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Forecast 2005/06 World Wheat Production Up

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No changes were made to U.S. 2005/06 supply and demand forecasts, leaving ending stocks at 530 million bushels, which are down just 10 million from the previous year. Relative to last month, hard red winter (HRW) exports are up 10 million bushels, while soft red winter (SRW) and durum exports are each down 5 million. Ending stocks of HRW fell to 175 million bushels, the smallest since 1996/97, and SRW and durum stocks each rose 5 million. This month, the projected 2005/06 price range is narrowed 5 cents on each end to $3.25 to $3.55 per bushel, compared with $3.40 for 2004/05.

Forecast 2005/06 world wheat production increased nearly 3 million tons this month but global use is up less than 1 million tons this month, leaving world wheat ending stocks forecast up over 2 million tons to 140 million. World wheat trade changes were mostly offsetting this month, and U.S. wheat export forecasts for 2005/06 were unchanged, except for adjustments to the exports by class.

Domestic Outlook

2005 Wheat Qualities Compared With 5-Year Averages

The U.S. Wheat Associates' *Crop Quality Report 2005* at http://www.uswheat.org/ provides the following data and more on the 2005 crop by class of wheat.

2005 wheat crop	Protein (%)	1,000 kernel weight (grams)	Test weight (lb/bu)	Falling numbers (sec)
Hard red winter	12.2	28.7	59.9	401
Hard red spring	14.5	29.8	60.1	410
Soft red winter	9.5	33.8	60.1	360
Soft white	9.9	33.3	60.0	350
Durum	13.4	35.5	60.8	378
5-Yr. Avg.				
Hard red winter	12.4	28.3	59.6	403
Hard red spring	14.4	29.9	60.3	368
Soft red winter	10.3	32.3	58.7	347
Soft white	10.3	34.1	59.8	359
Durum	14.1	36.2	60.0	322

2006 Winter Wheat Crop Not As Good As 2005

For the week ending November 6, 84 percent of the winter wheat crop had emerged, slightly above last year at this time and also above the 5-year average of 80 percent. Notably, 57 percent of the winter wheat crop rated good to excellent. This rating is much lower than last year's 78 percent, which was the best rating for the crop since reports were first made in 1986. Only 3 percent of the 2005 crop rated poor to very poor. This year's crop had 10 percent rated poor to very poor. States with significant poor to very poor crop conditions include Texas and Arkansas. However, there is only a weak correlation between final yields and crop conditions in the fall.

International Outlook

World Wheat Production, Use, and Stocks Up this Month

Forecast 2005/06 world wheat production increased 2.6 million tons this month to 610.6 million. Harvest is complete in the Northern Hemisphere and is underway in the Southern Hemisphere. Most parts of the world and changes are based on more complete reporting of production in several countries. Revised harvest data for several member states boosted EU-25 production 1.0 million tons to 122.7 million. Saudi Arabia's production was increased 0.9 million tons to 2.1 million based on larger area. Reports of good yields in Turkey boosted 2005/06 production 0.5 million tons to 18.0 million, and the 2004 crop was also increased 0.5 million tons to 18.5 million. Australia's crop is still mostly not harvested, and favorable rains boosted yield prospects 0.5 million tons to 22.5 million. Good growing conditions in southern Buenos Aires province boosted production prospects 0.4 million tons to 12.1 million. Partly offsetting these increases was a 0.5-million-ton reduction in Russia's production as spring wheat yields in Siberia were lower than expected. Brazil's production was reduced 0.2 million tons to 4.6 million because excessive rains late in the growing season fostered diseases.

Global use is up less than 1 million tons this month to 620 million. Most of the increase is in feed use, with increases for Brazil, where the poor quality of the crop will boost feeding; Australia, where some of the increased production is expected to price its way into animal feed; and South Korea, which has picked up the pace of feed wheat purchases from Canada.

With production up more than use, 2005/06 world wheat ending stocks are forecast up over 2 million tons to 140 million. EU-25 ending stocks were boosted 1.0 million tons due to increased production and the modest pace of exports. Ukraine's ending stocks were increased 0.5 million tons to 2.9 million as planting delays and area reductions for the 2006 crop have caused the government to procure more of the current crop, curtailing exports. With larger production in Saudi Arabia, stocks are up 0.35 million tons this month, and with export prospects dimming, Iran's ending stocks increased by the same amount. Increased production in Australia is expected to boost ending stocks 0.3 million tons to 6.2 million. Increased beginning stocks in Turkey contribute to a small increase in ending stocks, even with reduced imports and increased export prospects. Reduced production is trimming ending stocks prospects for Russia and Brazil.

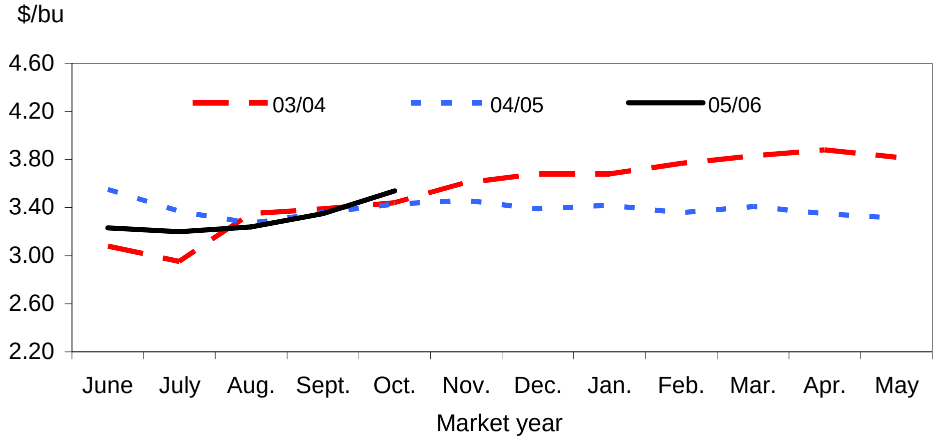
Wheat Trade Changes Mostly Offsetting This Month, U.S. Wheat Exports Unchanged

World wheat trade in 2005/06 (July-June) is projected to reach 109.6 million tons, down 0.2 million this month. Increased production reduced imports expected for Turkey, down 0.5 million tons to 0.5 million, and for Saudi Arabia, down 0.45 million to 0.05 million. These reductions were partly offset by increased imports forecast for Brazil, up 0.3 million tons to 5.8 million due to the poor quality of the smaller domestic production, and an increase of 0.2 million in South Korea's imports to 3.9 million. South Korea has recently increased purchases of feed wheat from Canada.

Ukraine’s 2005/06 export forecast was reduced 0.5 million tons this month because problems planting the 2006 winter wheat crop are expected to encourage the government to procure more, leaving less available to export. Iran’s exports of flour to Iraq are not expected to match earlier expectations, dropping the wheat equivalent of 0.35 million tons this month, to just 0.05 million. These reductions are nearly offset by increased exports expected for Turkey, up 0.4 million tons to 2.0 million, as flour shipments to Iraq are robust, and wheat supplies large. Also, Argentina’s projected exports increased slightly to 7.0 million tons due to increased production.

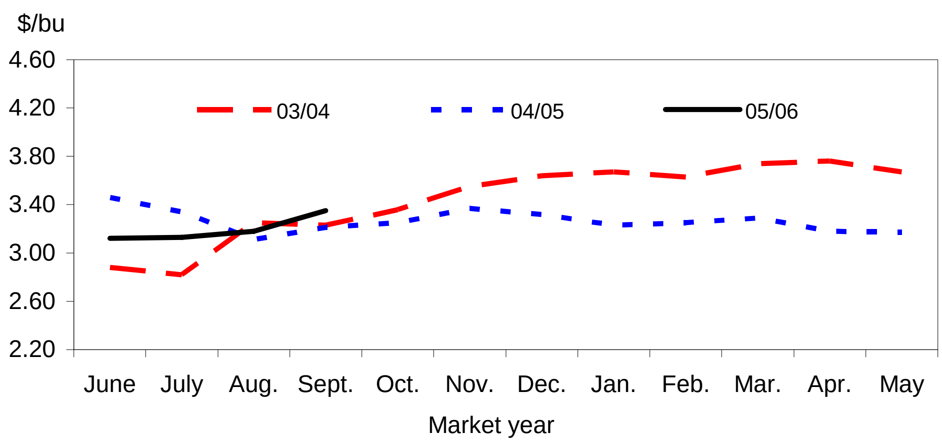
U.S. 2005/06 (July-June) wheat exports remain forecast to reach 27.5 million tons (June-May of 1.0 billion bushels). While Census exports through September are down by more than 1 million tons compared with a year earlier, October inspections data posted an increase and, as of November 3, 2005, after the inclusion of large sales to Iraq, outstanding export sales were up 16 percent.

Figure 1
All wheat average prices received by farmers



Source: Agricultural Prices, NASS, USDA.

Figure 2
Hard red winter wheat average prices received by farmers



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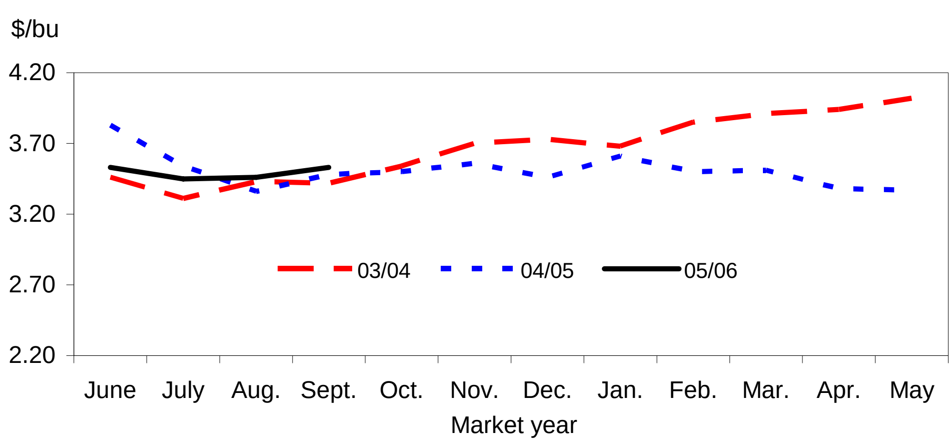

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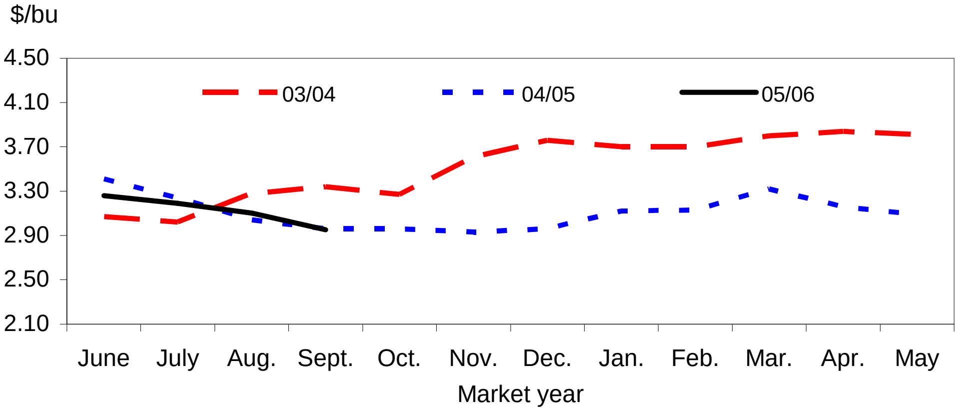
Soft red winter wheat average prices received by farmers



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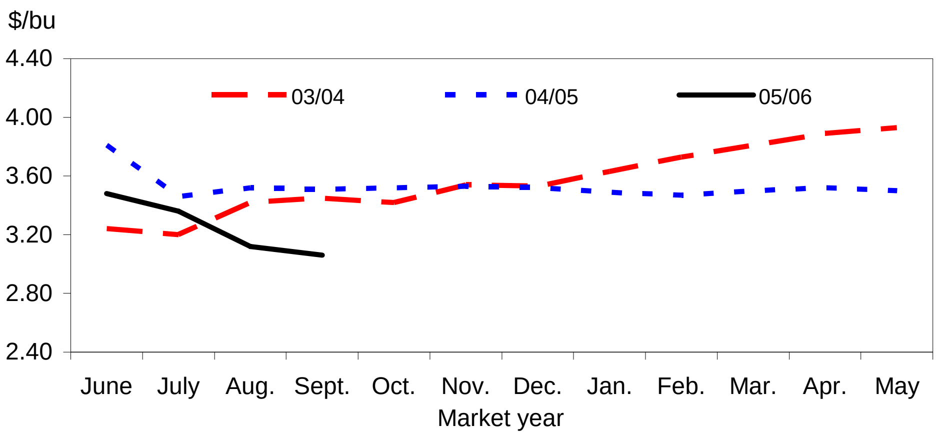
Soft white wheat average prices received by farmers



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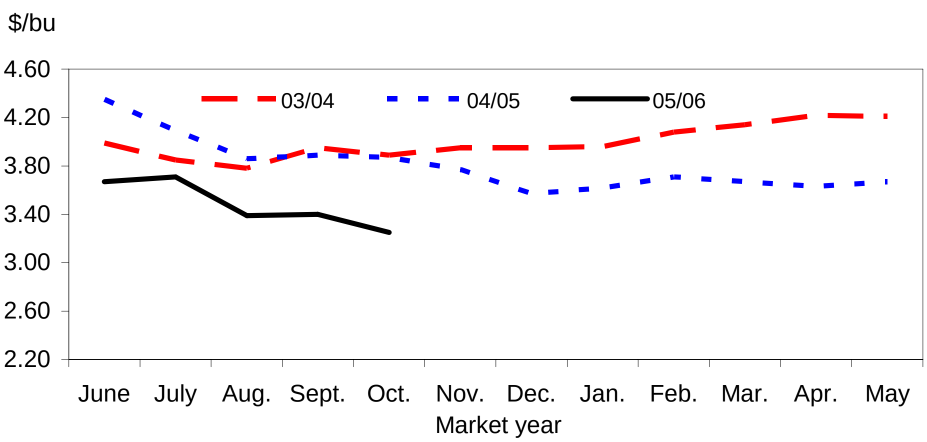
Durum wheat average prices received by farmers



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Changes From Previous Marketing Year, 2003/04 to 2004/05

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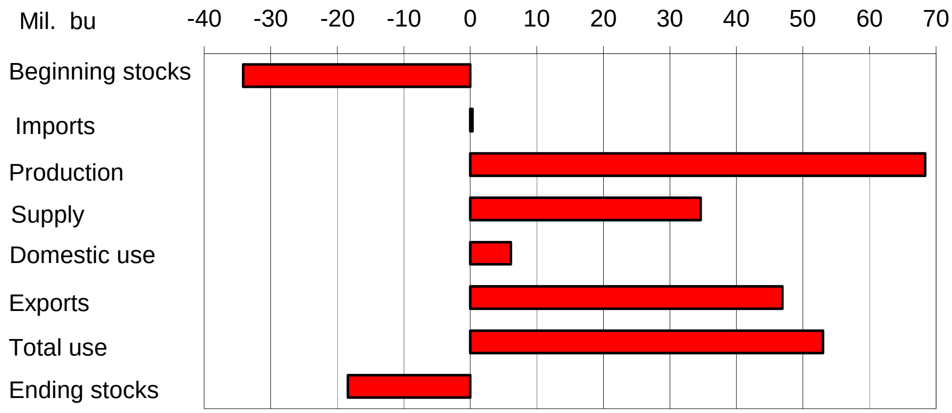
Hard red winter wheat



Source: *WASDE* , USDA.

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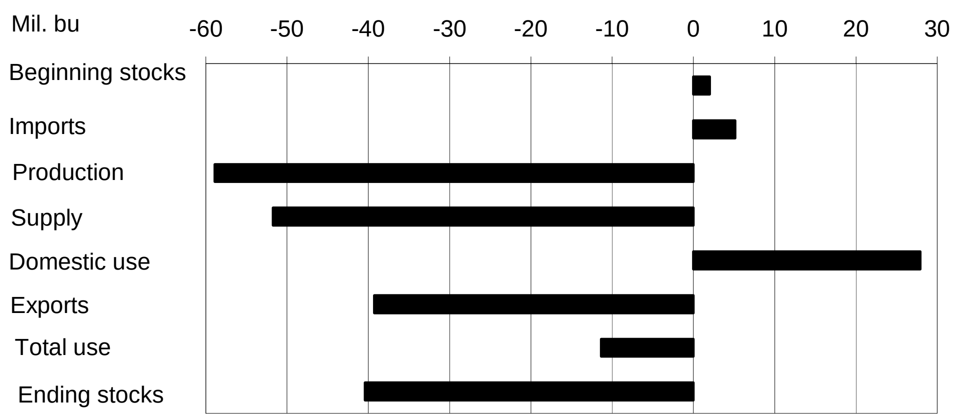
Hard red spring wheat



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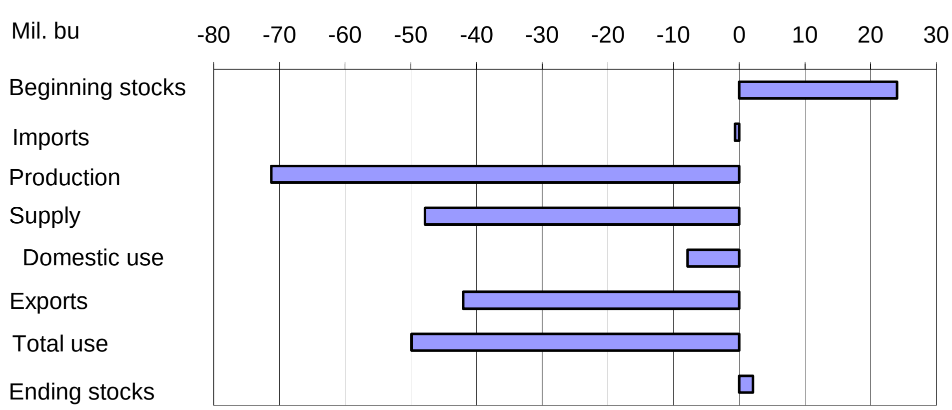

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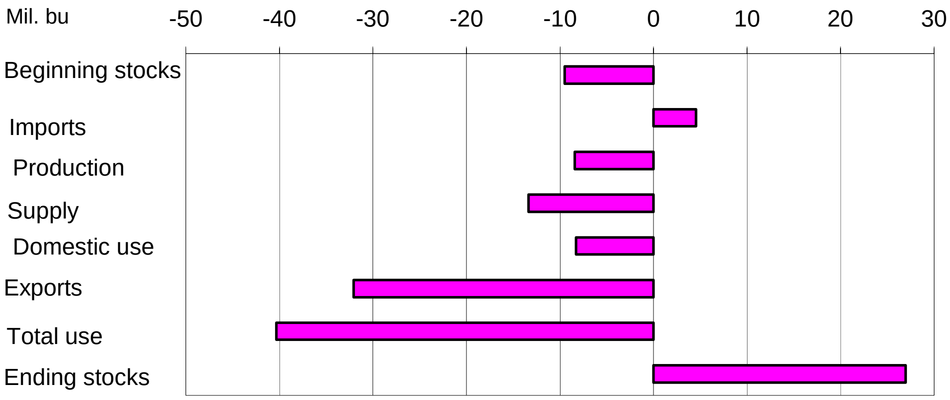

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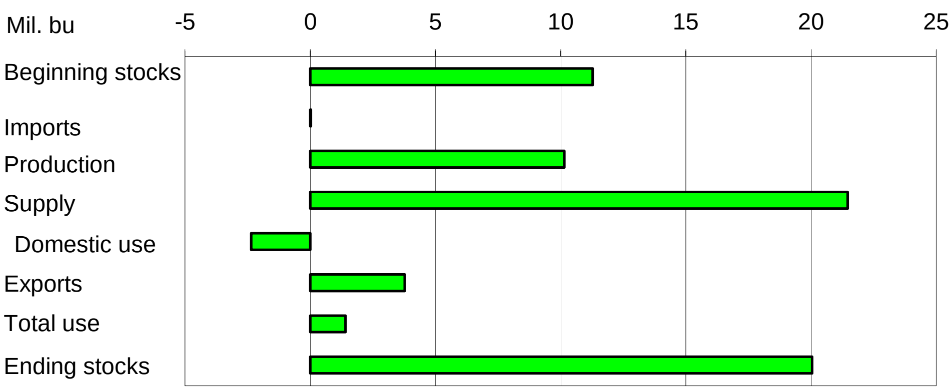
Durum



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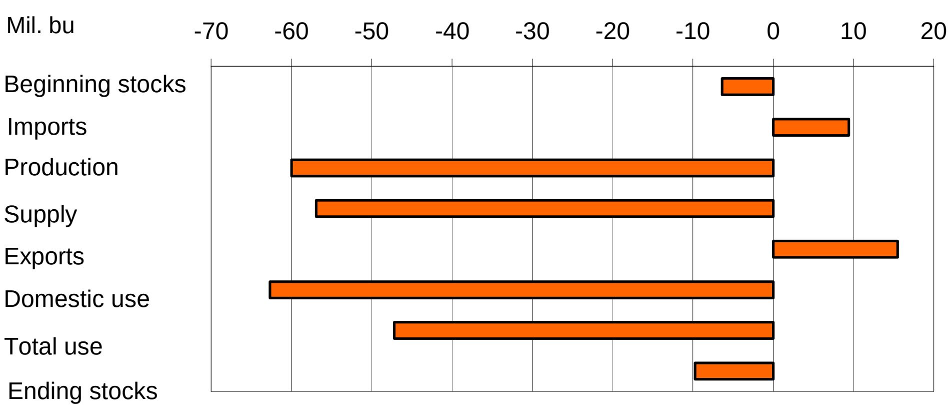
All wheat



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Data

Monthly tables from *Wheat Outlook* are available in Excel (.xls) spreadsheets at http://www.ers.usda.gov/briefing/wheat/Data/data.htm. These tables contain the latest data on supply and disappearance, monthly food-use estimates, prices, exports, and imports.

Recent Report

Economic Analysis of Base Acre and Payment Yield Designations Under the 2002 U.S. Farm Act evaluates farmers' decisions to designate base acres under the 2002 Farm Act. Findings suggest that decisionmakers responded to economic incentives in their designations of base acres by selecting those options that resulted in the greatest expected flow of program payments.
http://www.ers.usda.gov/publications/ERR12/

See also Farm Program Acres for the county-level farm program and planted acreage data used in the report, which can be downloaded and mapped.
http://www.ers.usda.gov/data/baseacres/

Related Websites

WASDE (http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/reports/waobr/wasde-bb/)
Grain Circular, http://www.fas.usda.gov/grain_arc.html
Wheat Briefing Room, http://www.ers.usda.gov/briefing/wheat/

Table 1--Wheat: U.S. market year supply and disappearance, 11/15/05

Item	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04E	2004/05P	2005/06P
Area: (mil. ac)									
National total base	0.0	0.0	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	0.0
CRP base retired	10.1	9.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Planted	70.4	65.8	62.7	62.5	59.4	60.3	62.1	59.7	57.1
Harvested	62.8	59.0	53.8	53.1	48.5	45.8	53.1	50.0	50.0
Yield: (bu/acre)	39.5	43.2	42.7	42.0	40.2	35.0	44.2	43.2	42.0
Supply:					Million bushels				
Beginning stocks	443.6	722.5	945.9	949.7	876.2	777.1	491.4	546.4	540.1
Production	2,481.5	2,547.3	2,295.6	2,228.2	1,947.5	1,605.9	2,344.8	2,158.2	2,098.3
Imports 1/	94.9	103.0	94.5	89.8	107.6	77.4	63.0	70.6	80.0
Total supply	3,020.0	3,372.8	3,336.0	3,267.7	2,931.2	2,460.4	2,899.2	2,775.3	2,718.4
Use:									
Food	914.1	910.0	928.8	949.6	926.4	918.6	911.9	906.7	910.0
Seed	92.5	80.4	91.7	79.5	83.4	84.4	79.7	79.0	78.0
Feed and residual	250.5	390.7	279.3	300.4	182.0	115.7	202.9	186.8	200.0
Total domestic	1,257.1	1,381.1	1,299.7	1,329.5	1,191.8	1,118.7	1,194.4	1,172.5	1,188.0
Exports 1/	1,040.4	1,045.7	1,086.5	1,062.0	962.3	850.2	1,158.3	1,062.7	1,000.0
Total use	2,297.5	2,426.9	2,386.2	2,391.6	2,154.1	1,968.9	2,352.8	2,235.2	2,188.0
Ending stocks:	722.5	945.9	949.7	876.2	777.1	491.4	546.4	540.1	530.4
Farmer-owned reserve	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CCC inventory 2/	94.0	128.0	104.0	97.0	99.0	66.0	61.0	54.0	54.0
Free stocks	628.5	817.9	845.7	779.2	678.1	425.4	485.4	486.1	476.4
Stocks-to-use ratio	31.4	39.0	39.8	36.6	36.1	25.0	23.2	24.2	24.2
Prices: ($/bu)									
Target price	0.00	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	2.80	2.80	2.75	2.75
Contract rate	0.63	0.66	0.64	0.59	0.48	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.52
Ave. farm price	3.38	2.65	2.48	2.62	2.78	3.56	3.40	3.40	3.25-3.55
Gov't. pmts.									
(mil. dollars)	1,412	2,717	3,827	3,606	2,474	1,173	1,236	1,220	1,164
Market value									
of production									
(mil. dollars)	8,287	6,781	5,594	5,782	5,440	5,679	7,972	7,338	7,134

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, 11/15/05 1/

2004/05E	HRW	HRS	SRW	White	Durum	All wheat
Area:			Million acres			
Planted	30.778	13.033	8.227	5.075	2.561	59.674
Harvested	23.406	12.46	7.02	4.751	2.363	50.000
Yield: (bu/acre)	36.6	42.2	54.2	64.5	38	43.2
Supply:			Million bushels			
Beg. stocks	227.13	157.00	64.00	72.00	26.31	546.44
Production	856.21	525.47	380.31	306.37	89.89	2,158.25
Imports 2/	0.66	7.88	21.61	11.47	28.97	70.60
Total	1,084.00	690.35	465.92	389.84	145.18	2,775.28
Utilization:						
Food	379.19	228.00	155.00	75.00	69.51	906.70
Seed	33.89	20.94	12.46	6.69	5.00	78.99
Feed and residual	89.84	-31.85	88.41	38.57	1.84	186.81
Total domestic	502.92	217.08	255.87	120.27	76.35	1,172.50
Exports 2/	388.07	314.26	122.04	207.08	31.23	1,062.69
Total	891.00	531.35	377.92	327.34	107.58	2,235.18
Ending stocks:	193.01	159.00	88.00	62.50	37.59	540.10
2005/06P	HRW	HRS	SRW	White	Durum	All wheat
Area:			Million acres			
Planted	29.936	13.344	6.136	4.939	2.735	57.090
Harvested	24.514	12.946	5.148	4.681	2.691	49.980
Yield: (bu/acre)	37.7	36	60	63.7	37.2	42.0
Supply:			Million bushels			
Beg. stocks	193.01	159.00	88.00	62.50	37.59	540.10
Production	924.60	466.59	309.07	297.97	100.05	2,098.27
Imports 2/	1.00	13.00	21.00	16.00	29.00	80.00
Total	1,118.61	638.59	418.07	376.47	166.64	2,718.37
Utilization:						
Total domestic	509.00	245.00	248.00	112.00	74.00	1,188.00
Exports 2/	435.00	275.00	80.00	175.00	35.00	1,000.00
Total	944.00	520.00	328.00	287.00	109.00	2,188.00
Ending stocks:	174.61	118.59	90.07	89.47	57.64	530.37

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), 11/15/05

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	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:									
	Jun-Aug	1,606	27	2,410	233	3	185	240	1,749
	Sep-Nov	---	23	1,772	238	55	-75	235	1,320
	Dec-Feb	---	13	1,333	219	3	14	190	907
	Mar-May	---	15	922	229	24	-8	186	491
	Mkt. year	1,606	77	2,460	919	84	116	850	491
2003/04 E:									
	Jun-Aug	2,345	16	2,852	231	2	315	265	2,039
	Sep-Nov	---	18	2,057	240	53	-62	305	1,520
	Dec-Feb	---	13	1,533	216	2	3	291	1,021
	Mar-May	---	17	1,037	226	22	-54	296	546
	Mkt. year	2,345	63	2,899	912	80	203	1,158	546
2004/05 P:									
	Jun-Aug	2,158	17	2,722	227	4	265	287	1,938
	Sep-Nov	---	19	1,957	236	48	-57	300	1,430
	Dec-Feb	---	18	1,448	216	2	8	237	984
	Mar-May	---	17	1,001	227	24	-29	239	540
	Mkt. year	2,158	71	2,775	907	79	187	1,063	540

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), 11/15/05

Item		July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Mill grind	+	71,504	78,149	75,146	77,767	74,435	69,869
Food imports 1/	+	2,141	2,119	2,083	2,121	2,206	2,365
Non-flour							
food use 2/	+	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Food exports 1/	-	2,073	1,169	1,386	1,290	1,500	2,077
Food use	=	73,572	81,099	77,843	80,598	77,141	72,157
Item		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June
Mill grind	+	69,884	69,329	73,555	71,738	73,350	70,177
Food imports 1/	+	2,148	1,861	2,427	2,179	2,230	2,279
Non-flour							
food use 2/	+	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Food exports 1/	-	1,706	1,337	998	1,769	1,418	1,473
Food use	=	72,326	71,853	76,984	74,148	76,162	72,983

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, 11/15/05 1/

Month	All wheat		Winter		Durum		Other spring	
	04/05	05/06	04/05	05/06	04/05	05/06	04/05	05/06
			($/bu)	($/bu)				
June	3.55	3.23	3.46	3.15	4.35	3.67	3.83	3.53
July	3.37	3.20	3.31	3.15	4.09	3.71	3.55	3.45
August	3.27	3.24	3.19	3.16	3.86	3.39	3.38	3.43
September	3.36	3.35	3.26	3.28	3.89	3.40	3.48	3.50
October	3.43	3.54	3.34	3.42	3.87	3.25	3.50	3.79
November	3.46		3.39		3.77		3.56	
December	3.39		3.34		3.57		3.46	
January	3.42		3.27		3.62		3.60	
February	3.36		3.27		3.71		3.50	
March	3.41		3.32		3.67		3.51	
April	3.35		3.27		3.63		3.39	
May	3.31		3.23		3.67		3.37	

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, 11/15/05

	Hard red winter		Soft red winter		Hard red spring		Soft white	
Month	04/05	05/06	04/05	05/06	04/05	05/06	04/05	05/06
June	3.46	3.12	3.41	3.26	3.83	3.53	3.81	3.48
July	3.34	3.13	3.24	3.19	3.54	3.45	3.46	3.36
August	3.11	3.18	3.04	3.10	3.36	3.46	3.52	3.12
September	3.21	3.35	2.96	2.95	3.48	3.53	3.51	3.06
October	3.25		2.96		3.50		3.52	
November	3.37		2.93		3.56		3.53	
December	3.32		2.96		3.46		3.52	
January	3.23		3.12		3.61		3.49	
February	3.25		3.13		3.50		3.47	
March	3.29		3.32		3.51		3.50	
April	3.18		3.16		3.38		3.52	
May	3.17		3.09		3.37		3.50	

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

Table 7--Wheat: Average cash grain bids at selected markets ($/bu), 11/15/05

Month	KC HRW #1 ordinary		KC HRW #1 13% protein		Portland #1 HRW Ord.		FOB Gulf $/mt (#2 HRW)	
	04/05	05/06	04/05	05/06	04/05	05/06	04/05	05/06
June	4.13	3.87	4.35	4.00	4.11	3.82	155.22	142.25
July	3.97	3.83	4.07	3.89	3.72	3.80	151.86	145.52
August	3.73	3.96	3.81	4.04	3.87	3.91	142.55	154.28
September	4.01	4.30	4.11	4.30	4.00	4.28	151.96	166.89
October	3.95		4.03		4.34		152.19	
November	4.22		4.48		4.16		158.44	
December	4.22		4.30		4.31		155.34	
January	4.14		4.16		4.05		154.43	
February	4.00		4.01		4.17		151.17	
March	4.00		4.02		3.94		151.74	
April	3.76		3.86		3.88		144.65	
May	3.80		3.92		3.89		145.05	
Month	Minneapolis DNS 13% protein		Minneapolis DNS 14% protein		Minneapolis #1 HAD milling		Portland DNS 14% protein	
	04/05	05/06	04/05	05/06	04/05	05/06	04/05	05/06
June	4.35	4.32	4.56	5.03	N/Q	N/Q	4.78	5.10
July	4.08	4.11	4.31	4.71	N/Q	N/Q	4.27	4.54
August	3.80	4.48	4.12	4.83	N/Q	N/Q	4.55	4.66
September	4.09	4.46	4.68	4.80	N/Q	N/Q	4.69	5.03
October	4.19		4.87		N/Q		5.18	
November	4.35		5.14		N/Q		5.01	
December	4.26		4.93		N/Q		5.26	
January	4.37		5.01		N/Q		5.08	
February	3.91		4.13		N/Q		5.03	
March	4.18		4.79		N/Q		4.75	
April	3.99		4.69		N/Q		4.91	
May	3.99		4.69		N/Q		5.01	
Month	St. Louis #2 soft red		Chicago #2 soft red		Toledo #2 soft red		Portland #1 soft white	
	04/05	05/06	04/05	05/06	04/05	05/06	04/05	05/06
June	3.51	3.46	3.46	3.09	3.49	3.16	4.05	3.76
July	3.51	3.30	3.26	3.22	3.25	3.21	3.94	3.59
August	3.35	3.10	2.92	3.04	3.06	3.04	3.90	3.54
September	3.17	2.64	2.97	2.93	3.06	2.99	3.95	3.46
October	3.34		2.82		2.91		3.94	
November	3.43		2.79		2.88		3.95	
December	3.48		2.88		2.91		3.86	
January	3.47		2.93		2.92		3.90	
February	3.75		2.95		2.95		3.95	
March	3.19		3.28		3.36		3.91	
April	3.26		2.92		3.10		3.94	
May	3.28		2.96		3.09		3.90	

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, 11/15/05 1/

Exports, (1,000 bu)						
Item 1/	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug
Wheat grain	76,612	81,885	75,575	64,553	90,760	83,173
Wheat flour	756	722	781	859	686	839
Products	534	1,085	677	654	418	1,293
Total	77,902	83,692	77,033	66,066	91,864	85,305
Imports, (1,000 bu)						
Item 1/	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug
Wheat grain	3,266	3,477	3,087	3,347	2,625	5,826
Wheat flour	979	882	877	889	841	994
Products	1,453	1,310	1,365	1,393	1,298	1,333
Total	5,698	5,669	5,329	5,629	4,764	8,153

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, 11/15/05 1/

	2003/04		2004/05		2005/06 (as of 11/3/05)		
Importing country	Shipments				Shipments	Outstanding sales	Total
Data source	Census	Export sales	Census	Export sales	Export sales		
	1,000 metric tons						
Country:							
Japan	3,132	3,139	3,036	3,109	1,234	593	1,827
Mexico	2,814	2,863	2,861	2,699	1,206	327	1,534
Nigeria	2,192	2,221	2,576	2,529	1,627	600	2,227
China	1,138	1,166	2,123	2,068	181	65	246
Egypt	4,022	3,942	1,784	1,897	642	235	877
Philippines	1,119	1,139	1,787	1,786	652	407	1,059
EU	1,617	2,052	1,036	1,553	942	147	1,088
South Korea	1,478	1,329	1,287	1,298	467	193	660
Taiwan	1,016	1,066	968	971	395	202	597
Colombia	753	817	744	743	350	20	370
Total grain	30,771	29,599	28,429	26,572	11,530	5,169	16,699
Total (including products)	31,555	29,663	28,849	26,641	11,550	5,176	16,726
USDA forecast of Census					27,216		

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

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