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California Wheat Variety Survey--2011

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VARIETIES		SACRAMENTO VALLEY	SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY	COAST	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	SIERRA AND NO. CALIF.	2011 VARIETY TOTALS	2010 TOTALS
WHITE VARIETIES								
Hard White Wheat								
Blanca Fuerte (PVP)	Acres	7,000					7,000	27,000
	Percent*	1.1%					1.1%	4.7%
Blanca Grande 515	Acres	1,000	45,000		2,500		48,500	16,500
(PVP Pending)	Percent*	0.2%	7.0%		0.4%		7.6%	2.9%
Blanca Royale (PVP)	Acres		5,000				5,000	35,500
	Percent*		0.8%				0.8%	6.2%
Patwin (PVP)	Acres	6,000					6,000	4,000
	Percent*	0.9%					0.9%	0.7%
WB Cristallo	Acres	9,000					9,000	2,600
U.S. Patent Pending	Percent*	1.4%					1.4%	0.5%
Soft White Wheat								
Alpowa	Acres					15,000	15,000	3,000
	Percent *					2.3%	2.3%	0.5%
Stephens	Acres					3,500	3,500	1,500
	Percent*					0.5%	0.5%	0.3%
Twin	Acres					500	500	2,500
	Percent*					0.1%	0.1%	0.4%
Yamhill	Acres					15,000	15,000	8,000
	Percent*					2.3%	2.3%	1.4%
Other/Unknown	Acres	1,900	3,000	500	2,500	3,000	10,900	11,800
White	Percent*	0.3%	0.5%	0.1%	0.4%	0.5%	1.7%	2.1%
RED VARIETIES								
Cal Rojo (PVP)	Acres	26,000	39,000	1,500			66,500	47,500
(U.S. Patent Pending)	Percent*	4.1%	6.1%	0.2%			10.4%	8.3%
Expresso (PVP)	Acres	5,000					5,000	7,000
	Percent*	0.8%					0.8%	1.2%
Joaquin (PVP)	Acres	2,000	135,000	500	2,000		139,500	120,000
	Percent*	0.3%	21.1%	0.1%	0.3%		21.8%	20.9%
Lariat (PVP)	Acres		10,000				10,000	5,000
	Percent*		1.6%				1.6%	0.9%
PR 1404 (PVP)	Acres	30,000	82,000				112,000	120,500
	Percent*	4.7%	12.8%				17.5%	21.0%
Redwing (PVP)	Acres	40,000	38,000			250	78,250	53,000
	Percent*	6.2%	5.9%			0.0%	12.2%	9.2%
Triple IV (PVP)	Acres	1,500	20,000	1,500	1,000	250	24,250	21,700
	Percent*	0.2%	3.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.0%	3.8%	3.8%
Ultra (PVP)	Acres		40,000				40,000	53,000
	Percent*		6.2%				6.2%	9.2%
Yecora Rojo	Acres				7,000	10,000	17,000	13,000
	Percent*				1.1%	1.6%	2.7%	2.3%
Other/Unknown	Acres	7,600	8,000	1,000	9,000	2,500	28,100	20,900
Red	Percent*	1.2%	1.2%	0.2%	1.4%	0.4%	4.4%	3.6%
TOTAL (ALL WHEAT OTHER THAN DURUM)		137,000	425,000	5,000	24,000	50,000	641,000	574,000
		20.0%	66.3%	0.8%	3.7%	7.8%	100.0%	100.0%

* Percent of "All wheat other than Durum" (641,000 acres). (PVP): These varieties are protected under the Plant Variety Protection Act.

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DURUM VARIETIES								
Desert King (PVP)	Acres				18,000		18,000	13,000
	Percent*				16.7%		16.7%	15.3%
Havasu (PVP)	Acres				15,000		15,000	7,000
	Percent*				13.9%		13.9%	8.2%
Kronos (PVP)	Acres				3,400		3,400	5,000
	Percent*				3.1%		3.1%	5.9%
Orita (PVP)	Acres				38,000		38,000	21,000
	Percent*				35.2%		35.2%	24.7%
Platinum (PVP)	Acres		13,000				13,000	18,200
	Percent*		12.0%				12.0%	21.4%
RSI 59	Acres				6,000		6,000	3,000
	Percent*				5.6%		5.6%	3.5%
Volante	Acres		5,000				5,000	1,800
	Percent*		4.6%				4.6%	2.1%
Other & Unknown Durum	Acres		3,000		6,600		9,600	16,000
	Percent*		2.8%		6.1%		8.9%	18.8%
ALL DURUM WHEAT	Acres	0	21,000	0	87,000	0	108,000	85,000
	Percent*	0.0%	19.4%	0.0%	80.6%	0.0%	100.0%	100.0%
ALL WHEAT	Acres	137,000	446,000	5,000	111,000	50,000	749,000	659,000
	Percent	18.3%	59.5%	0.7%	14.8%	6.7%	100.00%	100.0%

* Percent of Total Durum (108,000 acres) (PVP): These varieties are protected under the Plant Variety Protection Act.

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Overall estimated wheat plantings for the 2011 harvest season were up ~14% from last year's plantings, for a total of ~750,000 acres. Statewide, Durum acreage showed the largest percentage increase - nearly 30% - while Hard Red wheat plantings were up ~13%. Hard White acreage was down 10%, mostly due to less white wheat in the Sacramento Valley region. Soft white wheat in far Northern California is estimated up substantially from last year's below-normal plantings.

CALIFORNIA'S RED AND WHITE WHEATS:

Combined red and white wheat in California accounted for 86% of all wheat acreage planted, with red wheat alone accounting for 70% of the varieties planted. Growers in both the San Joaquin and Sacramento Valleys planted more Hard Red wheat this year. Joaquin and the hay/forage variety PR1404 topped the list of red acreage planted in the San Joaquin Valley, whereas the varieties Redwing, PR1404 and Cal Rojo had the most acreage in Sacramento Valley. Hard White acreage in the San Joaquin Valley was unchanged from last year; most of this acreage shifted to Blanca Grande 515. And, although total overall acreage in the Sacramento Valley was up, growers planted less Hard White wheat in this region. Spring wheat planting is just getting started in far Northern California, but estimates are that plantings will increase substantially from last year's lower levels.

DURUM:

The nearly 30% increase in Durum acreage this year was a result of increased Desert Durum® plantings in southern California. Orita, Desert King, and Havasu continue to be the top varieties planted in that region. The Durum planted in San Joaquin Valley was dominated by the variety Platinum for the 2nd year in a row. Durum acreage in the San Joaquin Valley was slightly down from last year.

Note: This report reflects wheat that was planted in the fall of 2010/early winter 2011 for harvest in spring/summer of 2011, as well as intended spring plantings in far northern CA. This survey is an estimate of the state's *planted* acreage.

California Wheat Variety Survey District Descriptions

District	Counties
Sacramento Valley	Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Sacramento, Solano, Sutter, Tehama, Yolo, Yuba
San Joaquin Valley	Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Tulare
Coast	Alameda, Contra Costa, Lake, Marin, Monterey, Napa, San Benito, San Francisco, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Sonoma
Southern California	Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, Santa Barbara, San Bernardino, San Diego, Ventura
Sierra and Northern CA	Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Del Norte, El Dorado, Humboldt, Inyo, Lassen, Mariposa, Mendocino, Modoc, Mono, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Trinity, Tuolumne