

Crop Production

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California

USDA's 2013 Winter wheat production forecast increased 6% from their July 2013 forecast and 10% above 2012, due to a 20,000 acre increase in estimated grain harvested. The Durum production forecast was unchanged from July 2013.

Winter Wheat Production Down Slightly from July Forecast

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.54 billion bushels, down slightly from the July 1 forecast and down 6 percent from 2012. Based on August 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 47.8 bushels per acre, unchanged from last month but up 0.6 bushel from last year. If realized, this will equal the United States record high yield established in 1999. The area expected to be harvested for grain or seed totals 32.3 million acres, unchanged from last month but down 7 percent from last year. Hard Red Winter production, at 791 million bushels, is down slightly from last month.

Durum wheat production is forecast at 60.2 million bushels, up 5 percent from July but down 27 percent from 2012. The United States yield is forecast at 40.1 bushels per acre, up 1.8 bushels from last month and up 1.1 bushels from last year. Expected area to be harvested for grain totals 1.50 million acres, unchanged from last month but down 29 percent from last year.

Winter Wheat Area Harvested, Yield, and Production - California: 2012, and Forecasted August 1, 2013

| State | Area harvested | | Yield | | | Production | |
|-------------------|-------------------|------|---------------|---------------------------|-------|------------|--------|
| | 2012 | 2013 | 2012 | 2013 | | 2012 | 2013 |
| | | | | July 1 | Aug 1 | | |
| | -- 1,000 acres -- | | -- bushels -- | ----- 1,000 bushels ----- | | | |
| California | 310 | 340 | 85.0 | 85.0 | 85.0 | 26,350 | 28,900 |
| Tons (1,000)..... | | | 2.55 | 2.55 | 2.55 | 790 | 867 |

Durum Wheat Area Harvested, Yield, and Production - California: 2012, and Forecasted August 1, 2013

| State | Area harvested | | Yield | | | Production | |
|-----------------|----------------|------|----------------|---------------------------|-------|------------|-------|
| | 2012 | 2013 | 2012 | 2013 | | 2012 | 2013 |
| | | | | July 1 | Aug 1 | | |
| | 1,000 acres | | --- bushels -- | ----- 1,000 bushels ----- | | | |
| California | 135 | 90 | 105.0 | 100.0 | 95.0 | 14,175 | 8,550 |
| Tons (1,000)... | | | 3.15 | 3.0 | 2.85 | 425.25 | 256.5 |

USDA estimated total: California (tons)

1,123,500 tons