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World Production Up More Than Use, Raising Ending Stocks

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No changes are made to projected U.S. 2005/06 all wheat production, imports, domestic use, and exports; leaving ending stocks at 530 million bushels. Relative to last month, hard red winter (HRW) wheat exports are up 5 million bushels, while durum exports are down 5 million. HRW and hard red spring (HRS) domestic use are lowered 3 and 2 million bushels respectively, but durum domestic use is up 5 million. Ending stocks of HRW fell 2 million bushels to 173 million, 20 million less than the previous year. HRS ending stocks rose 2 million to 121 million bushels, but are 38 million less than the previous year. The projected 2005/06 price range is $3.25 to $3.50 per bushel, down 5 cents on the upper end from last month, compared with $3.40 for 2004/05.

Projected 2005/06 world wheat production, consumption, trade, and ending stocks were increased this month. Global production increased 4.75 million tons to 615.3 million, with significant increases for Australia, Canada, China, Uzbekistan, and Kazakhstan. World wheat trade increased less than 1 million tons to 110.4 million. Forecast global wheat use increased nearly 2 million tons, but ending stocks were up more, nearly 4 million tons to 143 million. Projected ending stocks were up significantly for Australia, the former Soviet Union, Canada, and China.

Domestic Outlook

Minor Changes in Food Use and Exports by Class of Wheat

Projected total food use of wheat in 2005/06 is unchanged from last month. However, based on the mill grind report for the third quarter of 2005 released in November by the Bureau of the Census, the projected durum food use was raised 5 million bushels to 75 million bushels. Offsetting this increase, the projected food use of HRW and HRS were each lowered slightly.

Food use of HRW in 2004/05 was reduced slightly based on revised estimates from the mill grind report. An offsetting change was made in feed and residual use of HRW.

Projected total exports for 2005/06 are unchanged from last month. Based on the pace to date, the exports of HRW were raised by 5 million bushels and durum dropped by 5 million bushels. The net result of these class changes is to raise HRS ending stocks and to lower HRW ending stocks by 2 million bushels each. Total ending stocks are unchanged from last month.

International Outlook

World Wheat Production Up Sharply This Month

Global production increased 4.75 million tons to 615.3 million, with significant increases for Australia, Canada, China, Uzbekistan, and Kazakhstan. Reports from ongoing harvests across Australia indicate production significantly larger than earlier forecasts. Weather was quite variable during the growing season, with extended dry periods in some regions, and good rains in others. (USDA)'s forecast of Australia's wheat production increased 1.5 million tons this month to 24.0 million, with larger area and yield.

Canada's 2005 wheat production is up 1.3 million tons to 26.8 million, as a survey by Statistics Canada revealed record average yields. However, excessive rains damaged quality for a second consecutive year, limiting supplies of high-quality milling wheat.

Rains during harvest in parts of China reduced quality there as well, but spring wheat yields were reportedly better than expected, boosting total wheat production 1 million tons to 96 million. The average yield in 2005 is now near the previous year's record. Harvest reports also indicated better yields and larger production in Uzbekistan, up 0.8 million tons to 5.7 million, and in Kazakhstan, up 0.5 million to 11.5 million. There were small declines this month for wheat production in South Africa and the European Union-25 (EU-25).

World Wheat 2005/06 Ending Stocks Up More Than Use This Month

Global wheat use is projected up 1.8 million tons this month to 622.1 million. Foreign feed use is up 0.75 million with more feed use of low-quality wheat expected in Brazil, Canada, Australia, and the Philippines. Forecast non-feed use (mostly food use) increased 0.3 million for Pakistan, 0.2 million for Uzbekistan, and 0.1 million for Syria. The rest of the increase in global use is the result of a larger increase in world local marketing year exports than for world local marketing year imports. The difference between world exports and imports can be interpreted as exports to countries not in the data base.

World wheat ending stocks are up 3.8 million tons this month to 143.4 million. Large production is expected to boost stocks in Australia, up 1.7 million tons to 7.9 million. Ending stocks projected for the former Soviet Union are up 1.1 million to 15.6 million with increases for Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan. Canada's ending stocks are projected up 0.6 million tons this month to 9.3 million and China's are up 0.5 million to 34.8 million. The increase in 2005/06 ending stocks for Australia, Canada, and Kazakhstan portends tough competition for exports in 2006/07.

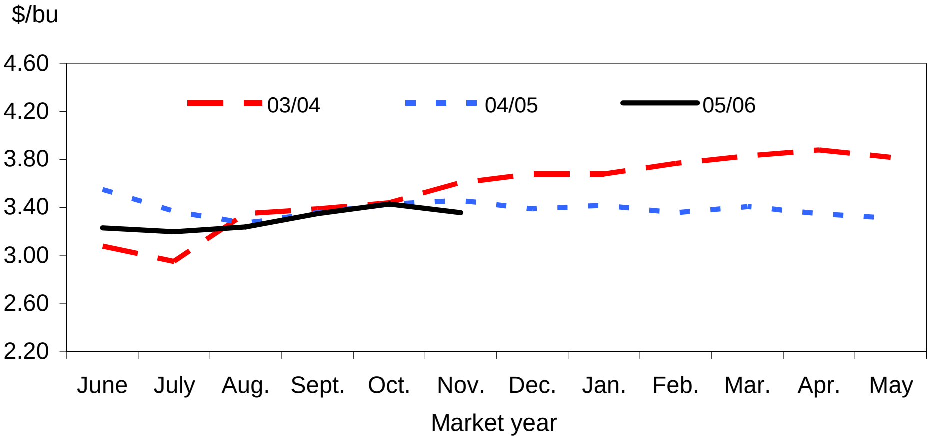
A Small Increase for 2005/06 World Wheat Trade This Month

World wheat trade in 2005/06 is projected to reach 110.4 million tons, up 0.8 million this month. Projected exports for Canada and Australia each increased 0.5 million tons to 16.5 million because of increased production. The increase in exports by these countries is limited by the slow pace of imports by China, where imports are down 0.5 million tons this month to 2.0 million. Brazil's wheat exports are projected up 0.1 million this month to .2 million as feed-quality wheat is exported. However, with a large portion of Brazil's crop of poor quality wheat, imports are projected up this month 0.2 million tons to 6.0 million (July-June). Syria's projected exports were reduced 0.3 million tons to 0.7 million due to the slow pace of sales. Projected imports by Pakistan are up 0.3 million tons to 0.8 million as recent purchases by the private sector have been significant. Declining production prospects boosted South Africa's expected imports 0.2 million tons to 1.3 million. Recent purchases of low-quality wheat boosted the Philippines' projected imports slightly.

U.S. exports for the 2005/06 July-June trade year are unchanged this month at 27.5 million tons (1.0 billion bushels for the June-May local marketing year). While the export shipment pace during the first 5 or 6 months of the year has lagged a bit, the level of outstanding sales is up significantly compared with a year ago, so export commitments support the current forecast.

Figure 1

All wheat average prices received by farmers



Source: Agricultural Prices, NASS, USDA.

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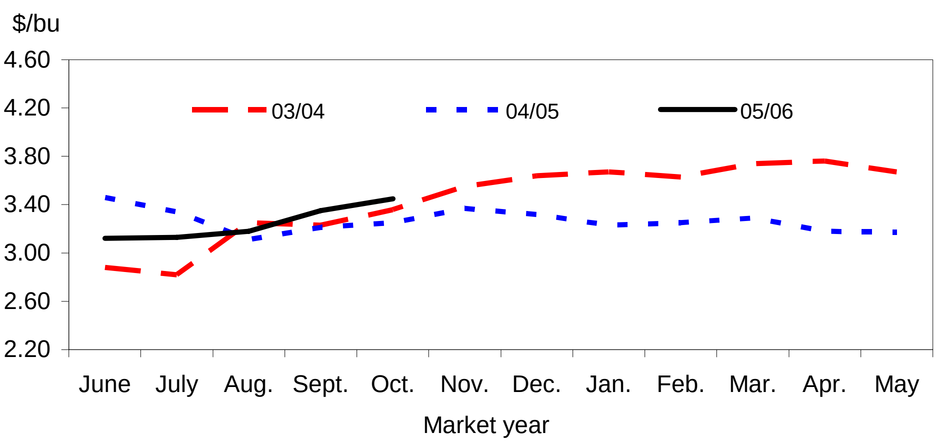
Hard red winter wheat average prices received by farmers



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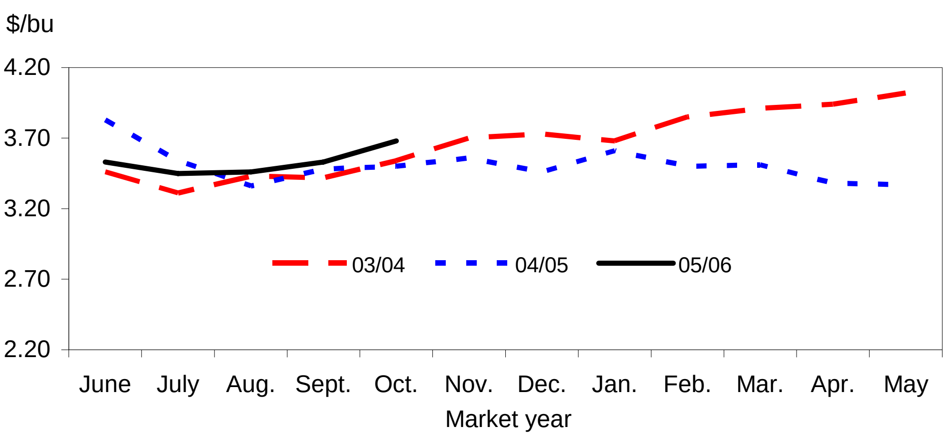

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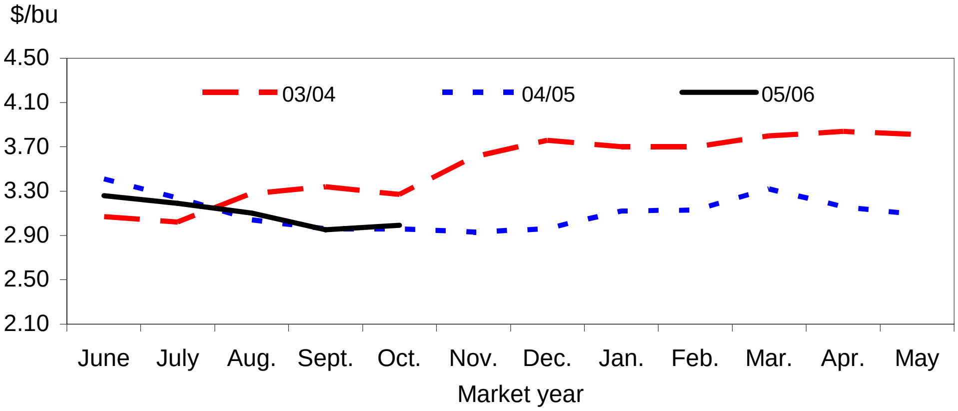

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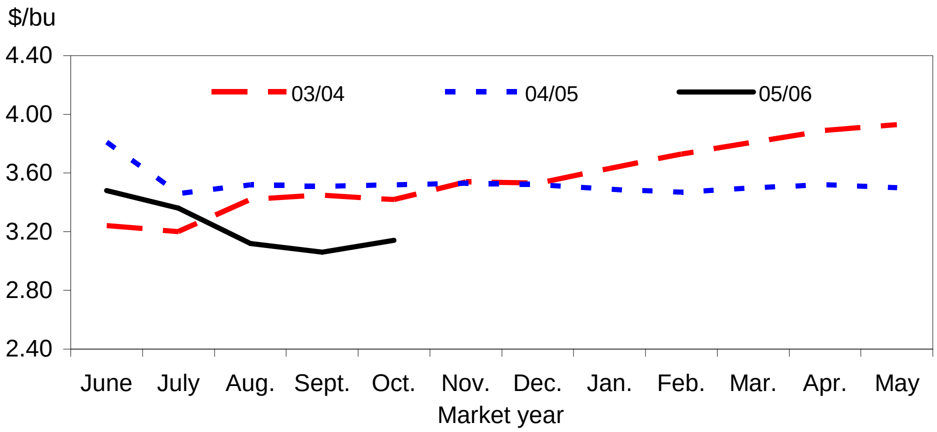

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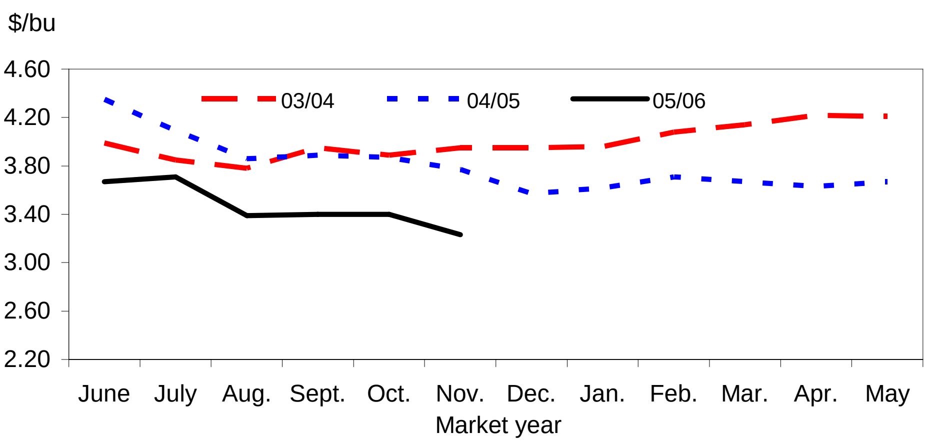

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Changes From Previous Marketing Year, 2003/04 to 2004/05

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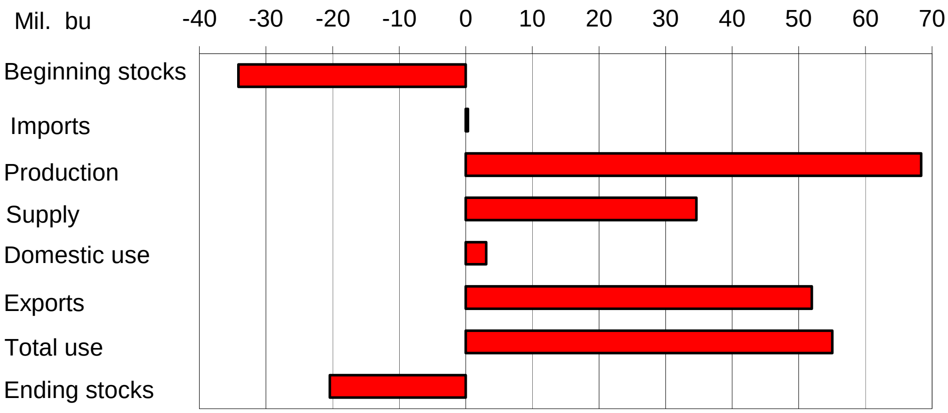

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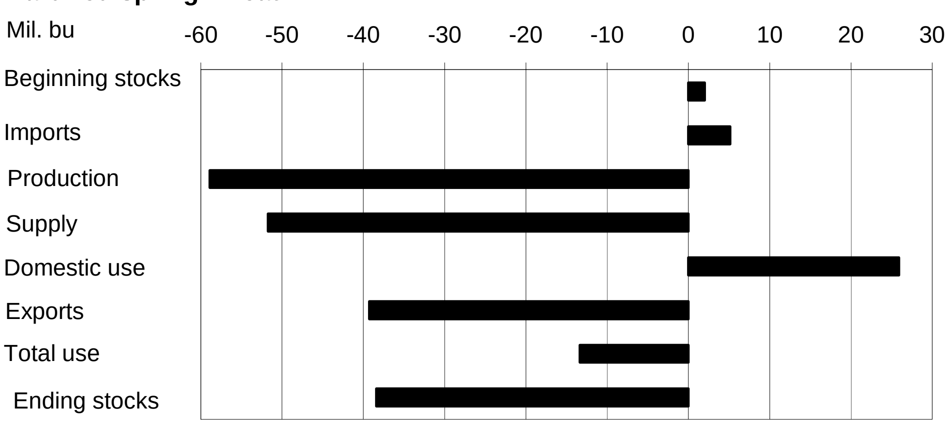

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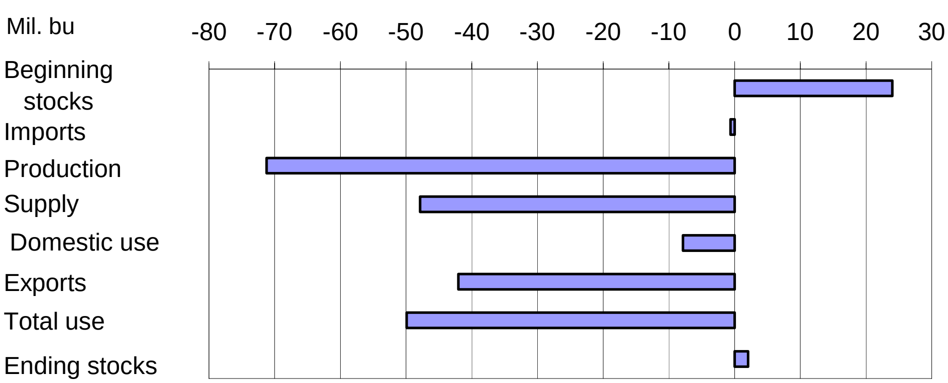

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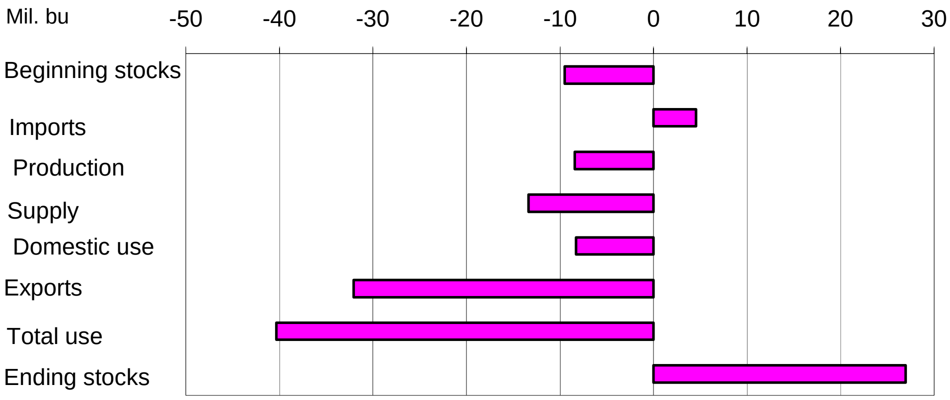

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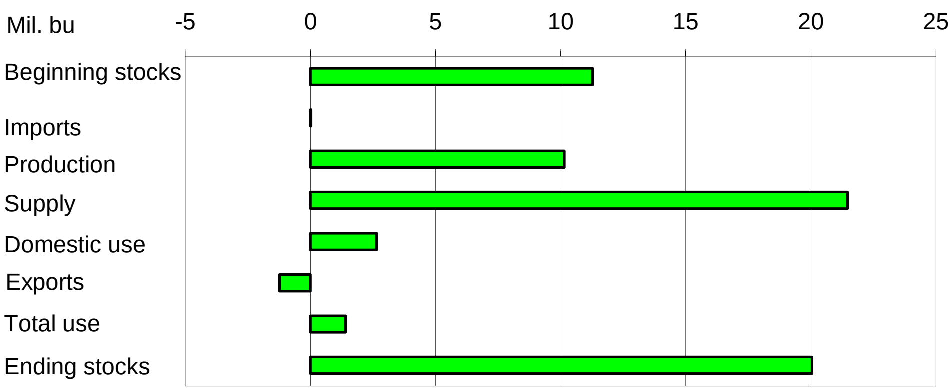

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All wheat

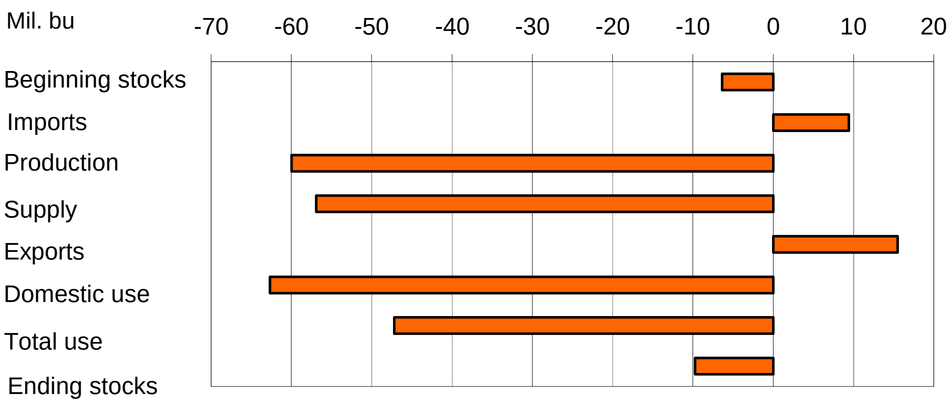

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Table 1--Wheat: U.S. market year supply and disappearance, 12/15/05

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	904.7	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	188.9	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	3.25-3.50
Gov't. pmts.									
(mil. dollars)	1,412	2,717	3,827	3,606	2,474	1,173	1,236	1,220	1,201
Market value									
of production									
(mil. dollars)	8,287	6,781	5,594	5,782	5,440	5,679	7,972	7,338	7,082

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, 12/15/05 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	377.14	228.00	155.00	75.00	69.51	904.66
Seed	33.89	20.94	12.46	6.69	5.00	78.99
Feed and residual	91.88	-31.85	88.41	38.57	1.84	188.85
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	506.00	243.00	248.00	112.00	79.00	1,188.00
Exports 2/	440.00	275.00	80.00	175.00	30.00	1,000.00
Total	946.00	518.00	328.00	287.00	109.00	2,188.00
Ending stocks:	172.61	120.59	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), 12/15/05

Market year		Produc-tion	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	225	24	-27	239	540
	Mkt. year	2,158	71	2,775	905	79	189	1,063	540
2005/06 P:									
	Jun-Aug	2,098	19	2,657	229	2	264	243	1,919

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), 12/15/05

Item		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Mill grind	+	77,767	74,435	69,869	69,884	69,329	73,555
Food imports 1/	+	2,121	2,206	2,365	2,148	1,861	2,427
Non-flour							
food use 2/	+	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Food exports 1/	-	1,290	1,500	2,077	1,706	1,337	998
Food use	=	80,598	77,141	72,157	72,326	71,853	76,984
Item		Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
Mill grind	+	70,727	72,315	69,187	72,557	79,300	76,252
Food imports 1/	+	2,179	2,230	2,279	2,137	2,319	2,156
Non-flour							
food use 2/	+	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Food exports 1/	-	1,769	1,418	1,473	1,096	2,099	1,288
Food use	=	73,137	75,127	71,993	75,598	81,520	79,120

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, 12/15/05 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	3.43	3.34	3.33	3.87	3.40	3.50	3.62
November	3.46	3.36	3.39	3.25	3.79	3.23	3.57	3.64
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, 12/15/05

	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	3.45	2.96	2.99	3.50	3.68	3.52	3.14
November	3.37		2.93		3.57		3.54	
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), 12/15/05

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	4.57	4.03	4.68	4.34	4.44	152.19	173.12
November	4.22	4.53	4.48	4.55	4.16	4.34	158.44	164.74
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	4.83	4.87	5.11	N/Q	N/Q	5.18	5.18
November	4.35	4.83	5.14	5.11	N/Q	N/Q	5.01	5.18
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	2.78	2.82	2.99	2.91	3.09	3.94	3.61
November	3.43	3.14	2.79	2.83	2.88	2.90	3.95	3.46
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, 12/15/05 1/

Item 1/	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug	Sept
Exports, (1,000 bu)						
Wheat grain	81,885	75,575	64,553	90,760	83,173	102,761
Wheat flour	722	781	859	686	839	720
Products	1,085	677	654	418	1,293	793
Total	83,692	77,033	66,066	91,864	85,305	104,274
Imports, (1,000 bu)						
Item 1/	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug	Sept
Wheat grain	3,477	3,087	3,347	2,625	5,826	5,996
Wheat flour	882	877	889	841	994	934
Products	1,310	1,365	1,393	1,298	1,333	1,227
Total	5,669	5,329	5,629	4,764	8,153	8,157

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, 12/15/05 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	1,472	557	2,029
Mexico	2,814	2,863	2,861	2,699	1,391	297	1,688
Nigeria	2,192	2,221	2,576	2,529	1,783	586	2,369
China	1,138	1,166	2,123	2,068	241	39	280
Egypt	4,022	3,942	1,784	1,897	699	180	879
Philippines	1,119	1,139	1,787	1,786	753	428	1,181
EU	1,617	2,052	1,036	1,553	1,029	165	1,194
South Korea	1,478	1,329	1,287	1,298	572	194	766
Taiwan	1,016	1,066	968	971	511	87	598
Colombia	753	817	744	743	435	15	450
Total grain	30,771	29,599	28,429	26,572	13,381	5,001	18,382
Total (including products)	31,555	29,663	28,849	26,641	13,404	5,005	18,409
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.