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California Wheat Variety Survey--2002

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VARIETIES		SACRAMENTO VALLEY	SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY	COAST	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	SIERRA AND NO. CALIF.	VARIETY TOTALS	2001 TOTALS
WHITE VARIETIES								
Alpowa	Acres					4,500	4,500	300
	Percent *					1.0%	1.0%	0.1%
Blanca Grande (HWW)	Acres		4,500				4,500	N/A
	Percent		1.0%				1.0%	
Dirkwin	Acres	3,000	15,000	3,000		1,250	22,250	18,800
	Percent	0.6%	3.2%	0.6%		0.3%	4.7%	3.8%
Klasic (HWW)	Acres	200	11,000	500			11,700	15,350
	Percent	<0.1%	2.3%	0.1%			2.4%	3.1%
Plata (HWW)	Acres	7,500					7,500	N/A
	Percent	1.6%					1.6%	
Stephens	Acres					5,700	5,700	1,200
	Percent					1.2%	1.2%	0.2%
Twin	Acres					4,500	4,500	3,000
	Percent					1.0%	1.0%	0.6%
Yamhill	Acres					5,500	5,500	6,700
	Percent					1.2%	1.2%	1.3%
Other/Unknown	Acres	500		500		500	1,500	3,500
White	Percent	0.1%		0.1%		0.1%	0.3%	0.7%
RED VARIETIES								
Anza	Acres	9,000	4,500	3,500			17,000	33,100
	Percent	1.9%	1.0%	0.7%			3.6%	6.6%
Bonus	Acres	22,500	55,000				77,500	122,000
	Percent	4.8%	11.7%				16.5%	24.4%
Brooks	Acres		33,000				33,000	60,000
	Percent		7.0%				7.0%	12.0%
Cuyama	Acres	450	7,000				7,450	1,500
	Percent	0.1%	1.5%				1.6%	0.3%
Eldon	Acres		2,000				2,000	3,500
	Percent		0.4%				0.4%	0.7%
Express	Acres	57,000	16,000		800		73,800	75,500
	Percent	12.1%	3.4%		0.2%		15.7%	15.1%
Serra	Acres	7,000					7,000	8,800
	Percent	1.5%					1.5%	1.8%
Stander	Acres	5,500	10,500				16,000	14,600
	Percent	1.2%	2.2%				3.4%	2.9%
Summit	Acres	9,000	700			400	10,100	N/A
	Percent	1.9%	0.1%			0.1%	2.1%	
Yecora Rojo	Acres		100,000	4,000	21,000	3,500	128,500	113,950
	Percent		21.3%	0.9%	4.5%	0.7%	27.3%	22.8%
Yolo	Acres	3,000					3,000	8,500
	Percent	0.6%					0.6%	1.7%
Other/Unknown	Acres	4,000	16,000	3,500	1,000	3,000	27,500	9,700
Red	Percent	0.9%	3.4%	0.7%	0.2%	0.6%	5.8%	1.9%
TOTAL (ALL WHEAT OTHER THAN DURUM)		128,650	275,200	15,000	22,800	28,850	470,500	500,000
		27.3%	58.5%	3.2%	4.8%	6.1%	100.0%	100.0%

* Percent of "All wheat other than Durum" 470,500 acres)

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DURUM VARIETIES								
Bravadur	Acres		3,100				3,100	5,800
	Percent*		3.4%				3.4%	7.3%
Kofa	Acres		1,500		3,200		4,700	4,500
	Percent		1.7%		3.6%		5.2%	5.6%
Kronos	Acres		31,000		30,000		61,000	54,800
	Percent		34.4%		33.3%		67.7%	68.5%
Mohawk	Acres		1,500		4,000		5,500	2,100
	Percent		1.7%		4.4%		6.1%	2.6%
Matt	Acres				1,800		1,800	N/A
	Percent				2.0%		2.0%	
Orita	Acres				5,500		5,500	2,300
	Percent				6.1%		6.1%	2.9%
WB 881	Acres				7,000		7,000	3,100
	Percent				7.8%		7.8%	3.9%
Other & Unknown	Acres				1,500		1,500	7,400
Durum	Percent				1.7%		1.7%	9.3%
ALL DURUM WHEAT	Acres		37,100		53,000		90,100	80,000
	Percent		41.2%		58.8%		100.0%	100.0%
ALL WHEAT	Acres	128,650	312,300	15,000	75,800	28,850	560,600	580,000
	Percent	22.9%	55.7%	2.7%	13.5%	5.1%	100%	100%

* Percent of Total Durum (90,100 acres)

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California's total estimated wheat plantings for the 2002 harvest year are slightly lower than the previous year's estimate of acreage with an approximate 6% overall reduction in red/white wheat and an approximate 12% increase in Durum acreage. The growing season was generally characterized by a wet December/early January, followed by a long period of sub-freezing weather and a dry March. Southern California had virtually no rain and was colder than usual over the winter.

CALIFORNIA'S RED AND WHITE WHEATS:

Reports from seed dealers indicated that wheat acreage is down approximately 15-20% in the Sacramento Valley. In the San Joaquin Valley, a greater proportion of non-Durum acreage is 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. The red wheat varieties Brooks, Bonus, Express, and Yecora Rojo accounted for approximately 70% of the total non-Durum wheat plantings. Summit, Bonus, and Stander have replaced RSI-5 acreage of a couple of years ago.

Two new hard white wheat varieties, Plata (Sacramento Valley) and Blanca Grande (San Joaquin Valley) entered the scene this year. Dirkwin, typically grown for non-grain uses in the San Joaquin Valley and coastal regions, was produced on approximately 22,000 acres, including some acreage in northern California. Klasic, a hard white milling wheat, was planted on approximately 12,000 acres in the San Joaquin Valley and coastal areas.

DESERT DURUM®:

Over half of the Desert Durum® acreage continues to be grown in Southern CA, however durum acreage in the San Joaquin Valley increased almost 25% over last year. Kronos continues to be the predominant Desert Durum® variety grown in both regions. The variety Orita was known last year as YU 895-89.

Note: This report reflects wheat that was planted in the fall of 2001/early winter 2002 for harvest in spring/summer of 2002.