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Arizona Durum Wheat Production Up From Last Year

Durum Wheat: Production of Durum wheat in Arizona and California is forecast at a collective 13.0 million bushels, up 2 percent from May 1 but 10 percent below their 2005 total of 14.5 million bushels. In California, the harvest is nearly complete. A cool growing season allowed for good grain fill and better yields than last year.

Winter Wheat: Production is forecast at 1.26 billion bushels, down 4 percent from the May 1 forecast and down 16 percent from 2005. Based on June 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 40.5 bushels per acre, down 1.9 bushels from the previous forecast. Grain area totals 31.2 million acres, unchanged from last month. As of May 28, heading had reached 79 percent in the 18 major States, 2 percentage points above the 5-year average. Progress was significantly ahead of normal during the first part of the month due primarily to above average temperatures, but was almost even with the 5-year average by the end of the month. Harvest was underway in the southern-most portions of the growing area.

Forecasted head counts from the objective yield survey in the 6 Hard Red Winter States (Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Texas) are below last year's level in all 6 States.

Condition ratings declined in the central and southern Great Plains States during May due primarily to continued drought conditions. Harvest was in full swing in both Texas and Oklahoma, with progress in Oklahoma running well ahead of normal. In Texas, wheat production is forecast to be the lowest since 1971. Oklahoma wheat production is forecast at the lowest level since 1957. In Kansas, disease pressure is slightly above normal and localized frost damage from a late April freeze in the western and northcentral growing regions affected yield potential. Farther north, soil moisture remains a concern in Nebraska and South Dakota. In Montana, the crop remains in good condition, but was affected by above normal temperatures and high winds. Yield prospects are down from the previous month in all States in the HRW growing area except for Oklahoma.

The Pacific Northwest States' (Idaho, Oregon, and Washington) yields are down from the previous month in Idaho but unchanged in Washington and Oregon. Forecasted head counts from the objective yield survey in Washington are below last year's final counts. In Oregon and Idaho, winter wheat remains in good condition and above normal snow pack should continue to provide ample irrigation water supplies.

Wheat: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production by Selected States and United States, 2005 and Forecasted June 1, 2006

State	Area Harvested		Yield			Production	
	2005	2006	2005	2006		2005	2006
				May 1	June 1		
	1,000 Acres		Bushels			1,000 Bushels	
Winter Wheat							
CA	300	220	72.0	60.0	70.0	21,600	15,400
CO	2,200	2,000	24.0	27.0	23.0	52,800	46,000
ID	730	710	91.0	90.0	86.0	66,430	61,060
KS	9,500	9,400	40.0	34.0	31.0	380,000	291,400
MT	2,100	1,950	45.0	42.0	39.0	94,500	76,050
NE	1,760	1,650	39.0	38.0	34.0	68,640	56,100
OK	4,000	3,100	32.0	22.0	22.0	128,000	68,200
OR	780	760	61.0	55.0	55.0	47,580	41,800
SD	1,490	1,250	44.0	45.0	38.0	65,560	47,500
TX	3,000	1,300	32.0	27.0	25.0	96,000	32,500
WA	1,800	1,800	67.0	68.0	68.0	120,600	122,400
OTHER STATES 1/	1,053	886	40.3	36.9	36.9	42,459	32,670
US	33,794	31,177	44.4	42.4	40.5	1,499,129	1,263,766
Durum Wheat 2/							
AZ	79	70	100.0	100.0	100.0	7,900	7,000
CA	69	60	95.0	95.0	100.0	6,555	6,000
MT	585		28.0			16,380	
ND	1,950		35.0			68,250	
OTHER STATES 3/	33		61.2			2,020	
US	2,716		37.2			101,105	

1/ Other States include AL, AZ, FL, IA, LA, MN, NV, NJ, NM, ND, UT, WV, and WY. Individual state level estimates will be published in the "Small Grains 2006 Summary," released September 29, 2006.

2/ Area harvested for US and remaining states will be published in "Acreage" released June 30, 2006. Yield and production will be published in "Crop Production" released July 12, 2006.

3/ Other states include ID and SD. Individual State level estimates will be published in the "Small Grains 2006 Summary," released September 29, 2006.

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May Farm Prices Received Index Increased 1 Point From Last Month

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in May, at 114, based on 1990-92=100, increased 1 point (0.9 percent) from April. The Crop Index is up 3 points (2.4 percent) but the Livestock Index decreased 1 point (1.0 percent). Producers received higher prices for lettuce, hogs, onions, and grapefruit. Lower prices were received for cattle, asparagus, tomatoes, and eggs. The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased average

marketings of grapes, sweet corn, cantaloupe, and broilers offset decreased marketings of cattle, milk, calves, and apples.

Preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 5 points (4.2 percent) from May 2005. The Food Commodities Index, at 115, increased 1 point (0.9 percent) from last month but decreased 7 points (5.7 percent) from May 2005.

Prices Paid Index Unchanged

The preliminary May Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 146 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is unchanged from April but 6 points (4.3 percent) above May 2005. Lower prices in May for

feeder cattle, nitrogen fertilizers, feeder pigs, and LP gas offset higher prices for diesel fuel, gasoline, hay & forages, and feed grains.

Prices Received by Farmers: Arizona and United States, May 2005 and 2006 and April 2006

Commodity	Unit	Arizona			United States		
		May 2005 Entire Month	April 2006 Entire Month	May 2006 Mid-Month	May 2005 Entire Month	April 2006 Entire Month	May 2006 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton	¢ Lb	1/	1/	1/	39.6	48.6	47.2
Durum Wheat 2/	\$ Ton	---	---	---	122.33	113.33	118.00
Alfalfa Hay Baled 3/	\$ Ton	130.00	135.00	135.00	116.00	110.00	118.00
Oranges 4/	\$ Box	9.56	18.60	18.00	20.00	19.70	20.70
Grapefruit 4/	\$ Box	22.70	25.30	21.60	29.30	23.00	26.20
Cows 5/	\$ Cwt	60.60	44.40	44.10	58.30	48.50	48.00
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	109.00	103.00	106.00	96.10	89.30	85.80
Beef Cattle 6/	\$ Cwt	98.80	86.60	88.70	92.10	84.80	81.80
Calves	\$ Cwt	130.00	126.00	126.00	143.00	135.00	132.00
All Milk 7/	\$ Cwt	14.40	11.80	11.60	14.70	12.10	12.00

- 1/ Prices not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations or insufficient sales.
- 2/ Not available for Arizona.
- 3/ Mid-month.
- 4/ F.O.B. packed fresh Arizona box weights: Lemons 76 lbs., Oranges 75 lbs., Tangerines 75 lbs., Grapefruit 67 lbs.
- 5/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.
- 6/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined.
- 7/ Preliminary; before for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	2005		2006	
	April	May	April	May
Prices Received	121	119	113	114
Prices Paid	140	140	146	146
Ratio 1/	86	85	77	78

1/ Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid by farmers.