

Crop Production

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California

USDA's 2013 Winter wheat production forecast is 816 thousand tons, unchanged from June's forecast, and 3% above last year's production numbers. This increase is due to a slight increase in estimated harvested acreage.

The July 1, 2013 forecast for harvested Durum acreage was increased from 85,000 to 90,000 acres, while the yield was reduced 5% from June to July. 2013 Durum production is now estimated at 256.5 thousand tons, a very slight increase from June. Durum wheat is still forecasted down 40% from 2012.

Total wheat and durum production in California is estimated to be 1,072,500 tons, down 12% from last year.

U.S. Winter Wheat Production Up 2 Percent from June

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.54 billion bushels, up 2 percent from the June 1 forecast but down 6 percent from 2012. Based on July 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 47.8 bushels per acre, up 1.7 bushels from last month and up 0.6 bushel from last year.

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

State	Area harvested		Yield			Production	
	2012	2013	2012	2013		2012	2013
			June 1		July 1		
	-- 1,000 acres --		-- bushels --	----- 1,000 bushels -----			
California	310	320	85.0	85.0	85.0	26,350	27,200
Tons (1,000).....			2.55	2.55	2.55	790	816

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

State	Area harvested		Yield			Production	
	2012	2013	2012	2013		2012	2013
			June 1		July 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)

1,072,500 tons