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Comments:

2.19.08 – “Many wheat fields in the northern Sacramento Valley are showing slow growth and yellowing. This is likely due to nitrogen deficiency caused by our extended steady rains in December and January. Nitrogen topdressing for maximum yield may be needed soon, unless someone wants to wait and see if the roots grow into some nitrogen moved deeper into the soil by the excess rain.” *Doug Munier, Glenn County Farm Advisor.*

2.19.08 – Wheat in the south San Joaquin looks good. Most irrigated

acres look better than last year at this time. Dryland acres could use a drink in the next 5-10 days.” *Mike Holdsworth, Western Milling*

2.19.08 – “The statewide snowpack is just above normal (103%) with the northern part of the state showing more than central and southern sections. More snow is expected through the end of this week.” *Anne Chadwick, Sierra County*

2.20.08 – “Still planting wheat behind produce for the next week or two. Early fields look very good. Later planted fields look OK to good.” *Roy Motter, Grower, Imperial County*

2.20.08 – “I observed wheat and barley field experiments throughout the Sacramento Valley on Wednesday (2/20) and did not see any disease symptoms (Septoria tritici blotch, stripe rust, etc.). The storms expected through this weekend will provide conducive conditions for infection, however. If infections do occur, symptoms should be visible in about two weeks.” *Lee Jackson, UC Cooperative Extension Specialist, Small Grains*

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