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Prospective Wheat Plantings Are Down 4 Percent from 2000

The U.S. Department of Agriculture released its *Prospective Plantings* report on March 30, 2001. Farmers were surveyed in the first 2 weeks of March to determine actual seeding of winter wheat and planting intentions for spring wheat. All wheat planted acreage is estimated at 60.30 million acres, down 4 percent from 2000 and the lowest since 1973. Durum wheat area is down 12 percent from 2000 and the lowest since 1997, while other spring wheat planting intentions are up 2 percent.

The area seeded to winter wheat this year, estimated at 41.34 million acres, is down 2.01 million acres from 2000, but 27,000 acres above the indications in the *Winter Wheat Seedings* report released in January. Of the total, an estimated 70 percent is seeded to hard red winter (HRW) wheat varieties, 21 percent is seeded to soft red winter (SRW) wheat varieties, and 8 percent is seeded to white winter (WW) wheat varieties. Producers' planting intentions for durum and other spring wheat in 2001 total 18.96 million acres.

Hard Red Winter Wheat--An estimated 29.1 million acres are seeded to HRW wheat for the 2001 crop. This HRW acreage is down 1.2 million acres from 2000, reflecting declines in winter wheat plantings in major HRW producing States of the Central and Southern Plains (Colorado, down 4 percent; Montana, down 20 percent; Oklahoma, down 11 percent; and Texas, down 5 percent). Changes from the January 11, 2001, *Winter Wheat Seedings* report for major HRW States include 100,000 additional acres in both Texas and Colorado and 50,000 fewer acres in South Dakota.

Soft Red Winter Wheat--Producers seeded 8.8 million acres to SRW wheat for the 2001 crop. This area is about .74 million acres less than was seeded for harvest in 2000. Changes from the January 11, 2001, *Winter Wheat Seedings* report for major SRW States include 50,000 fewer acres in both Illinois and Indiana and 30,000 fewer acres in Arkansas. Acreage increased by 30,000 in North Carolina.

White Wheat--Producers seeded 3.4 million acres to white winter wheat in the fall of 2000. Producers indicated intentions to seed another .94 million acres to white spring wheat in 2001, bringing the total area seeded to white wheat varieties to 4.38 million in 2001, only slightly greater than the 4.34 million acres in 2000. Significant changes from the January 11, 2001, *Winter Wheat Seedings* report for major white winter States were limited to a decline of 20,000 acres in Oregon.

Durum Acres Down Sharply

Durum Wheat--Producers indicated plans to reduce durum wheat acres to 3.46 million, down 12 percent from 2000 and the lowest since 1997. Poor growing and harvesting conditions during the last several seasons have contributed to the sharp decline in North Dakota. Cancellation of the durum Crop Revenue Coverage (CRC) insurance program mid-way through the survey dates may have affected the planting intentions of some durum producers. Seeding in the San Joaquin and Imperial Valleys of California progressed rapidly during January and February. Most of the San Joaquin Valley acreage was planted prior to January. Planting began in the Imperial Valley in late November and continued into March. Durum acreage dropped in both California and Arizona.

Other Spring Wheat--Other spring wheat (excluding durum) intended acres are up 2 percent from 2000 to 15.50 million. About 14.6 million of the prospective acres are hard red spring (HRS), with the remainder white spring (WS). The largest acreage increases are expected in Idaho, Minnesota, North Dakota, and Washington. Growers in Montana, Oregon, and South Dakota intend to plant fewer acres than in 2000.

Winter Wheat Crop Conditions Down from 2000

Winter wheat crop conditions in 2001 are below those from 2000. As of April 9, USDA's *Crop Progress* report indicated that 43 percent of the winter wheat crop was rated in good to excellent condition for the major wheat producing States, down from 61 percent on the same date in 2000. The percent of the winter wheat crop rated poor to very poor in these States was 22 percent, up from 14 percent in 2000.

The Kansas wheat crop was said to have sustained minimal wind and freeze damage, similar to 2000, according to the Kansas Crop Weather report issued by the Kansas Agricultural Statistics Service. However, current crop conditions are worse due to last fall’s late plantings. As of April 9, 33 percent of the Kansas crop was rated good to excellent, down from 59 percent in 2000. Twenty-nine percent of the Kansas crop was rated poor to very poor compared with 10 percent in 2000. Crop progress is lagging 2000. Nine percent of wheat was reported jointed, compared with 58 percent a year ago and 37 percent for the 5-year average.

Oklahoma's winter wheat crop as of April 9 was rated 31 percent good to excellent, down from 75 percent in 2000. Thirty-four percent of the crop was rated poor to very poor, up from 5 percent a year ago. The Oklahoma crop is developing slowly. Forty-four percent of the wheat had jointed, 44 points behind 2000 and 32 points behind normal. Many farmers initially delayed seeding because of early dry conditions, and then faced an extended period of rainfall that further delayed seeding and emergence.

Conditions in other States were: Colorado, 59 percent good to excellent; Nebraska, 51 percent rated good to excellent; South Dakota, 43 percent; and Montana, 18 percent.

Winter wheat conditions in Texas are rated as 36 percent good to excellent, up from 15 percent the previous year. On April 9, 22 percent of the crop was rated as poor or very poor, compared with 56 percent in 2000. According to an April 1 survey conducted by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, wheat producers expect to harvest 93 million bushels this year, 41 percent more than the 2000 crop, but 24 percent less than the 1999 crop. Texas is the only State that makes an April 1 winter wheat production estimate. The first national wheat forecast will be released by the National Agricultural Statistics Service on May 10, 2001.

March 1 Wheat Stocks Down from a Year Ago

The *Grain Stocks* report, released by the USDA on March 30, estimated all wheat stocks in all positions on March 1 at 1.34 million bushels, down 5 percent from March 1, 2000. Off-farm stocks were estimated at 950 million bushels, down 4 percent from 2000. Farm stocks were estimated at 390 million bushels, down 8 percent from 2000. Preliminary indications of the December 2000 – February 2001 quarter disappearance is 489 million bushels, the same as the same period in 2000.

Durum wheat stocks in all positions on March 1, 2001 totaled 72.9 million bushels, down 10 percent from 2000. On-farm stocks, at 44.2 million bushels, are down 15 percent, while off-farm stocks of 28.7 million bushels are down 3 percent. The indicated December 2000 – February 2001 quarter disappearance of 31.4 million bushels is up 10 percent from the same period in 2000.

The stocks report implied changes in feed and residual for four classes of wheat. Estimated feed and residual of hard red winter wheat dropped 9 million bushels and the durum estimate dropped 5 million bushels. Estimated hard red spring feed and residual increased by 10 million bushels, and white wheat by 5 million bushels.

Import Projection Lowered Slightly This Month

The pace of imports has slowed in recent months. As a result, the projection of total imports is reduced 5 million bushels this month to 90 million. If realized, this will be the lowest import level since 1995/96. Three wheat classes were affected by this change. The hard red spring wheat import forecast was reduced by 1 million bushels, white wheat import forecast was reduced 2 million bushels, and the durum import forecast was also reduced 2 million bushels.

Wheat Stocks in India and EU Increased This Month, Consumption Reduced

Forecast 2000/01 foreign wheat stocks were increased 5 million tons this month to 91 million, with most of the changes in the EU and India. For India, historical and forecast stocks are only Government stocks and do not include adjustment for privately held stocks. Based on recent stocks data, India’s forecast ending stocks were raised 4 million tons to 20 million, compared with beginning stocks of 13 million. The larger stocks implied reduced consumption.

European Union stocks and consumption were revised for several years largely because of adjustments made to France. EU 2000/01 feed and residual consumption forecast was cut by 3.5 million tons, while food consumption was revised upward based on several sources, including attache reports. Changes to EU use and stocks over the last 2 years increased forecast EU stocks by 2 million tons.

The higher forecast 2000/01 ending stocks for India and the EU will influence these Government's decisions on export subsidies and will influence world trade competition in 2001/02.

Even with stocks in the EU and India increasing in 2000/01, world wheat stocks are expected to decline by 13 million tons to 114 million. The largest year-to-year drop, nearly 12 million tons, is expected in China, with smaller declines in the United States, Eastern Europe, North Africa, and the Middle East.

Only Minor Changes in World Wheat Trade Forecasts

India's forecast 2000/01 wheat exports were increased 0.5 million tons this month. Large Government stocks provide an incentive to continue to subsidize exports even though the new crop is reportedly not as large as last year's record.

Canada's wheat export forecast was reduced 0.5 million tons this month because the pace of shipments has lagged expectations. The Canadian Wheat Board has not been as aggressive a seller as expected because of lackluster demand and possibly because the carry in the futures market indicates they may get a better price later.

World wheat trade in 2000/01 is a forecast 107 million tons, down 6 million from a year ago, with reduced imports by Russia, Pakistan, India, and Turkey.

This month's changes in forecast 2000/01 wheat imports were largely offsetting. Import forecasts for Mexico and Morocco increased because of the strong pace of purchases. However, Turkey's imports dropped as severe economic problems have reduced the pace of imports. U.S. purchases of Canadian wheat have been less than expected, causing a slight reduction in forecast U.S. imports.

The U.S. 2000/01 wheat export forecast remained unchanged this month, up slightly from the previous year. At the end of March, *U.S. Export Sales* reported outstanding sales larger than a year earlier, supporting the forecast.

Note. The first official U.S., world, and country-specific supply and use projections for 2000/01 will be in the May 12 World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates report. Those projections will be analyzed in the May 14 Wheat Outlook report.

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Table 1--Wheat: U.S. market year supply and disappearance, 4/12/01

Item	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00E	2000/01P
Area:			Million acres			
National total base acres	88.5	87.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Eff.base/Contract acres 1/	77.7	76.7	76.7	78.9	79.0	79.0
0,50/92,85 program acres	6.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CRP base retired	10.8	10.6	10.1	9.7	0.0	0.0
Planted	69.0	75.1	70.4	65.8	62.7	62.5
Harvested	61.0	62.8	62.8	59.0	53.8	53.0
			Bushels per acre			
Yield:	35.8	36.3	39.5	43.2	42.7	41.9
Supply:			Million bushels			
Beginning stocks	506.6	376.0	443.6	722.5	945.9	949.7
Production	2,182.7	2,277.4	2,481.5	2,547.3	2,299.0	2,223.4
Imports 2/	67.9	92.3	94.9	103.0	94.5	90.0
Total supply	2,757.2	2,745.7	3,020.0	3,372.8	3,339.4	3,263.2
Use:						
Food	882.9	890.7	914.1	909.7	924.7	950.0
Seed	103.5	102.3	92.5	80.5	91.6	84.0
Feed and residual	153.7	307.6	250.5	394.4	283.8	300.0
Total domestic	1,140.1	1,300.6	1,257.1	1,384.7	1,300.1	1,334.0
Exports 2/	1,241.1	1,001.5	1,040.4	1,042.2	1,089.5	1,100.0
Total use	2,381.2	2,302.1	2,297.5	2,426.9	2,389.7	2,434.0
Ending stocks:	376.0	443.6	722.5	945.9	949.7	829.2
Farmer-owned reserve	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CCC inventory 3/	118.0	93.0	94.0	128.0	104.0	105.0
Free stocks	258.0	350.6	628.5	817.9	845.7	724.2
Stocks-to-use ratio	15.8	19.3	31.4	39.0	39.7	34.1
Prices:			Dollars per bushel			
Target price	4.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Loan rate	2.58	2.58	2.58	2.58	2.58	2.58
Contract payment rate 4/	0.00	0.87	0.63	0.66	0.64	0.59
Ave. farm price	4.55	4.30	3.38	2.65	2.48	2.60-2.70
			Million dollars			
Contract payments 4/	100	1,941	1,412	2,718	3,830	3,619
Market value of production	9,787	9,782	8,287	6,781	5,702	5,892

Totals may not add due to rounding. E=Estimated. P=Projected.
1/Prior to 1996/97 – effective base acres; 1996/97 and later – total contract acres. 2/ Imports and exports include flour and other products expressed in wheat grain equivalent units. 3/ Includes Food Security Reserve.
4/ Data are for deficiency payments prior to 1996/97.
Source: *World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates*, WAOB, USDA.

Table 2--Wheat: U.S. market year supply and disappearance, 4/12/01 1/

1999/00E	HRW	HRS	SRW	White	Durum	All wheat
Area:			Million acres			
Planted	30.75	14.34	9.13	4.45	4.04	62.71
Harvested	24.36	13.79	8.02	4.09	3.57	53.82
Yield: (bu/acre)	43.13	32.49	56.63	60.39	27.83	42.71
Supply:			Million bushels			
Beg. stocks	435.1	233.0	136.0	87.0	54.8	945.9
Production	1,050.7	447.9	454.3	246.8	99.3	2,299.0
Imports 2/	0.1	59.7	0.0	6.4	28.3	94.5
Total	1486.0	740.6	590.3	340.2	182.4	3339.4
Utilization:						
Total domestic	542.4	292.6	287.3	89.2	88.7	1,300.1
Exports 2/	485.6	230.0	170.0	160.0	43.9	1,089.5
Total	1,028.1	522.6	457.3	249.2	132.6	2,389.7
Ending stocks:	457.9	218.0	133.0	91.0	49.8	949.7

2000/01P	HRW	HRS	SRW	White	Durum	All wheat
Area:			Million acres			
Planted	30.38	14.36	9.51	4.34	3.94	62.53
Harvested	23.56	13.58	8.14	4.18	3.57	53.03
Yield: (bu/acre)	35.82	36.71	57.85	71.85	30.76	41.93
Supply:			Million bushels			
Beg. stocks	457.9	218.0	133.0	91.0	49.8	949.7
Production	843.7	498.5	470.9	300.6	109.8	2,223.4
Imports 2/	1.0	59.0	0.0	4.0	26.0	90.0
Total	1,302.6	775.5	603.9	395.6	185.6	3,263.2
Utilization:						
Total domestic	497.5	332.0	286.9	121.2	96.4	1,334.0
Exports 2/	420.0	235.0	180.0	215.0	50.0	1,100.0
Total	917.5	567.0	466.9	336.2	146.4	2,434.0
Ending stocks:	385.0	208.5	137.0	59.4	39.2	829.2

Totals may not add due to rounding. E=Estimated, P=Projected. 1/ ERS estimates of area, yield, and domestic use. 2/ Imports and exports include flour and other products expressed in wheat equivalent.
Source: *World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates*, WAOB, USDA.

Table 3--Wheat: Quarterly supply and disappearance (1,000 bu.), 4/12/01

Market Year	Production	Imports 1/	Supply	Food	Seed	Feed	Exports 1/	Ending stocks
				Million bushels				
1998/99:								
Jun-Aug	2,547	24	3,294	226	1	425	257	2,385
Sep-Nov	---	24	2,409	241	55	(74)	292	1,896
Dec-Feb	---	28	1,923	213	1	12	247	1,450
Mar-May	---	27	1,477	230	23	32	246	946
Mkt. year	2,547	103	3,373	910	81	394	1,042	946
1999/00 E:								
Jun-Aug	2,299	31	3,276	230	6	270	324	2,445
Sep-Nov	---	19	2,465	241	55	(8)	291	1,886
Dec-Feb	---	19	1,905	221	2	29	236	1,417
Mar-May	---	25	1,440	232	28	(8)	239	950
Mkt. year	2,299	95	3,339	925	92	284	1,090	950
2000/01 P:								
Jun-Aug	2,223	20	3,194	237	1	317	286	2,353
Sep-Nov	---	25	2,378	251	51	(22)	293	1,805
Dec-Feb	---	23	1,828	225	3	12	248	1,340
Mar-May	---							
Mkt. year	2,223	90	3,263	950	84	300	1,100	829

Totals might not add due to rounding. E=Estimated, P=Projected. 1/ Imports and exports include flour and selected products expressed in wheat equivalent.

Table 4--Monthly food use estimates for last 12 months, (1,000 bu.), 4/12/01

Item		January	February	March	April	May	June
Mill grind	+	73,294	72,712	77,144	74,772	76,451	73,145
Food imports 1/	+	1,795	1,763	2,098	1,643	1,958	1,809
Non-flour food use 2/	+	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Food exports 1/	-	3,245	6,409	2,807	3,443	1,494	3,834
Food use	=	73,884	70,067	78,434	74,972	78,916	73,120

Item		July	August	September	October	November	December
Mill grind	+	77,195	84,369	81,127	85,985	82,301	77,252
Food imports 1/	+	1,846	2,051	1,755	1,967	2,130	2,039
Non-flour food use 2/	+	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Food exports 1/	-	4,067	1,902	3,465	4,442	2,588	3,021
Food use	=	76,974	86,518	81,416	85,510	83,842	76,270

1/ Wheat flour and flour products converted to wheat grain equivalent. 2/ ERS estimate of cereal use. N.A.=Not available. Totals may not add due to rounding. Source: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census.

Table 5--Wheat: National average price received by farmers ($/bu.), 4/12/01

Month	Farm prices: All wheat 99/00	00/01	Winter 99/00	00/01	Durum 99/00	00/01	Other spring 99/00	00/01
June	2.50	2.50	2.32	2.43	2.93	2.71	3.01	2.90
July	2.22	2.32	2.12	2.23	2.89	2.90	2.93	2.74
August	2.53	2.41	2.35	2.31	2.76	2.33	2.86	2.59
September	2.58	2.44	2 46	2.37	2.29	2.32	2.86	2.59
October	2.57	2.68	2.47	2.63	2.30	2.42	2.79	2.80
November	2.66	2.83	2.42	2.70	2.64	2.97	2.94	2.97
December	2.52	2.87	2.27	2.76	2.96	3.03	2.87	2.98
January	2.51	2.85	2.32	2.77	2.90	2.94	2.82	2.96
February	2.54	2.83	2.37	2.74	2.88	2.60	2.82	2.99
March 1/	2.59	2.89	2.37	2.86	2.63	2.67	2.85	2.99
April	2.57	.	2.32	.	2.89	.	2.89	.
May	2.59	.	2.44	.	3.02	.	2.92	.

1/ Preliminary mid-month weighted average price for current month of the 2000/01 marketing year.
Source: *Agricultural Prices*, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

Table 6—Wheat by class: Regional average price received by farmers, 4/12/01

Month	Regional farm prices: Hard Winter So. Plains 1/ 99/00	00/01	Soft Winter Corn Belt 2/ 99/00	00/01	Hard Spring No. Plains 3/ 99/00	00/01	Soft White Northwest 4/ 99/00	00/01
	Dollars per bushel							
June	2.35	2.52	2.11	2.24	3.01	2.88	2.86	2.50
July	2.15	2.40	1.97	1.99	2.93	2.74	2.73	2.57
August	2.26	2.35	2.12	1.95	2.86	2.59	2.82	2.38
September	2.33	2.54	2.14	2.03	2.86	2.59	2.84	2.43
October	2.16	2.74	2.11	2.09	2.80	2.80	2.80	2.58
November	2.14	2.80	2.10	2.21	2.95	2.97	2.82	2.70
December	2.06	2.82	2.11	2.31	2.87	2.98	2.68	2.74
January	2.24	2.87	2.22	2.41	2.80	2.96	2.72	2.72
February	2.29	2.79	2.33	2.48	2.82	2.99	2.55	2.79
March 5/	2.34	2.89	2.23	2.43	2.85	2.99	2.61	3.01
April	2.23	.	2.14	.	2.89	.	2.58	.
May	2.39	.	2.19	.	2.92	.	2.65	.

1/ Average price of winter wheat in Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Texas.
2/ Average price of winter wheat in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Missouri.
3/ Monthly weighted U.S. average price for “other spring” wheat.
4/ Average price of all wheat in Washington, Oregon, and Idaho.
5/ Current month of current year based on preliminary mid-month prices.
Note: Regional prices are ERS estimates.
Source: State prices are from *Agricultural Prices*, NASS, USDA.

Table 7--Wheat: Average cash grain bids at selected markets ($/bu.), 4/12/01

Month	KC HRW #1 ordinary 99/00	00/01	KC HRW #1 13% protein 99/00	00/01	Portland #1 HRW Ord. 99/00	00/01	FOB Gulf $/mt (#2 HRW) 99/00	00/01
June	2.93	3.07	3.22	3.59	3.10	3.19	110.60	115.66
July	2.68	2.97	3.39	3.25	2.83	3.05	101.04	114.60
August	2.85	2.89	3.42	3.13	3.00	2.98	109.86	112.10
September	2.92	3.13	3.52	3.32	3.12	3.26	113.17	121.49
October	2.80	3.41	3.40	3.59	2.97	3.66	107.29	130.88
November	2.89	3.45	3.54	3.60	2.98	3.79	108.76	129.51
December	2.81	3.47	3.44	3.60	2.84	3.78	102.88	130.51
January	2.90	3.54	3.46	3.64	2.95	3.82	106.17	134.85
February	2.94	3.35	3.37	3.46	3.01	3.70	109.69	130.58
March	2.91	.	3.29	.	2.95	.	107.22	.
April	2.84	.	3.30	.	2.93	.	106.17	.
May	2.95	.	3.52	.	3.07	.	111.50	.

Month	Minneapolis DNS 13% prot. 99/00	00/01	Minneapolis DNS 14% prot. 99/00	00/01	Minneapolis DNS 15% prot. 99/00	00/01	Minneapolis #1 HAD milling 99/00	00/01
June	3.65	3.50	3.73	3.78	4.03	4.08	N/Q	4.07
July	3.46	3.24	3.68	3.50	4.02	3.91	3.92	3.85
August	3.29	2.99	3.58	3.29	4.10	3.73	3.73	3.62
September	3.32	3.10	3.55	3.17	4.07	3.37	4.14	4.70
October	3.23	3.52	3.70	3.69	4.17	4.10	4.46	5.12
November	3.42	3.64	3.78	3.77	4.22	4.03	4.80	5.51
December	3.38	3.60	3.64	3.52	3.89	3.97	N/Q	N/Q
January	3.19	3.60	3.37	3.79	3.99	4.12	N/Q	N/Q
February	3.37	3.53	3.59	3.68	3.94	3.97	4.40	4.50
March	3.44	.	3.65	.	3.95	.	N/Q	.
April	3.50	.	3.69	.	4.06	.	4.11	.
May	3.50	.	3.80	.	4.15	.	4.25	.

Month	St. Louis #2 soft red 99/00	00/01	Chicago #2 soft red 99/00	00/01	Toledo #2 soft red 99/00	00/01	Portland #1 soft white 99/00	00/01
June	2.31	2.59	2.20	2.41	2.18	2.27	3.17	2.92
July	N/Q	2.17	1.94	2.14	2.02	2.06	3.06	2.78
August	2.22	2.04	2.09	2.08	2.24	2.00	3.14	2.65
September	2.48	2.06	2.12	2.13	2.23	1.98	3.25	2.78
October	2.31	2.41	1.98	2.36	2.12	2.15	3.24	2.86
November	2.50	2.42	1.96	2.42	2.06	2.15	3.09	2.94
December	2.26	2.48	2.12	2.47	2.00	2.26	2.83	2.98
January	2.38	2.52	2.34	2.57	2.23	2.43	2.91	3.01
February	2.51	2.55	2.38	2.49	2.26	2.33	2.88	3.15
March	2.40	.	2.34	.	2.17	.	2.84	.
April	2.38	.	2.30	.	2.11	.	2.89	.
May	2.56	.	2.45	.	2.28	.	2.97	.

N/Q-no quote. Source: *Grain and Feed Weekly Summary and Statistics*, AMS, USDA.

Table 8--Wheat: U.S. exports and imports for last 6 months, 4/12/01 1/

Exports, (1,000 bu.) 2000/2001

Item 1/	August	September	October	November	December	January
Wheat grain	104,944	113,785	82,716	86,034	94,705	60,743
Wheat flour	1,623	3,174	4,165	2,332	2,741	2,236
Products	291	294	279	257	349	297
Total	106,859	117,252	87,159	88,623	97,795	63,275

Imports, (1,000 bu.) 2000/2001

Item 1/	August	September	October	November	December	January
Wheat grain	2,878	4,801	7,158	7,295	6,099	4,526
Wheat flour	751	725	787	742	777	833
Products	1,302	1,032	1,182	1,390	1,264	1,204
Total	4,931	6,559	9,127	9,426	8,140	6,563

Source: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census. 1/ Wheat flour and products converted to wheat grain equivalent. Totals may not add due to rounding.

Table 9--Wheat: U.S. exports, Census and Export Sales comparison, 4/12/01 1/

Importing country	1998/99		1999/2000		2000/01 (as of 3/29/01)		
	Shipments				Ship- ments	Outstanding sales	Total
Data Source	Census	Export sales	Census	Export sales	Export Sales		
	1,000 metric tons						
Country:							
Egypt	4,516	4,516	3,923	4,168	4,149	365	4,514
Japan	3,055	3,201	3,172	3,122	2,474	488	2,962
Philippines	1,682	1,749	2,126	2,175	1,654	379	2,033
Mexico	1,733	1,860	1,832	1,963	1,624	229	1,853
EU	1,421	1,407	1,330	1,300	1,143	260	1,403
S. Korea	1,532	1,366	1,670	1,475	1,148	258	1,406
Nigeria	1,238	1,300	1,127	1,300	1,178	211	1,389
Taiwan	889	920	983	1,005	800	179	979
Israel	716	734	820	917	629	64	694
Colombia	535	509	779	726	494	84	578
Total grain	27,402	25,555	28,047	25,453	21,368	3,638	25,006
Total(incl products)	28,209	25,648	29,158	25,500	21,399	3,646	25,045
USDA forecast of Census							29,937

1/Export sales and shipments from USDA’s weekly *U.S. Export Sales* report.