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California Wheat Variety Survey--2003

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VARIETIES		SACRAMENTO VALLEY	SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY	COAST	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	SIERRA AND NO. CALIF.	VARIETY TOTALS	2002 TOTALS
WHITE VARIETIES								
Hard White Wheat								
Blanca Grande	Acres		13,000				13,000	4,500
	Percent		2.1%				2.1%	1.0%
Klasic	Acres	750	18,000	1,000			19,750	11,700
	Percent	0.1%	3.0%	0.2%			3.3%	2.5%
Plata	Acres	4,000	120				4,120	7,500
	Percent	0.7%	<0.1%				0.7%	1.6%
Soft White Wheat								
Alpowa	Acres	15				7,250	7,265	4,500
	Percent *	<0.1%				1.2%	1.2%	1.0%
Dirkwin	Acres	5,000	25,000	6,000		1,000	37,000	22,250
	Percent	0.8%	4.1%	1.0%		0.2%	6.1%	4.7%
Ramona	Acres		3,000				3,000	N/A
	Percent		0.5%				0.5%	
Stephens	Acres					4,500	4,500	5,700
	Percent					0.7%	0.7%	1.2%
Twin	Acres					3,000	3,000	4,500
	Percent					0.5%	0.5%	1.0%
Yamhill	Acres		300	1,000		8,000	9,300	5,500
	Percent		<0.1%	0.2%		1.3%	1.5%	1.2%
Other/Unknown	Acres		2,000	1,000		500	3,500	1,500
White	Percent		0.3%	0.2%		0.1%	0.6%	0.3%
RED VARIETIES								
Anza	Acres	16,000	10,000	2,000		200	28,200	17,000
	Percent	2.6%	1.6%	0.3%		<0.1%	4.6%	3.6%
Bonus	Acres	3,000	57,000				60,000	77,500
	Percent	0.5%	9.3%				9.8%	16.5%
Brooks	Acres		32,000				32,000	33,000
	Percent		5.2%				5.2%	7.0%
Eldon	Acres		5,000				5,000	2,000
	Percent		0.8%				0.8%	0.4%
Express	Acres	80,000	18,000	800			98,800	73,800
	Percent	13.1%	3.0%	0.1%			16.2%	15.7%
Serra	Acres	8,000	500				8,500	7,000
	Percent	1.3%	0.1%				1.4%	1.5%
Stander	Acres	12,000	25,000				37,000	16,000
	Percent	2.0%	4.1%				6.1%	3.4%
Summit	Acres	45,000	11,000		700	500	57,200	10,100
	Percent	7.4%	1.8%		0.1%	0.1%	9.4%	2.1%
Yecora Rojo	Acres		103,000	500	28,000	3,500	135,000	128,500
	Percent		16.9%	0.1%	4.6%	0.6%	22.1%	27.3%
Yolo	Acres	8,000	2,000				10,000	3,000
	Percent	1.3%	0.3%				1.6%	0.6%
Other/Unknown	Acres	500	28,000	3,000	1,500	1,000	34,000	34,950
Red	Percent	0.1%	4.6%	0.5%	0.2%	0.2%	5.6%	7.4%
TOTAL (ALL WHEAT OTHER THAN DURUM)		182,265	352,920	15,300	30,200	29,450	610,135	470,500
		29.9%	57.8%	2.5%	4.9%	4.8%	100.0%	100.0%

* Percent of "All wheat other than Durum" 610,135 acres)

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DURUM VARIETIES								
Bravadur	Acres		2,000				2,000	3,100
	Percent*		1.5%				1.5%	3.4%
Kofa	Acres		700		5,500		6,200	4,700
	Percent		0.5%		4.2%		4.7%	5.2%
Kronos	Acres		35,000		41,000		76,000	61,000
	Percent		26.4%		31.0%		57.4%	67.7%
Mohawk	Acres		18,000		6,500		24,500	5,500
	Percent		13.6%		4.9%		18.5%	6.1%
Orita	Acres		6,500		8,500		15,000	5,500
	Percent		4.9%		6.4%		11.3%	6.1%
WB 881	Acres		1,100		5,000		6,100	7,000
	Percent		0.8%		3.8%		4.6%	7.8%
Other & Unknown	Acres		2,200		350		2,550	3,300
Durum	Percent		1.7%		0.3%		2.0%	3.7%
ALL DURUM WHEAT	Acres		65,500		66,850		132,350	90,100
	Percent		49.5%		50.5%		100.0%	100.0%
ALL WHEAT	Acres	182,265	418,420	15,300	97,050	29,450	742,485	560,600
	Percent	24.5%	56.4%	2.1%	13.1%	4.0%	100%	100%

* Percent of Total Durum (132,350 acres)

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Wheat planting estimates for the 2003 California harvest year are substantially higher than last year with a 32% increase in total acreage (742,485 versus 560,600 acres in 2002). Red and white varieties showed a 30% increase over last year, while Durum wheat increased 47%; much of this Durum increase coming from the San Joaquin Valley. Wheat stripe rust got a very early start this season and has become quite widespread, affecting numerous varieties and prompting many growers to spray. Affects on yield are unknown at this point.

CALIFORNIA'S RED AND WHITE WHEATS:

The San Joaquin Valley continues to have a large proportion of acreage being used for green chop/forage for the dairy industry. Virtually all varieties in this region have some proportion of their acreage used for non-grain purposes.

Blanca Grande, Plata, and Klasic collectively increased the hard white wheat acreage in California to 36,870 acres, a 56% increase over last year. Dirkwin, a soft white wheat typically grown for non-grain uses, also showed an increase in acreage. The red wheat varieties Brooks, Bonus, Express, Stander, Summit, and Yecora Rojo accounted for approximately 70% of the total non-Durum wheat plantings. Summit and Stander had the largest percentage increase in the valley regions, being used mainly for forage in the San Joaquin valley and grain in the Sacramento valley.

DESERT DURUM®:

Estimated Durum acreage rose to 132,350 acres shared equally between the San Joaquin valley and Southern CA regions. While Kronos continues to be the predominant Desert Durum® variety grown in both regions, Mohawk and Orita had significant increases in acreage (to 24,500 and 15,000 acres, respectively). About 75% of the Mohawk acreage is seen in the San Joaquin Valley and will be used mostly for grain. Orita was seeded for forage use in the San Joaquin valley.

Note: This report reflects wheat that was planted in the fall of 2002/early winter 2003 for harvest in spring/summer of 2003.



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Variety Survey District Descriptions

District	Counties
Sacramento Valley	Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Sacramento, Solano, Sutter, Tehama, Yolo, Yuba
San Joaquin Valley	Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Tulare
Coast	Alameda, Contra Costa, Lake, Marin, Monterey, Napa, San Benito, San Francisco, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Sonoma
Southern California	Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, Santa Barbara, San Bernardino, San Diego, Ventura
Sierra and Northern CA	Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Del Norte, El Dorado, Humboldt, Inyo, Lassen, Mariposa, Mendocino, Modoc, Mono, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Trinity, Tuolumne