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Projected U.S. 2004/05 ending stocks of wheat are 15 million bushels lower than last month as a 25-million-bushel increase in exports is partially offset by a 10-million-bushel drop in food use. Exports are raised based on stronger-than-expected sales to date, higher global wheat imports, and lower exports from the EU-25. Relative to last month, HRW, HRS, and White wheat exports each increase 10 million bushels but SRW exports decline 5 million. Lower food use is based on the recent mill grind estimates released by the Bureau of the Census. HRS and durum food use are both down 5 million bushels from last month. The projected price range is unchanged at \$3.20 to \$3.50 per bushel.

Projected 2004/05 U.S. wheat exports were increased this month mostly because of increased world trade. Pakistan's import projection was increased due to the announcement of additional import tenders. For the 2004/05 July-June trade year, EU-25 exports were reduced and Argentina's exports increased based on the pace of recent sales. World wheat production, use, and ending stocks for 2004/05 are up slightly this month

Domestic Outlook

Higher Exports More Than Offset Reduced Domestic Food Use

Projected food use of wheat for 2004/05 is lowered from last month by 10 million bushels to 910 million bushels. The reduction was based on a lower-than-expected flour production and higher-than-expected extraction rate in the mill grind report for the third quarter of 2004 released in November by the Bureau of the Census. The projected food use of hard red spring (HRS) and durum are each reduced by 5 million bushels.

Projected exports for 2004/05 are up 25 million bushels from last month to 1.0 billion bushels. Based on the export pace to date and more robust prospects for some classes of wheat than expected, the following adjustments were made by class of wheat: hard red winter (HRW), HRS, and white wheat exports are each raised 10 million bushels, while soft red winter (SRW) exports are down 5 million bushels from last month.

The net effect of these changes is to reduce projected ending stocks for 2004/05 by 15 million bushels to 553 million bushels. These projected ending stocks for 2004/05 remain above the ending stocks for 2003/04 by 6 million bushels.

International Outlook

World Wheat Production, Use, and Ending Stocks Nudged Up

World wheat production in 2004/05 is projected to reach a record 618 million tons, up 1.3 million this month. Statistics Canada reported larger-than-expected wheat production, up 1.9 million tons to 25.9 million. In some locations early freezes in August and excessive moisture during harvest damaged the Canadian western red spring wheat (CWRS), but quality was reduced more than production. Preliminary reports indicate as much as 60 percent of the Saskatchewan CWRS is feed or sample grade.

However, officials of the Canadian Wheat Board indicated that only one-third of the total prairie wheat crop would grade as feed. EU-25 production increased 0.8 million tons, with most of the increase in Italy where growing conditions were especially favorable for durum. Revised harvest reports boosted production slightly for France and Finland, but reduced Sweden production. Small increases (0.2 million tons) were also reported for Bulgaria and Belarus.

Wheat production prospects for Australia, where harvest is underway, are down 1 million tons to 21.5 million. Nearly all growing regions have received belownormal rainfall during the growing season, and high temperatures compounded dryness in some areas. Lower-than-expected yields were also reported for Syria, down 0.4 million, South Africa, down 0.2 million, and Tajikistan, down 0.1 million.

Global use is projected up 0.6 million tons to a record 606.4 million tons. In Canada, wheat feed and residual use is up 0.5 million tons to 5.0 million because of the large supplies of quality-damaged wheat. Food and industrial use is up 0.5 million tons in the EU-25, with large supplies boosting wheat disappearance to 116.2 million tons.

World wheat ending stocks for 2004/05 were also increased 0.6 million tons this month. Canada's projected ending stocks increased 1.3 million tons as some producers with poor quality may elect to hold wheat for blending with the next crop because quality discounts are currently steep. EU-25 ending stocks are up 0.8 million tons to 17.9 million. The Commission seems content to let stocks rebound from last year's low level instead of subsidizing exports. Australia's stocks are down 1 million tons this month because of reduced production prospects.

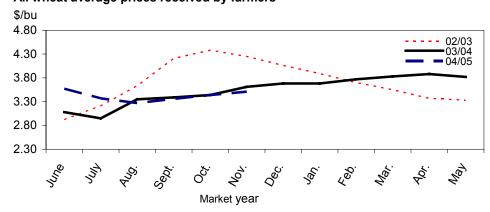
U.S. Export Projection Raised This Month

Projected U.S. 2004/05 exports were raised 0.5 million tons to 26.5 million (up 25 million bushels to 1.0 billion for June-May) because the pace of sales and shipments has not trailed off as quickly as earlier expected due to growth in world trade. World wheat trade is projected to reach 106.6 million tons, up 0.6 million this month, and 1.0 million greater than the previous year. This month Pakistan's 2004/05 imports were raised 0.5 million tons to 1.5 million, based on continuing import tenders. This is a turnaround from the previous 2 years when they were a net exporter of wheat.

The pace of U.S. wheat exports has been strong for the first part of the year. According to Census and Inspections 2004/05 export data, shipments for June-October are up slightly from the previous year, while shipments for July-October nearly match the year earlier. However, as of December 2, 2004, outstanding sales were 4.1 million tons, down from 5.9 million a year ago, and shipments during the latter half of the marketing year are expected to be limited by relatively tight U.S. supplies.

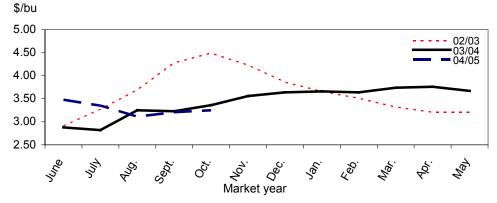
U.S. exports are expected to face strong competition in coming months because of large foreign supplies and exports. While the EU-25 2004/05 export projection was reduced 0.5 million tons to 15.5 million because the commission has not chosen to use export restitutions to subsidize exports, this has been offset by an increase in Argentina's exports. With demand from its major market, Brazil, down this year, Argentina has expanded exports to other countries, especially to Mediterranean markets. While production prospects for Australia's 2004/05 crop were reduced 1.0 million tons this month, no change was made in exports for 2004/05 because shipments from old-crop supplies have been stronger-than-expected in recent months.

Figure 1 **All wheat average prices received by farmers**



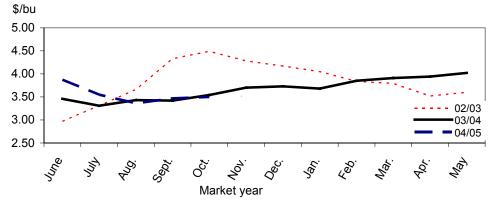
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Figure 2
Hard red winter wheat average prices received by farmers



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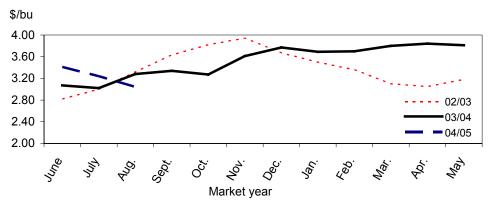
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Hard red spring wheat average prices received by farmers



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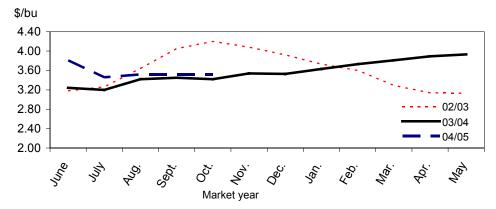
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Soft red winter wheat average prices received by farmers



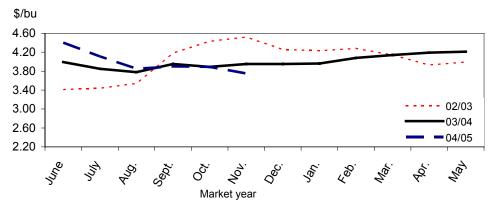
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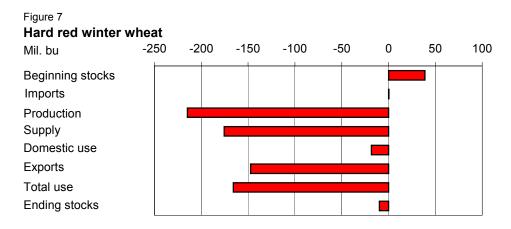
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Durum wheat average prices received by farmers



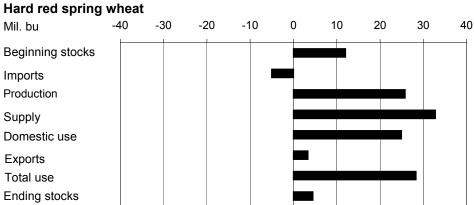
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Changes From Previous Marketing Year, 2003/04 to 2004/05



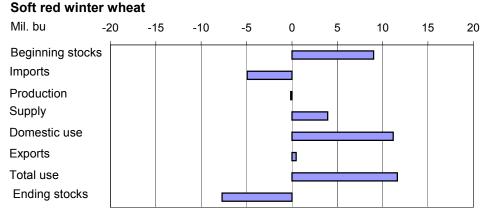
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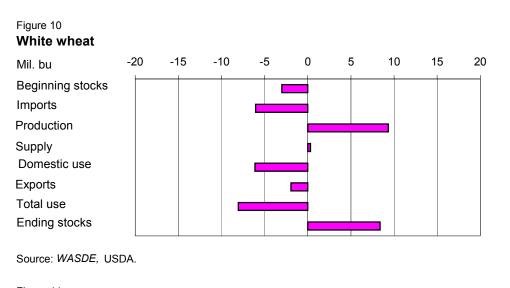
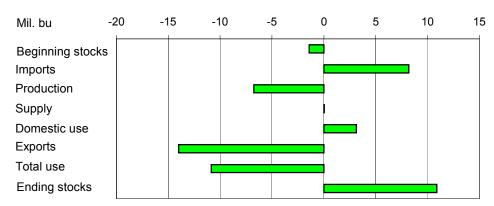
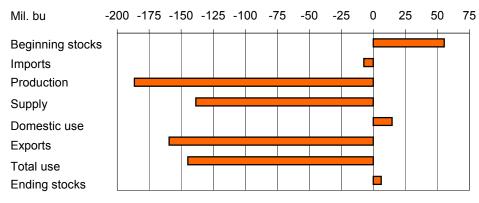


Figure 11 **Durum**



Source: WASDE, USDA.

Figure 12 **All wheat**



Source: WASDE, USDA.

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China's Wheat Economy: Current Trends and Prospects for Imports. The last 10 years have been a period of volatility for wheat production and trade in China. This report provides an overview of current wheat production and consumption trends in China, including factors that contributed to slumping imports in recent years. http://www.ers.usda.gov/publications/whs/may04/whs04D01/

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Table 1--Wheat: U.S. market year supply and disappearance,12/14/04

Item	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03E	2003/04P	2004/05P
Area: (mil. ac)								
National total base	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
CRP base retired	10.1	9.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Planted	70.4	65.8	62.7			60.3		59.7
Harvested	62.8	59.0	53.8	53.1	48.5	45.8	53.1	50.0
Yield: (bu/acre)	39.5	43.2	42.7	42.0	40.2	35.0	44.2	43.2
Supply:			Millio	n bushels				
Beginning stocks	443.6	722.5	945.9	949.7	876.2	777.1	491.4	546.8
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
Imports 1/	94.9	103.0	94.5	89.8	107.6	84.6	72.4	
Total supply	3,020.0	3,372.8	3,336.0	3,267.7	2,931.2	2,467.6	2,908.6	2,770.1
Use:								
Food	914.1	910.0	928.8	949.6	926.4	922.7	911.5	910.0
Seed	92.5	80.4	91.7	79.5	83.4	84.4	79.7	82.0
Feed and residual	250.5	390.7	279.3	300.4	182.0	118.9	211.2	225.0
Total domestic	1,257.1	1,381.1	1,299.7	1,329.5	1,191.8	1,125.9	1,202.3	1,217.0
Exports 1/	1,040.4	1,045.7	1,086.5	1,062.0	962.3	850.2	1,159.4	1,000.0
Total use	2,297.5	2,426.9	2,386.2	2,391.6	2,154.1	1,976.2	2,361.8	2,217.0
Ending stocks:	722.5	945.9	949.7	876.2	777.1	491.4	546.8	553.1
Farmer-owned reserve	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	60.0
Free stocks	628.5	817.9	845.7		678.1	425.4	485.8	493.1
Stocks-to-use ratio	31.4	39.0	39.8	36.6	36.1	24.9	23.2	24.9
Prices: (\$/bu)								
Target price	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
Contract rate	0.63	0.66	0.64	0.59	0.48	0.52	0.52	0.52
Ave. farm price	3.38	2.65	2.48	2.62	2.78	3.56	3.40	3.20-3.50
Gov't. pmts.								
(mil. dollars)	1,412	2,717	3,827	3,606	2,474	1,173	1,236	1,347
Market value	•							
of production								
(mil. dollars)	8,287	6,781	5,594		5,440	5,679	7,972	7,230

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, 12/14/04 1/

2003/04E	HRW	HRS	SRW	White	Durum	All wheat
Area:			Million acre	25		
Planted	32.583	13.127			2.915	62.14
Harvested	25.629	12.747	6.829	4.989	2.869	53.06
Yield: (bu/acre)	41.80	39.20	55.70	59.50	33.70	44.20
Supply:			Million bus	hels		
Beg. stocks	188.31	145.00	55.00	75.00	28.11	491.42
Production	1,071.00	499.67	380.44	297.02	96.64	2,344.76
Imports 2/	0.58	14.04	21.94	14.03	21.81	72.40
Total	1,259.88	658.72	457.37	386.05	146.55	2,908.57
Utilization:						
Food	375.58	223.00	153.00	85.00	74.91	911.48
Seed	34.75	19.23	15.73	6.66	3.28	79.65
Feed and residual	110.11			30.45	-2.32	
Total domestic	520.44	230.05	253.84		75.86	
Exports 2/	512.31		139.53	191.94	44.00	1,159.45
Total	1,032.75	501.72	393.37	314.05	119.86	2,361.75
Ending stocks:	227.13	157.00	64.00	72.00	26.69	546.82
2004/05P	HRW	HRS	SRW	White	Durum	All wheat
Area:			Million acre	es		
Planted	30.778	13.033			2.561	59.70
Harvested	23.406				2.363	50.00
Yield: (bu/acre)	36.60	42.20	54.20	64.50	38.00	43.17
Supply:			Million bus	hale		
Beg. stocks	227.13	157.00			26.69	546.82
Production	856.21	525.47				
Imports 2/	1.00		17.00		30.00	65.00
Total	1,084.34		461.31	386.37	146.59	
Utilization:	1,001.01	001.17	101.01	000.01	110.00	2,770.00
Total domestic	502.00	255.00	265.00	116.00	79.00	1,217.00
Exports 2/	365.00		140.00			1,000.00
Total	867.00		405.00	306.00	109.00	2,217.00
Ending stocks:	217.34	161.47	56.31	80.37	37.59	553.06

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), 12/14/04

1998/99	Market year		Produc- tion	Imports 1/	Supply	Food	Seed	Feed	Exports 1/	Ending stocks
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	200-7001.	Jun-Aug	2,158	17	2,722	226	4	264	286	1,942

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), 12/14/04

Item		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Mill grind	+	78,508	75,144	70,534	69,257	68,707	72,895
Food imports 1/	+	3,052	2,758	2,868	2,096	1,988	2,311
Non-flour							
food use 2/	+	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Food exports 1/	-	1,250	1,153	2,540	3,117	1,964	1,806
Food use	=	82,310	78,749	72,862	70,236	70,731	75,400
Item		Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
Mill grind	+	70,736	72,325	69,196	70,937	77,529	74,550
Food imports 1/	+	2,102	1,943	2,098	2,145	2,121	2,066
Non-flour							
food use 2/	+	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Food exports 1/	-	1,155	2,243	1,188	2,013	1,170	1,442
Food use	=	73,683	74,025	72,106	73,069	80,480	77,174

^{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, 12/14/04 1/

Month	All wheat		Winter		Durum		Other spring	
	03/04	04/05	03/04	04/05	03/04	04/05	03/04	04/05
				(\$/bu)				
June	3.08	3.57	2.94	3.47	3.99	4.40	3.45	3.83
July	2.95	3.37	2.89	3.32	3.85	4.11	3.31	3.24
August	3.35	3.27	3.28	3.19	3.78	3.85	3.42	3.38
September	3.39	3.36	3.31	3.26	3.95	3.90	3.42	3.48
October	3.44	3.44	3.37	3.34	3.89	3.89	3.53	3.51
November	3.61	3.51	3.56	3.39	3.95	3.75	3.68	3.62
December	3.68		3.62		3.95		3.72	
January	3.68		3.66		3.96		3.67	
February	3.77		3.67		4.08		3.84	
March	3.83		3.76		4.14		3.90	
April	3.88		3.79		4.19		3.94	
May	3.82		3.72		4.21		4.01	

^{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. 12/14/04

	Hard re	d winter	Soft red	d winter	Hard re	d spring	Soft	white
Month	03/04	04/05	03/04	04/05	03/04	04/05	03/04	04/05
				(\$/bu)				
June	2.88	3.48	3.07	3.41	3.46	3.87	3.24	3.81
July	2.82	3.35	3.02	3.24	3.31	3.55	3.20	3.46
August	3.25	3.11	3.28	3.04	3.43	3.36	3.42	3.52
September	3.23	3.21	3.34	2.96	3.42	3.47	3.45	3.52
October	3.36	3.25	3.27	2.96	3.54	3.50	3.42	3.52
November	3.56		3.61		3.70		3.54	
December	3.64		3.77		3.73		3.53	
January	3.66		3.69		3.68		3.63	
February	3.64		3.70		3.85		3.73	
March	3.74		3.80		3.91		3.81	
April	3.76		3.84		3.94		3.89	
May	3.67		3.81		4.02		3.93	

Source: Agricultural Prices, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

Table 7Wheat: Average	cash grain bids at selected	markets (\$/bu), 12/14/04

Table 7Whe								
	KC HI	RW #1	KC H	RW #1	Port	land	FOB	Gulf
Month	ordi	inary	13% բ	orotein	#1 HR	W Ord.	\$/mt (#:	2 HRW)
	03/04	04/05	03/04	04/05	03/04	04/05	03/04	04/05
June	3.63	4.13	3.74	4.35	3.76	4.11	130.93	155.22
July	3.34	3.97	3.66	4.07	3.47	3.72	130.87	151.86
August	3.87	3.73	4.02	3.81	4.04	3.87	151.10	142.55
September	3.74	4.01	3.85	4.11	4.05	4.00	146.92	151.96
October	3.79	3.95	3.40	4.03	4.02	4.34	148.64	152.19
November	4.21	4.22	4.39	4.48	4.53	4.16	163.04	158.44
December	4.31		4.40		4.61		166.82	
January	4.32		4.37		4.47		165.99	
February	4.25		4.36		4.47		162.93	
March	4.30		4.44		4.47		167.89	
April	4.35		4.48		4.58		167.85	
May	4.28		4.51		4.37		163.60	
	Minne	eapolis	Minne	apolis	Minne	apolis	Port	land
Month	DNS 139	% protein	DNS 149	% protein	#1 HAD) milling	DNS 149	% protein
	03/04	04/05	03/04	04/05	03/04	04/05	03/04	04/05
June	4.11	4.35	4.12	4.56	N/Q	N/Q	4.48	4.78
July	3.88	4.08	4.00	4.31	N/Q	N/Q	4.31	4.27
August	4.04	3.80	4.15	4.12	5.30	N/Q	4.60	4.55
September	3.43	4.09	3.83	4.68	N/Q	N/Q	4.51	4.69
October	4.12	4.19	4.31	4.87	N/Q	N/Q	4.55	5.18
November	4.37	4.35	4.59	5.14	N/Q	N/Q	4.91	5.01
December	4.24		4.43		N/Q		4.97	
January	4.30		4.44		N/Q		5.06	
February	4.44		4.64		5.30		5.11	
March	4.33		4.63		5.33		5.10	
April	4.51		4.69		N/Q		5.13	
May	4.54		4.69		N/Q		5.05	
	St. I	_ouis	Chic	cago	Tol	edo	Port	land
Month	#2 so	oft red	#2 sc	oft red	#2 sc	oft red	#1 sof	t white
	03/04	04/05	03/04	04/05	03/04	04/05	03/04	04/05
June	3.46	3.51	3.11	3.46	3.12	3.49	3.47	4.05
July	3.29	3.21	3.23	3.26	3.17	3.25	3.56	3.94
August	3.56	3.35	3.63	2.92	3.50	3.25	3.90	3.90
September	3.13	3.17	3.46	2.97	3.33	3.06	3.85	3.95
October	N/Q	3.34	3.42	2.82	3.31	2.91	3.70	3.94
November	4.19	3.43	3.87	2.79	3.73	2.88	3.98	3.95
December	3.99		3.92		3.79		4.05	
January	3.98		3.90		3.85		4.11	
February	3.94		3.84		3.79		4.14	
March	4.02		3.85		3.83		4.20	
April	3.88		3.92		3.92		4.29	
May	3.64		3.73		3.71		4.18	

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, 12/14/04 1/

	Exports, (1,000 bu)										
Item 1/	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug	Sept					
Wheat grain	102,588	91,917	80,599	97,962	103,222	119,965					
Wheat flour	732	1,386	742	1,220	885	770					
Products	533	980	478	821	411	684					
Total	103,853	94,283	81,819	100,003	104,518	121,419					
		Imports	s, (1,000 bu.)								
Item 1/	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Aug	Sept					
Wheat grain	2,444	3,564	3,259	3,475	5,182	5,699					
Wheat flour	910	1,045	888	898	937	949					
Products	1,080	1,275	1,223	1,051	1,193	1,121					
Total	4,434	5,884	5,370	5,424	7,312	7,769					

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, 12/14/04 1/

	2002/	03	200	3/04	2004/05 (as of 12/2/04)		
Importing						Outstanding	
country		Shipn	nents		Shipments	sales	Total
Data		Export		Export		Export	
source	Census	sales	Census	sales		sales	
		1,00	0 metric ton	S			
Country:							
Egypt	1,085	1,107	4,022	3,942	1,231	295	1,526
Japan	3,076	2,998	3,132	3,139	1,534	494	2,028
Mexico	2,392	2,486	2,814	2,863	1,258	579	1,837
Nigeria	1,666	1,660	2,192	2,221	1,221	151	1,372
EU	1,127	1,236	1,617	2,052	877	119	997
South Korea	1,202	1,257	1,478	1,329	668	235	903
China	78	80	1,138	1,166	1,838	175	2,013
Philippines	1,524	1,560	1,119	1,139	851	451	1,301
Taiwan	919	958	1,016	1,066	383	272	655
Peru	403	449	905	914	560	8	568
Total grain	22,396	20,805	30,771	29,599	14,866	4,143	19,008
Total (including							
products)	23,139	20,840	31,543	29,663	14,904	4,147	19,051
USDA forecast							
of Census					27,216		

^{1/} Export sales and shipments from USDA's weekly $\emph{U.S.}$ Export Sales report.

Source: U.S. Export Sales, FAS.