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Winter Wheat Seedings

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Planted Acres Up 9 Percent

Winter wheat seeded area for 2007 is expected to total 44.1 million acres, up 9 percent from 2006. Approximate class acreage breakdowns are: Hard Red Winter, 31.9 million; Soft Red Winter, 8.33 million; and White Winter, 3.91 million.

**Winter Wheat: Area Seeded, United States, 2005-2007
(Domestic Units)**

Item	Crop Year			2007 as Pct. of 2006
	2005	2006	2007	
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Winter Wheat	40,433	40,575	44,089	109

**Winter Wheat: Area Seeded, United States, 2005-2007
(Metric Units)**

Item	Crop Year			2007 as Pct. of 2006
	2005	2006	2007	
	<i>Hectares</i>	<i>Hectares</i>	<i>Hectares</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Winter Wheat	16,362,830	16,420,300	17,842,380	109

Winter Wheat: Planted area for harvest in 2007 is estimated at 44.1 million acres, up 9 percent from 2006. Seeding began last August and was slightly behind the 5-year average pace because of a lack of moisture in the southern Great Plains during September and much of October. Precipitation during mid-October relieved moisture concerns somewhat in major producing areas. Warm dry conditions in November allowed seeding to advance at normal pace during the month. Nearly all of the U.S. acreage was seeded by December 1 with the exception of some intended acres in the Southeast and California. Seeding should be completed this month in California. The winter wheat crop condition at the end of November was rated at 53 percent good to excellent compared with 52 percent last year.

Hard Red Winter (HRW) wheat seeded area is about 31.9 million acres, up 9 percent from 2006. Acreage was above last year's level in all the States in the HRW growing areas of the Great Plains and Rocky Mountain regions except Utah where acres are unchanged from last year. Strong wheat prices encouraged many producers to increase their acres. Although dry weather prevailed in many areas of the Great Plains, producers planted with anticipation of moisture.

Soft Red Winter (SRW) area, at about 8.33 million acres, is up 13 percent from last year. Large acreage increases occurred in most SRW growing States due largely to strong prices and ideal planting and germination conditions. Acreage was above last year's level in all States in the southern portion of the SRW growing area. The acreage increase was most notable in the Delta due to ideal planting conditions. Wet fall weather in the northern SRW growing areas delayed harvest of row crops and prevented planting of winter wheat. The States most affected by the wet fall were Indiana, Kentucky, and Ohio where planted area declined from last year. West Virginia and Michigan showed no change from last years levels.

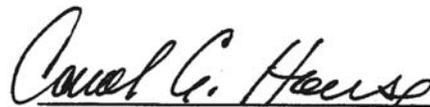
White Winter wheat seeded area totals nearly 3.91 million acres, up 2 percent from 2006. Crop conditions varied across the three Pacific Northwest States (Idaho, Oregon, and Washington) throughout the fall. Washington's planted acreage is unchanged from 2006 as seeding began late with some early concerns about moisture supplies. However, by the end of October, virtually all fields had been seeded and 79 percent of the acreage had emerged. Some fields in the central area grew taller than normal due to warm temperatures and good moisture. In Idaho, late rains resulted in good emergence and stand development.

Durum Wheat: Seedings in Arizona and California for 2007 harvest are estimated at 180,000 acres. This total is up 24 percent from their 2006 level. Planting is ongoing in California's San Joaquin and Imperial Valleys. By late December, early plantings had emerged with growth being slowed somewhat due to cooler than normal temperatures. Planted acreage is up 5,000 in Arizona and up 30,000 in California due mostly to good prices. No major problems with the crop have been reported.

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Winter Wheat: Area Seeded, by State and United States, 2005-2007

State	Crop Year			2007 as Pct. of 2006
	2005	2006	2007	
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	100	100	130	130
AZ	5	4	3	75
AR	220	365	830	227
CA	495	450	530	118
CO	2,550	2,150	2,250	105
DE	52	48	55	115
FL	18	8	10	125
GA	280	230	300	130
ID	770	750	780	104
IL	630	930	970	104
IN	360	470	410	87
IA	20	25	30	120
KS	10,000	9,800	10,300	105
KY	390	430	400	93
LA	110	115	220	191
MD	155	210	210	100
MI	600	660	660	100
MN	20	50	60	120
MS	70	85	250	294
MO	590	1,000	1,050	105
MT	2,150	1,950	2,150	110
NE	1,850	1,800	1,950	108
NV	8	17	10	59
NJ	28	25	28	112
NM	450	440	490	111
NY	100	105	85	81
NC	560	560	575	103
ND	310	200	370	185
OH	860	990	870	88
OK	5,700	5,700	6,100	107
OR	830	760	780	103
PA	150	160	165	103
SC	170	130	160	123
SD	1,550	1,450	1,900	131
TN	240	280	380	136
TX	5,500	5,550	6,000	108
UT	145	130	130	100
VA	180	190	200	105
WA	1,850	1,850	1,850	100
WV	7	8	8	100
WI	200	250	280	112
WY	160	150	160	107
US	40,433	40,575	44,089	109

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State	Crop Year			2007 as Pct. of 2006
	2005	2006	2007 ¹	
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AZ	80	75	80	107
CA	75	70	100	143
ID ²	20	15		
MN ³				
MT	590	400		
ND	1,980	1,300		
SD	15	10		
US	2,760	1,870		

¹ Indicated 2007 area seeded for all six states will be published in "Prospective Plantings" released March 31, 2007.

² Estimates began in 2005.

³ Estimates discontinued in 2005.

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