



California Wheat Variety Survey--2009

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VARIETIES		SACRAMENTO VALLEY	SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY	COAST	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	SIERRA AND NO. CALIF.	VARIETY TOTALS	2008 TOTALS
WHITE VARIETIES								
Hard White Wheat								
Blanca Fuerte	Acres	14,000	11,000				25,000	60,800
(PVP Pending)	Percent*	2.7%	2.1%				4.8%	9.6%
Blanca Grande (PVP)	Acres	2,500	5,000	1,500	3,500		12,500	35,580
	Percent*	0.5%	1.0%	0.3%	0.7%		2.4%	5.6%
Blanca Royale	Acres	500	39,000				39,500	25,000
(PVP Pending)	Percent*	0.1%	7.4%				7.5%	3.9%
Patwin (PVP)	Acres	3,000	2,500				5,500	N/A
	Percent*	0.6%	0.5%				1.0%	
Soft White Wheat								
Alpowa	Acres					15,000	15,000	20,000
	Percent *					2.9%	2.9%	3.2%
Stephens	Acres					3,500	3,500	6,000
	Percent*					0.7%	0.7%	0.9%
Twin	Acres					3,500	3,500	3,600
	Percent*					0.7%	0.7%	0.6%
Yamhill	Acres	500				12,000	12,500	16,300
	Percent*	0.1%				2.3%	2.4%	2.6%
Other/Unknown	Acres	2,000	4,200	500	1,000	2,600	10,300	11,720
White	Percent*	0.4%	0.8%	0.1%	0.2%	0.5%	2.0%	1.8%
RED VARIETIES								
Cal Rojo (PVP)	Acres	21,000	34,000	500	1,000		56,500	101,100
(U.S. Patent Pending)	Percent*	4.0%	6.5%	0.1%	0.2%		10.7%	15.9%
Dash 12 (PVP)	Acres	2,500	200				2,700	7,000
	Percent*	0.5%	<0.1%				0.5%	1.1%
Expresso (PVP)	Acres	7,000	1,000			100	8,100	27,000
	Percent*	1.3%	0.2%			<0.1%	1.5%	4.3%
Joaquin (PVP)	Acres	2,000	47,000		600		49,600	115,580
	Percent*	0.4%	8.9%		0.1%		9.4%	18.2%
Lariat	Acres		3,000				3,000	N/A
(PVP Pending)	Percent*		0.6%				0.6%	
PR 1404 (PVP)	Acres	32,000	100,000	2,000	500	2,000	136,500	108,000
	Percent*	6.1%	19.0%	0.4%	0.1%	0.4%	26.0%	17.0%
Redwing	Acres	9,000	2,600				11,600	N/A
	Percent*	1.7%	0.5%				2.2%	
Triple IV (PVP)	Acres	3,000	27,000	1,500	1,100		32,600	17,820
	Percent*	0.6%	5.1%	0.3%	0.2%		6.2%	2.8%
Ultra (PVP)	Acres		65,000				65,000	40,000
	Percent*		12.4%				12.4%	6.3%
Yecora Rojo	Acres		6,000		8,500	5,000	19,500	23,300
	Percent*		1.1%		1.6%	1.0%	3.7%	3.7%
Other/Unknown	Acres	2,500	4,500	2,000	3,800	800	13,600	15,200
Red	Percent*	0.5%	0.9%	0.4%	0.7%	0.2%	2.6%	2.4%
TOTAL (ALL WHEAT OTHER THAN DURUM)		101,500	352,000	8,000	20,000	44,500	526,000	634,000
		19.3%	66.9%	1.5%	3.8%	8.4%	100%	100.0%

* Percent of "All wheat other than Durum" (526,000 acres). (PVP): These varieties are protected under the Plant Variety Protection Act.

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DURUM VARIETIES								
Desert King (PVP)	Acres				19,000		19,000	19,000
	Percent*				10.8%		10.8%	10.9%
Fortissimo (PVP)	Acres	500	32,000				32,500	21,700
	Percent*	0.3%	18.2%				18.5%	12.5%
Havasu (PVP)	Acres				9,000		9,000	15,000
	Percent*				5.1%		5.1%	8.6%
Kronos (PVP)	Acres	300			22,000		22,300	38,700
	Percent*	0.2%			12.5%		12.7%	22.2%
Orita (PVP)	Acres				51,000		51,000	40,000
	Percent*				29.0%		29.0%	23.0%
Platinum (PVP)	Acres	200	17,000				17,200	29,200
	Percent*	0.1%	9.7%				9.8%	16.8%
Volante (PVP pending)	Acres		12,000				12,000	N/A
	Percent*		6.8%				6.8%	
Other & Unknown	Acres	500	1,500		11,000		13,000	10,400
Durum	Percent*	0.3%	0.9%		6.3%		7.4%	6.0%
ALL DURUM	Acres	1,500	62,500		112,000		176,000	174,000
WHEAT	Percent*	0.9%	35.5%		63.6%		100.0%	100.0%
ALL WHEAT	Acres	103,000	414,500	8,000	132,000	44,500	702,000	808,000
	Percent	14.7%	59.0%	1.1%	18.8%	6.3%	100.00%	100.0%

* Percent of Total Durum (176,000 acres) (PVP): These varieties are protected under the Plant Variety Protection Act.

2009 California Wheat Variety Survey

The 2009 California Wheat Variety Survey showed an overall decrease in estimated wheat plantings of ~15% over 2008's reported survey acreage. The largest percentage drop in acreage appeared to be in the Sacramento Valley region, although non-Durum acreage tended to be down across much of the state. Desert Durum® acreage in Southern California was down slightly, while San Joaquin Valley Durum seedings increased compared to last year's survey.

CALIFORNIA'S RED AND WHITE WHEATS:

White wheat dropped ~30% in acreage over last year, almost twice the decrease that red wheat experienced. Two of the top 3 red wheat varieties from last year, Cal Rojo and Joaquin, showed substantial decreases in acreage from last year. PR1404, with ~135,000 acres seeded, and Ultra with ~65,000 acres planted had large increases in acreage this year. In fact, these 2 varieties, commonly used as feed wheat, were the top two red wheat varieties planted in the state. The ratio between hard red wheat and white wheat (both soft and hard) in California still remained at ~75% red to 25% white. The hard white wheat variety Blanca Royale had the most white wheat acreage reported. Alpowa was expected to be the top seeded soft white wheat.

DESERT DURUM®:

Total Durum wheat plantings increased slightly due to an increase in estimated planted acreage in the San Joaquin Valley compared to last year. Orita dominated the varieties in the desert, while Fortissimo was the most planted variety in the San Joaquin Valley. Volante, a new Durum variety in the San Joaquin Valley had substantial acreage, while several new varieties, each with 3,500 acres or less, showed up in the desert.

Note: This report reflects wheat that was planted in the fall of 2008/early winter 2009 for harvest in spring/summer of 2009. 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