 840 thousand tons, down 22 percent from last year. Harvested acres are estimated at 350 thousand, resulting in a yield of 2.4 tons per acre.

The 2012 Durum wheat production forecast is 449 thousand tons, up 19 percent from 2011. Harvested acres are estimated at 130 thousand, with a yield of 3.45 tons per acre.

U.S. Winter Wheat Production Up 13 Percent from 2011

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.69 billion bushels, up 13 percent from 2011. The area expected to be harvested for grain or seed totals 35.6 million acres, up 10 percent from last year. Based on May 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 47.6 bushels per acre, up 1.4 bushels from last year.

Hard Red Winter, at 1.03 billion bushels, is up 32 percent from 2011. Soft Red Winter, at 428 million bushels, is down 6 percent from last year. White Winter is down 9 percent from last year and now totals 233 million bushels. Of this total, 14.1 million bushels are Hard White and 219 million bushels are Soft White.

Winter Wheat Area Harvested, Yield, and Production - California: 2011, and Forecasted May 1, 2012

| State | Area harvested | | Yield | | Production | |
|-------------------|-------------------|------|---------------|------|---------------------------|--------|
| | 2011 | 2012 | 2011 | 2012 | 2011 | 2012 |
| | -- 1,000 acres -- | | -- bushels -- | | ----- 1,000 bushels ----- | |
| California | 420 | 350 | 85.0 | 80.0 | 35,700 | 28,000 |
| Tons (1,000)..... | | | 2.55 | 2.4 | 1,071 | 840 |

Durum Wheat Area Harvested, Yield, and Production - California: 2011, and Forecasted May 1, 2012

| State | Area harvested | | Yield | | Production | |
|------------------|----------------|------|----------------|-------|---------------------------|--------|
| | 2011 | 2012 | 2011 | 2012 | 2011 | 2012 |
| | 1,000 acres | | --- bushels -- | | ----- 1,000 bushels ----- | |
| California | 112 | 130 | 109.0 | 115.0 | 12,535 | 14,950 |
| Tons (1,000)... | | | 3.27 | 3.45 | 376 | 448.5 |

USDA estimated total: California (tons)

1,288,500 tons