

Crop Production

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California

USDA's 2012 Winter wheat production forecast is 892.5 thousand tons, up 6 percent from May's forecast due to an increase in estimated yield; however this estimate is 16.6% behind last year's production numbers. Harvested acres remain the same from May to June, estimated at 350 thousand acres.

Although the 2012 Durum wheat forecasted yield was reduced from May to June, the total production estimate of 429 thousand tons is up 14 percent from 2011.

In total, wheat and durum production in California is projected up 2.5% from May, 2011.

U.S. Winter Wheat Production Down 1% from May

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.68 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the May 1 forecast but 13 percent above 2011. Based on June 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 47.3 bushels per acre, down 0.3 bushel from last month but 1.1 bushels more than last year. Expected area for harvest as grain or seed totals 35.6 million acres, unchanged from May 1. Hard Red Winter, at 1.02 billion bushels, is down 1 percent from a month ago.

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

State	Area harvested		Yield		Production	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
			May	June		
	: -- 1,000 acres --		-- bushels --		----- 1,000 bushels -----	
California	420	350	85.0	80.0	85.0	35,700
Tons (1,000).....			2.55	2.4	2.55	1,071
						29,750
						892.5

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

State	Area harvested		Yield		Production	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
			May	June		
	: 1,000 acres		--- bushels --		----- 1,000 bushels -----	
California	115	130	109.0	115.0	110.0	12,535
Tons (1,000)...			3.27	3.45	3.3	376
						14,300
						429.0

USDA estimated total: California (tons)

1,321,500 tons