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U.S. 2004 Winter Wheat Production Is Down

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Projected U.S. 2004/05 ending stocks of wheat are down 5 million bushels from last month as smaller production is partially offset by larger carryin stocks. Forecast winter wheat production is 20 million bushels below last month because of lower yields, especially in several major hard red winter producing States. Projected use is unchanged from last month but is down 190 million bushels from last year. The projected price range is unchanged at $3.25 to $3.85 per bushel.

Projected 2003/04 U.S. Wheat Ending Stocks Are Up 15 Million Bushels Due To Lower-Than-Expected Exports

World wheat production projected for 2004/05 increased this month by 5 million tons to 593 million. Generally favorable growing conditions boosted prospects for Russia, China, the EU-25, and Iran. Forecast global consumption increased less than 2 million tons with increases in India and the Middle East. These changes left 2004/05 world ending stocks of 126 million tons, up 3 million tons compared with a month ago, but down 2 million compared with a year earlier. World wheat trade (July-June trade year) increased 1 million tons with increased import prospects for Iraq and Pakistan. Projected exports increased for Russia and the EU-25, but declined for India.

Domestic Outlook

2004 Winter Wheat Production Forecast Down From May

Winter wheat production for 2004 is forecast at 1,531 million bushels, down 20 million bushels from the May 1 forecast and 176 million bushels below 2003. Hard red winter (HRW) production is down 23 million bushels from a month ago to 887 million bushels. Soft red winter (SRW) is down 2 million bushels from last month, and now totals 397 million bushels. White winter production totals 247 million bushels, up 5 million bushels from last month.

Based on June 1 conditions, the U.S. winter wheat yield is forecast at 43.6 bushels per acre, down 0.6 bushel from the May 1 forecast and 3.1 bushels from 2003. Harvested area totals 35.1 million acres, unchanged from May 1 in total and for each class of winter wheat.

Forecast yields, by class, changed slightly because of favorable and unfavorable weather conditions. HRW and SRW wheat yields are forecast down from last month by 1.0 and .3 bushels per acre, respectively, because of unfavorable conditions. White winter yield is forecast up 1.4 bushels because of more favorable conditions.

2004 Crop Progress in May

On May 2, 68 percent of the U.S. spring wheat crop had been planted, 11 points ahead of last year and 25 points ahead of normal (*Crop Production*). Progress was 24 points or more ahead of normal in Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota, but only slightly ahead of normal in the Pacific Northwest. Planting was at or near completion by mid-month in all States, except North Dakota. By the end of the month, growers in North Dakota had planted 91 percent of their expected acreage. Meanwhile, emergence progressed steadily through the month, from 32 percent complete on May 2 to 87 percent on May 30. By month's end, emergence was 5 points ahead of last year and 11 points ahead of normal. Emergence was at or near completion in Idaho, South Dakota, and Washington and was ahead of the normal pace in all States.

In Kansas and Nebraska, winter wheat yield prospects have been dampened by continued dry weather, as well as extreme temperatures-both high and low. Soil moisture levels remain a concern in Colorado, Wyoming, and South Dakota. Montana received significant rainfall during the last half of May, leading to improved crop condition ratings.

Much of the SRW wheat-growing region experienced heavy rainfall near the end of May. This has led to concerns about potential disease pressure, but no significant disease presence has yet been noted. The Southeast SRW wheat-growing area, however, remains dry.

The Pacific Northwest experienced warm dry weather in early May, but cooler wet weather during the middle and end of the month. In Idaho, this moisture improved dryland yield expectations. Yield prospects in Oregon improved significantly, where most of the major wheat growing areas has had above normal annual precipitation levels.

Production of durum wheat in Arizona and California is forecast down from last month and last year because extremely high temperatures during March and April in the California desert region reduced yields more than previously expected. The Central Valley crop has developed normally.

2004 Yield Survey Results

Forecasted head counts from the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) objective yield surveys in the six HRW States (Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Texas) are below last year's final counts (*Crop Production*). Indicated average head weights are also below last year's level in Colorado, Kansas, and Nebraska.

Forecasted head counts from the NASS objective yield surveys in the three SRW States (Illinois, Missouri, and Ohio) are below last year's final counts. Indicated average head weights are also below last year, but above average.

Forecast 2004/05 Production Losses Mostly Offset by Higher Beginning Stocks

Projected 2004/05 supply is down 4 million bushels as higher carryin stocks mostly offset the forecast reduced production of winter wheat from the May projection. Carryin stocks are 15 million bushels higher due to lower-than-expected exports for 2003/04. Exports for 2003/04 are projected down from May; 10 million bushels for HRW wheat and 5 million for white wheat. There are no changes in projected use of wheat or the projected spring wheat supplies, so the decrease in 2004/05 supply reduces 2004/05 ending stocks by 4 million bushels.

Total projected imports for 2003/04 are unchanged from May, but there are small changes across four classes because of the import pace to date. HRW wheat imports are down 1 million bushels to 1 million; hard red spring (HRS) imports are down 1 million bushels to 12 million; SRW wheat imports are up 1 million bushels to 28 million; and white wheat imports are up 1 million to 10 million bushels.

International Outlook

Favorable Growing Conditions Boost Foreign Production Prospects 5 Million Tons

World wheat production projected for 2004/05 increased this month 5 million tons to 593 million. Generally favorable growing conditions for winter wheat prevailed across much of the Eurasian land mass this spring, boosting 2004/05 production prospects for Russia, China, the EU-25, and Iran. Russia's wheat production forecast increased 2 million tons this month to 42 million. Russia's production is up sharply from last year's crop when winter conditions were extremely bad, but still significantly less than the 51 million tons produced in 2002/03, when area was higher and growing conditions were excellent for both winter and spring wheat crops.

China's wheat production forecast increased 1 million tons to 85 million tons because of improved yield prospects for winter wheat. Early harvest reports indicate average yields up from last year, but not enough to offset record-low area, leaving projected production still down year-to-year. Generally good growing conditions also boosted winter wheat yield prospects in France and Iran, increasing forecast production 1 million tons in each. Projected 2004/05 wheat production for Brazil increased slightly this month because of increased plantings due to the reportedly good returns to the previous crop.

Forecast Foreign 2004/05 Wheat Consumption Up Less Than 2 Million Tons

World wheat use is projected up less than 2 million tons this month to 596 million. India's wheat consumption is up 0.7 million tons this month to 70 million tons. The new government has announced that it will expand the distribution of subsidized flour for low income families, and is expected to increase government stocks instead of exporting surpluses. Wheat use is expected slightly higher this month in Iran because of increased production prospects, and in Iraq because of increased expected imports. Wheat consumption in Egypt projected for 2004/05 is up slightly this month because of the strong pace of late-season imports, increased 2003/04 imports, and ending stocks, increasing supplies for 2004/05.

Projected World Wheat Ending Stocks Up 3 Million Tons

Forecast global 2004/05 ending stocks increased 3 million tons this month to 126 million. Projected stocks for China are up 1.3 million tons to nearly 33 million because of increased production prospects for 2004/05 and because of a small upward revision in 2003/04 production and stocks. However, China's wheat stocks are still forecast to drop 10 million tons during 2004/05.

Increased production prospects are boosting expected 2004/05 ending stocks for Russia, up 1 million tons; Iran, up 0.8 million; and Brazil, up 0.3 million. However, ending stocks are down slightly this month for Iraq, with reduced beginning stocks and increased use more than offsetting larger imports.

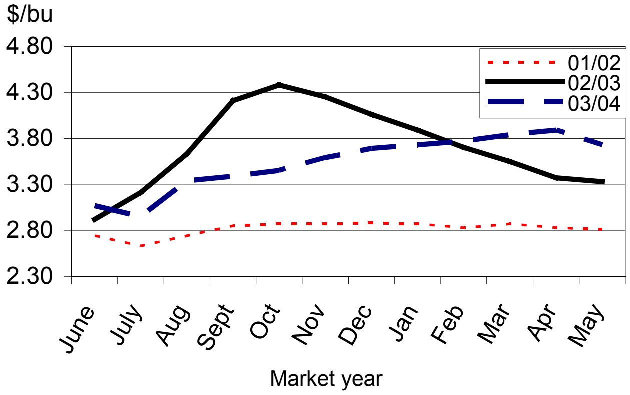
2004/05 World Wheat Trade Up 1 Million Tons This Month

World wheat trade (July-June trade year) increased 1 million tons to nearly 103 million. Iraq's imports increased 0.8 million tons for 2004/05, but were reduced by the same amount for 2003/04 because of delays in contracted shipments, mostly from Australia. Pakistan's 2004/05 imports are expected to reach 0.5 million tons, up 0.3 million this month, because the government has announced it will import to bolster government stocks.

Projected exports this month increased 1 million tons each for Russia and the EU-25, but declined for India. Increased production prospects boosted expected exportable supplies in Russia and the EU-25, reducing the internal price, thereby increasing competitiveness in the export market. These increases were partly offset by a 1-million-ton reduction in India's exports as government policy shifts towards more domestic use and less exports.

The U.S. 2004/05 wheat export forecasts remained unchanged this month, but estimated exports for 2003/04 were reduced slightly because of slower-than-expected shipments in May 2004. The 2003/04 trade year (July-June) was reduced 0.5 million tons to 32 million, while the U.S. local marketing year (June-May) declined 15 million bushels to 1,155 million.

Figure 1
All wheat average prices received by farmers



Source: *Agricultural Prices* , NASS, USDA.

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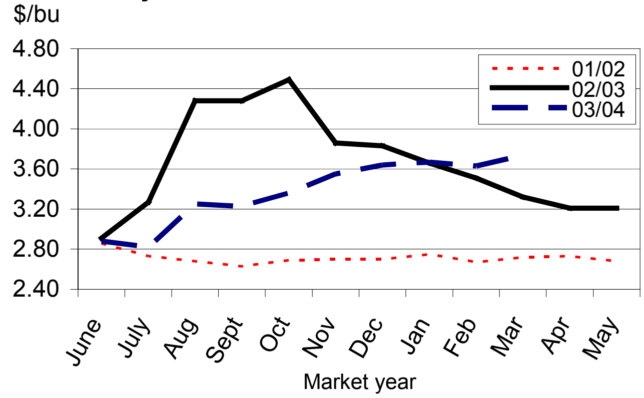
Hard red winter wheat average prices received by farmers



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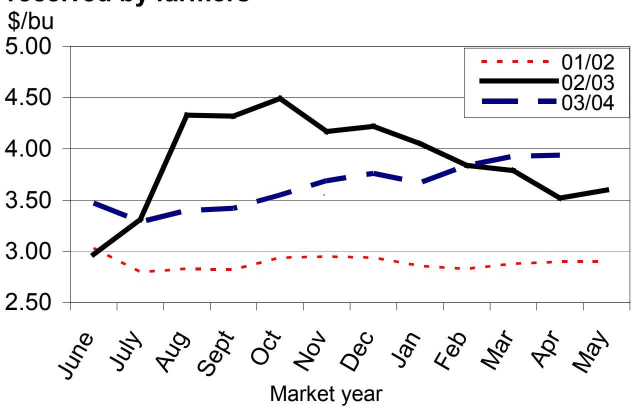

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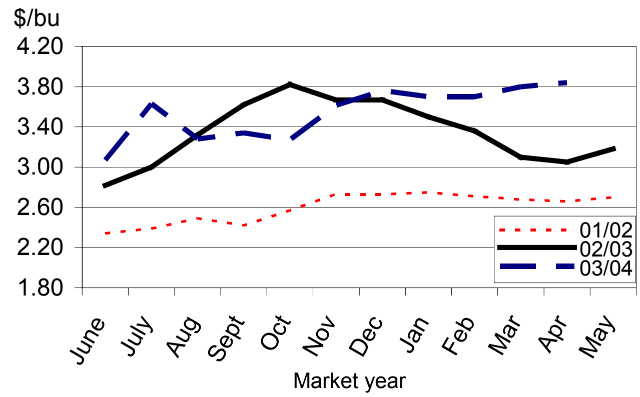

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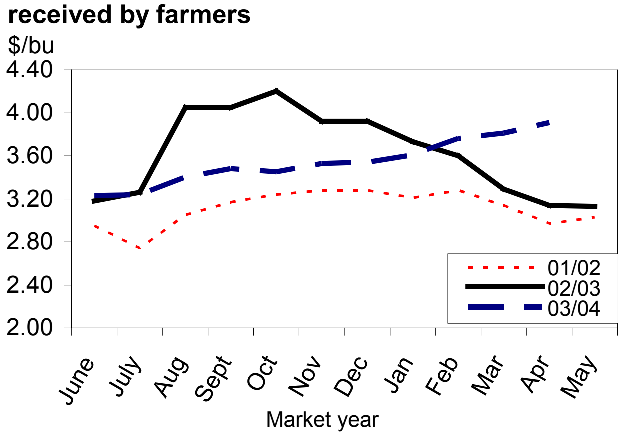

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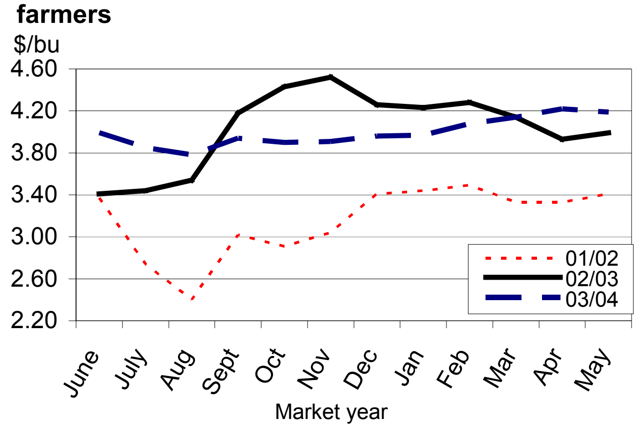

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Changes From Previous Marketing Year, 2002/03 to 2003/04

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HRW changes

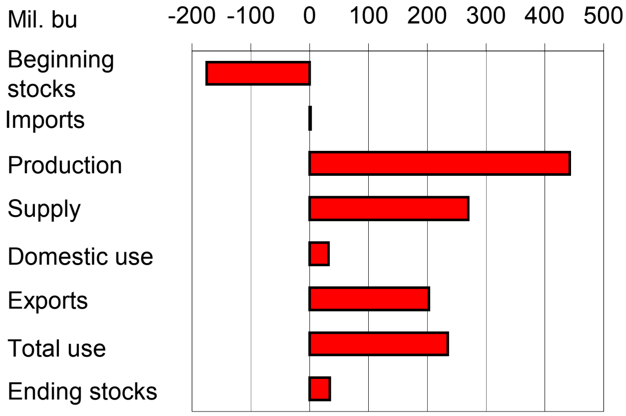

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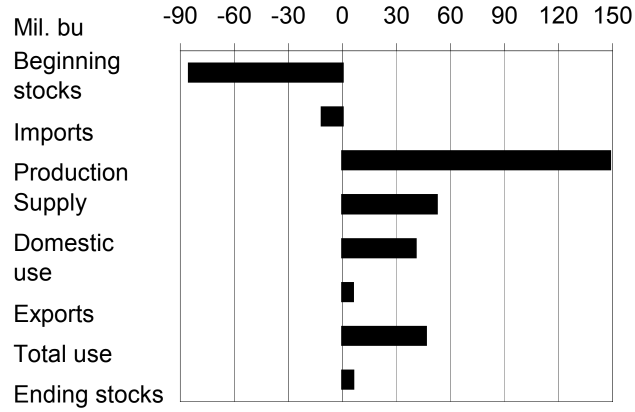
Figure 8
HRS changes



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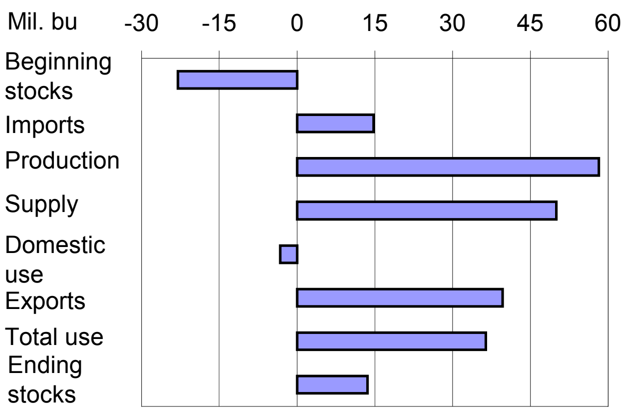
SRW changes



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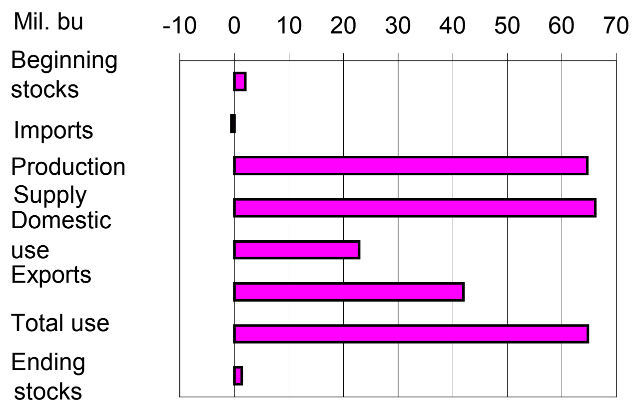
White changes



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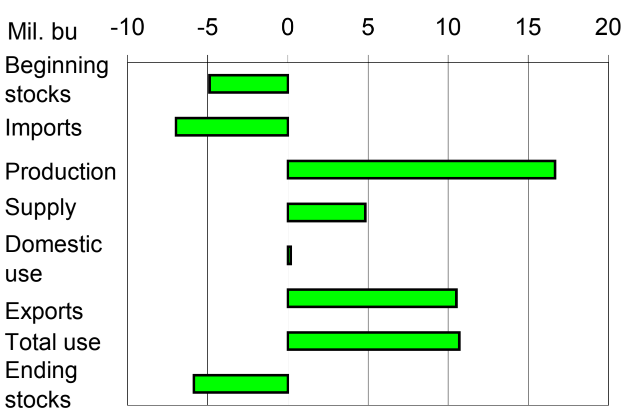

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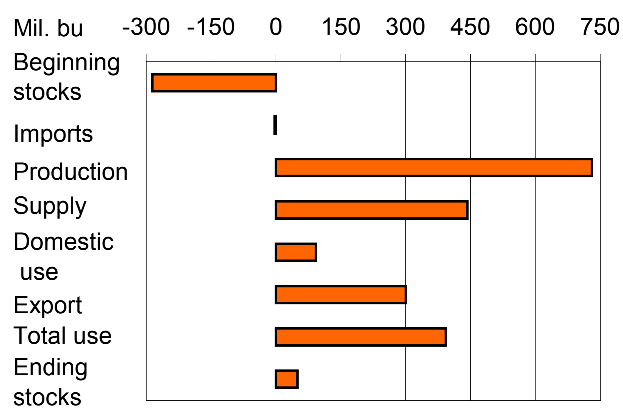
All wheat changes



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China's Wheat Economy: Current Trends and Prospects for Imports. The last 10 years have been a period of volatility for wheat production and trade in China. This report provides an overview of current wheat production and consumption trends in China, including factors that contributed to slumping imports in recent years. http://www.ers.usda.gov/publications/whs/may04/whs04D01/

The 2002 Farm Act: Provisions and Implications for Commodity Markets provides an initial assessment of the legislation's effects on agricultural production, commodity markets, and net farm income over the next 10 years. The report is available at http://www.ers.usda.gov/publications/aib778/.

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Table 1--Wheat: U.S. market year supply and disappearance, 6/15/04

Item	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02E	2002/03P	2003/04P
Area: (mil. ac.)								
National total base	87.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Eff. base/Ctr. acres								
0,50/92,85	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CRP base retired	10.6	10.1	9.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Planted	75.1	70.4	65.8	62.7	62.5	59.4	60.3	61.7
Harvested	62.8	62.8	59.0	53.8	53.1	48.5	45.8	52.8
Yield: (bu/acre)	36.3	39.5	43.2	42.7	42.0	40.2	35.0	44.2
Supply:				Million bushels				
Beginning stocks	376.0	443.6	722.5	945.9	949.7	876.2	777.1	491.4
Production	2,277.4	2,481.5	2,547.3	2,295.6	2,228.2	1,947.5	1,605.9	2,336.5
Imports 1/	92.3	94.9	103.0	94.5	89.8	107.6	77.4	75.0
Total supply	2,745.7	3,020.0	3,372.8	3,336.0	3,267.7	2,931.2	2,460.4	2,902.9
Use:								
Food	890.7	914.1	910.0	928.8	949.6	926.4	917.5	900.0
Seed	102.3	92.5	80.4	91.7	79.5	83.4	83.8	82.0
Feed and residual	307.6	250.5	390.7	279.3	300.4	182.0	113.3	225.0
Total domestic	1,300.6	1,257.1	1,381.1	1,299.7	1,329.5	1,191.8	1,114.7	1,207.0
Exports 1/	1,001.5	1,040.4	1,045.7	1,086.5	1,062.0	962.3	854.2	1,155.0
Total use	2,302.1	2,297.5	2,426.9	2,386.2	2,391.6	2,154.1	1,969.0	2,362.0
Ending stocks:	443.6	722.5	945.9	949.7	876.2	777.1	491.4	540.9
Farmer-owned reserve	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CCC inventory 2/	93.0	94.0	128.0	104.0	97.0	99.0	66.0	61.0
Free stocks	350.6	628.5	817.9	845.7	779.2	678.1	425.4	479.9
Stocks-to-use ratio	19.3	31.4	39.0	39.8	36.6	36.1	25.0	22.9
Prices: ($/bu.)								
Target price	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Loan rate	2.58	2.58	2.58	2.58	2.58	2.58	2.80	2.80
Contract rate	0.87	0.63	0.66	0.64	0.59	0.48	0.52	0.52
Ave. farm price	4.30	3.38	2.65	2.48	2.62	2.78	3.56	3.40
Gov't. pmts. (mil. dollars)	1,941	1,412	2,717	3,827	3,606	2,474	1,173	1,230
Market value of production (mil. dollars)	9,782	8,287	6,781	5,594	5,782	5,414	5,717	7,944

Totals may not add due to rounding. E=Estimated, P=Projected.
1/ Imports and exports include flour and other products expressed in wheat equivalent. 2/ Includes Food Security Reserve.

Source: *World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates* , WAOB, USDA.

Table 2--Wheat: U.S. market year supply and disappearance, 6/15/04 1/

2002/03E	HRW	HRS	SRW	White	Durum	All wheat
Area:			Million acres			
Planted	30.1	14.8	8.1	4.4	2.9	60.30
Harvested	19.9	12.6	6.5	4.1	2.7	45.80
Yield: (bu/acre)	31.1	28	49.6	56.4	29.5	35.00
Supply:			Million bushels			
Beg. stocks	363.12	230.00	78.00	73.00	32.99	777.11
Production	620.33	351.44	320.97	233.18	79.96	1,605.88
Imports 2/	0.28	23.36	13.24	10.54	29.97	77.38
Total	983.73	604.80	412.20	316.72	142.92	2,460.37
Utilization:						
Food	375.95	215.00	165.00	80.00	81.60	917.55
Seed	36.38	19.85	15.90	6.91	4.81	83.84
Feed and residual	74.03	-34.30	70.95	6.75	-4.09	113.33
Total domestic	486.36	200.54	251.85	93.65	82.32	1,114.72
Exports 2/	309.06	259.25	105.36	148.07	32.49	854.23
Total	795.42	459.80	357.20	241.72	114.81	1,968.95
Ending stocks:	188.31	145.00	55.00	75.00	28.11	491.42

2003/04P	HRW	HRS	SRW	White	Durum	All wheat
Area:			Million acres			
Planted	32.178	13.103	8.273	5.231	2.915	61.70
Harvested	25.443	12.718	6.809	5.001	2.869	52.84
Yield: (bu/acre)	41.8	39.3	55.7	59.6	33.7	44.20
Supply:			Million bushels			
Beg. stocks	188.31	145.00	55.00	75.00	28.11	491.42
Production	1,062.89	499.93	379.20	297.88	96.64	2,336.53
Imports 2/	2.00	12.00	28.00	10.00	23.00	75.00
Total	1,253.20	656.93	462.20	382.88	147.75	2,902.94
Utilization:						
Total domestic	518.40	241.00	248.60	116.50	82.50	1,207.00
Exports 2/	512.00	265.00	145.00	190.00	43.00	1,155.00
Total	1,030.40	506.00	393.60	306.50	125.50	2,362.00
Ending stocks:	222.80	150.93	68.60	76.38	22.25	540.94

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), 6/15/04

Market year		Produc-tion	Imports 1/	Supply	Food	Seed	Feed	Exports 2/	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	7	251	1,450
	Mar-May	---	27	1,477	230	23	32	246	946
	Mkt. year	2,547	103	3,373	910	80	391	1,046	946
1999/00									
	Jun-Aug	2,296	31	3,272	230	6	269	322	2,445
	Sep-Nov	---	19	2,465	241	55	-5	290	1,884
	Dec-Feb	---	19	1,903	223	2	26	236	1,417
	Mar-May	---	25	1,442	235	28	-10	239	950
	Mkt. year	2,296	95	3,336	929	92	279	1,086	950
2000/01									
	Jun-Aug	2,228	20	3,198	239	1	318	288	2,353
	Sep-Nov	---	25	2,378	253	50	-24	293	1,806
	Dec-Feb	---	21	1,828	228	3	11	246	1,338
	Mar-May	---	23	1,361	230	25	-4	235	876
	Mkt. year	2,228	90	3,268	950	79	300	1,062	876
2001/02:									
	Jun-Aug	1,947	26	2,849	234	3	238	218	2,156
	Sep-Nov	---	29	2,185	245	52	-23	288	1,623
	Dec-Feb	---	28	1,651	221	2	-7	225	1,210
	Mar-May	---	25	1,235	226	26	-26	231	777
	Mkt. year	1,947	108	2,931	926	83	182	962	777
2002/03 E:									
	Jun-Aug	1,606	27	2,410	233	3	185	240	1,749
	Sep-Nov	---	23	1,772	240	54	-77	235	1,320
	Dec-Feb	---	13	1,333	217	3	12	194	907
	Mar-May	---	15	922	227	24	-7	186	491
	Mkt. year	1,606	77	2,460	918	84	113	854	491
2003/04 P:									
	Jun-Aug	2,337	16	2,844	227	2	309	266	2,039
	Sep-Nov	---	23	2,062	230	53	-49	307	1,520
	Dec-Feb	---	13	1,533	220	2	0	292	1,019
	Mar-May	---	24	1,043	223	24	-35	290	541
	Mkt. year	2,337	75	2,903	900	82	225	155	541

Totals might not add due to rounding. E=Estimated, P=Projected. 1/ Imports and exports include flour and selected products expressed in wheat equivalent.
Source: World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates, WAOB, USDA.

Table 4--Monthly food use estimates for last 12 months (1,000 bu), 6/15/04

Item		Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept
Mill grind	+	71,125	72,723	69,577	72,648	79,399	76,348
Food imports 1/	+	2,368	2,421	2,053	2,284	2,160	2,016
Non-flour food use 2/	+	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Food exports 1/	-	1,827	918	1,130	1,440	4,543	1,561
Food use	=	73,666	76,226	72,500	75,492	79,016	78,803
Item		Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
Mill grind	+	77,232	73,923	69,388	69,257	68,707	72,895
Food imports 1/	+	2,224	2,170	2,257	2,096	1,988	2,311
Non-flour food use 2/	+	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Food exports 1/	-	1,256	1,117	2,579	3,117	1,964	1,806
Food use	=	80,200	76,976	71,066	70,236	70,731	75,400

1/ Wheat flour and flour products converted to wheat grain equivalent. 2/ ERS estimate of cereal use.

Totals may not add due to rounding.

Source: Economic Research Service, USDA.

Table 5--Wheat: National average price received by farmers, 6/15/04 1/

Month	All wheat		Winter		Durum		Other spring	
	02/03	03/04	02/03	03/04	02/03	03/04	02/03	03/04
				($/bu)				
June	2.92	3.07	2.90	2.93	3.41	3.99	2.98	3.46
July	3.21	2.95	3.19	2.89	3.44	3.85	3.31	3.29
August	3.63	3.34	3.63	3.28	3.54	3.78	3.66	3.39
September	4.21	3.39	4.15	3.32	4.18	3.94	4.30	3.42
October	4.38	3.45	4.32	3.37	4.43	3.90	4.45	3.54
November	4.25	3.59	4.18	3.55	4.52	3.91	4.26	3.67
December	4.06	3.69	3.87	3.63	4.26	3.96	4.15	3.75
January	3.89	3.73	3.66	3.66	4.23	3.97	4.03	3.66
February	3.70	3.77	3.52	3.68	4.28	4.08	3.82	3.83
March	3.55	3.84	3.30	3.76	4.14	4.14	3.72	3.92
April	3.37	3.89	3.19	3.79	3.93	4.22	3.48	3.94
May	3.33	3.73	3.19	3.64	3.99	4.19	3.55	3.90

1/ Preliminary mid-month weighted average price for current month.

Source: *Agricultural Prices,* National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

Table 6--Wheat prices received by farmers by class, 6/15/04

	Hard red winter		Soft red winter		Hard red spring		Soft white	
Month	02/03	03/04	02/03	03/04	02/03	03/04	02/03	03/04
				($/bu)				
June	2.91	2.88	2.82	3.07	2.97	3.47	3.18	3.23
July	3.27	2.82	3.00	3.63	3.31	3.29	3.26	3.24
August	4.28	3.25	3.32	3.28	4.33	3.40	4.05	3.40
September	4.28	3.23	3.62	3.34	4.32	3.42	4.05	3.48
October	4.49	3.36	3.82	3.27	4.49	3.55	4.20	3.45
November	3.86	3.55	3.67	3.61	4.17	3.69	3.92	3.53
December	3.83	3.64	3.67	3.76	4.22	3.76	3.92	3.54
January	3.66	3.67	3.50	3.70	4.05	3.67	3.73	3.61
February	3.51	3.63	3.36	3.70	3.84	3.84	3.60	3.76
March	3.32	3.74	3.10	3.80	3.79	3.93	3.29	3.81
April	3.21	3.76	3.05	3.84	3.52	3.94	3.14	3.91
May	3.21		3.18		3.60		3.13	

Source: *Agricultural Prices,* National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

Table 7--Wheat: Average cash grain bids at selected markets ($/bu), 6/15/04

Month	KC HRW #1 ordinary		KC HRW #1 13% protein		Portland #1 HRW Ord.		FOB Gulf $/mt (#2 HRW)	
	02/03	03/04	02/03	03/04	02/03	03/04	02/03	03/04
June	3.55	3.63	3.61	3.74	3.95	3.76	133.52	130.93
July	3.92	3.34	3.91	3.66	4.33	3.47	150.48	130.87
August	4.29	3.87	4.30	4.02	4.70	4.04	163.36	151.10
September	5.04	3.74	5.05	3.85	5.46	4.05	190.98	146.92
October	5.10	3.79	5.10	3.40	5.51	4.02	194.21	148.64
November	4.76	4.21	4.75	4.39	5.15	4.53	181.36	163.04
December	4.39	4.31	4.39	4.40	4.69	4.61	164.70	166.82
January	4.06	4.32	4.05	4.37	4.33	4.47	153.99	165.99
February	4.08	4.25	4.09	4.36	4.40	4.47	154.52	162.93
March	3.80	4.30	3.81	4.44	4.23	4.47	145.66	167.89
April	3.79	4.35	3.83	4.48	4.10	4.58	142.98	167.85
May	3.87		3.96		4.16		144.72	163.60
Month	Minneapolis DNS 13% protein		Minneapolis DNS 14% protein		Minneapolis #1 HAD milling		Portland DNS 14% protein	
	02/03	03/04	02/03	03/04	02/03	03/04	02/03	03/04
June	3.55	4.11	3.64	4.12	4.25	N/Q	3.97	4.48
July	4.06	3.88	4.03	4.00	N/Q	N/Q	4.39	4.31
August	4.44	4.04	4.37	4.15	N/Q	5.30	4.80	4.60
September	5.20	3.83	5.24	4.03	N/Q	N/Q	5.85	4.51
October	5.12	4.12	5.20	4.31	N/Q	N/Q	5.79	4.55
November	5.00	4.37	4.99	4.59	N/Q	N/Q	5.39	4.91
December	4.50	4.24	4.47	4.43	N/Q	N/Q	4.96	4.97
January	4.30	4.30	4.34	4.44	N/Q	N/Q	4.64	5.06
February	4.54	4.44	4.52	4.64	N/Q	5.30	4.78	5.11
March	4.10	4.33	4.36	4.63	N/Q	5.33	4.77	5.10
April	4.10	4.51	4.22	4.69	N/Q	N/Q	4.65	5.13
May	N/Q		4.20		N/Q		4.65	
Month	St. Louis #2 soft red		Chicago #2 soft red		Toledo #2 soft red		Portland #1 soft white	
	02/03	03/04	02/03	03/04	02/03	03/04	02/03	03/04
June	2.91	3.46	2.81	3.11	2.91	3.12	3.61	3.47
July	3.17	3.29	3.19	3.23	3.21	3.17	3.77	3.56
August	3.32	3.56	3.42	3.63	3.47	3.50	4.07	3.90
September	3.88	3.43	3.92	3.46	3.95	3.33	4.53	3.85
October	3.96	N/Q	3.89	3.42	3.89	3.31	4.60	3.70
November	4.03	4.19	3.85	3.87	3.84	3.73	4.50	3.98
December	3.70	3.99	3.53	3.92	3.44	3.79	4.17	4.05
January	3.44	3.98	3.32	3.90	3.16	3.85	3.86	4.11
February	3.57	3.94	3.44	3.84	3.24	3.79	3.89	4.14
March	3.22	4.02	3.14	3.85	2.96	3.83	3.48	4.20
April	3.33	3.88	3.08	3.92	2.86	3.92	3.41	4.29
May	3.44		3.25		3.15		3.46	

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, 6/15/04 1/

Exports, (1,000 bu)						
Item 1/	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
Wheat grain	101,168	76,222	79,811	109,607	94,480	96,685
Wheat flour	765	1,295	1,673	1,789	1,342	1,020
Products	521	467	1,031	1,347	783	795
Total	102,454	77,984	82,515	112,743	96,605	98,500
Imports, (1,000 bu.)						
Item 1/	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
Wheat grain	3,690	1,489	1,792	2,146	2,444	3,564
Wheat flour	1,001	1,009	938	964	910	1,045
Products	1,236	1,167	1,329	1,135	1,080	1,275
Total	5,927	3,665	4,059	4,245	4,434	5,884

Source: Economic Research Service, USDA. 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, 6/15/04 1/

	2001/02		2002/03		2003/04 (as of 6/1/04)	
Importing country	Shipments				Shipments	Carryover sales
Data source	Census	Export sales	Census	Export sales	Export sales	
	1,000 metric tons					
Country:						
Japan	2,966	2,948	3,076	2,998	3,139	78
Mexico	2,121	2,210	2,392	2,486	2,863	61
Nigeria	1,959	1,998	1,666	1,660	2,221	87
Philippines	1,516	1,592	1,524	1,560	1,139	134
South Korea	1,225	1,226	1,202	1,257	1,329	102
EU	1,925	2,160	1,127	1,236	2,052	54
Egypt	3,443	3,830	1,085	1,107	3,942	0
Taiwan	874	920	919	958	1,066	0
Colombia	536	528	729	724	817	18
Brazil	79	106	686	688	474	0
Total grain	25,194	24,135	22,396	20,805	29,599	1,243
Total (including products)	26,163	24,165	23,242	20,840	29,663	1,244
USDA forecast of Census					31,434	

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

Source: *U.S. Export Sales,* FAS.