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Nebraska Wheat Production Forecast

Based on May 1 conditions, Nebraska's 2010 winter wheat crop is forecast at 69.0 million bushels, down 10 percent from last year's crop, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field office. Average yield is forecast at 46 bushels per acre, down 2 bushels from last year's record high but 5 bushels above the ten-year average.

Acreage to be harvested for grain is estimated 1.50 million acres, down 100,000 acres or 6 percent from last year. This would be 94 percent of the planted acres, the same harvest percentage as last year and the ten-year average. The May 2 wheat condition was rated 74 percent good to excellent, above both last year and average. Crop development was about 1 week behind normal due to cool temperatures during April. As of May 2, subsoil moisture supplies were well above last year the 5-year average.

Additional information on winter wheat production in Nebraska can be found at <http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProd/2010s/2010/CropProd-05-11-2010.pdf>.

The Nebraska Wheat Board administers the one and one quarter cent per bushel excise tax levied on wheat marketed in Nebraska. The Board invests the funds in programs of international and domestic market development and improvement, policy development, research, promotion and education.

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