



# California Wheat Variety Survey--2008

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VARIETIES		SACRAMENTO VALLEY	SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY	COAST	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	SIERRA AND NO. CALIF.	VARIETY TOTALS	2007 TOTALS
<b>WHITE VARIETIES</b>								
<b>Hard White Wheat</b>								
Blanca Fuerte	Acres	300	60,000			500	60,800	4,000
(PVP Pending)	Percent*	<0.1%	9.5%			0.1%	9.6%	0.8%
Blanca Grande (PVP)	Acres	12,000	20,000	180	3400		35,580	124,200
	Percent*	1.9%	3.2%	<0.1%	0.5%		5.6%	23.9%
Blanca Royale	Acres		25,000				25,000	N/A
(PVP Pending)	Percent*		3.9%				3.9%	
<b>Soft White Wheat</b>								
Alpowa	Acres					20,000	20,000	15,000
	Percent *					3.2%	3.2%	2.9%
Ramona	Acres		3,500				3,500	3,500
	Percent*		0.6%				0.6%	0.7%
Stephens	Acres					6,000	6,000	3,000
	Percent*					0.9%	0.9%	0.6%
Twin	Acres					3,600	3,600	5,000
	Percent*					0.6%	0.6%	1.0%
Yamhill	Acres	300				16,000	16,300	8,000
	Percent*	<0.1%				2.5%	2.6%	1.5%
Other/Unknown	Acres	6,520		1,000		700	8,220	9,000
White	Percent*	1.0%		0.2%		0.1%	1.3%	1.7%
<b>RED VARIETIES</b>								
Cal Rojo (PVP)	Acres	65,000	35,000	800		300	101,100	49,600
(U.S. Patent Pending)	Percent*	10.3%	5.5%	0.1%		<0.1%	15.9%	9.5%
Dash 12 (PVP)	Acres	7,000					7,000	9,500
	Percent*	1.1%					1.1%	1.8%
Expresso (PVP)	Acres	27,000					27,000	5,300
	Percent*	4.3%					4.3%	1.0%
Joaquin (PVP)	Acres	2,000	113,000		280	300	115,580	10,000
	Percent*	0.3%	17.8%		<0.1%	<0.1%	18.2%	1.9%
PR 1404 (PVP)	Acres	27,000	79,400	1,600			108,000	88,500
	Percent*	4.3%	12.5%	0.3%			17.0%	17.0%
Summit (PVP)	Acres	2,000	500				2,500	79,300
	Percent*	0.3%	0.1%				0.4%	15.3%
Triple IV (PVP)	Acres	620	16,500	700			17,820	15,800
	Percent*	0.1%	2.6%	0.1%			2.8%	3.0%
Ultra (PVP)	Acres		40,000				40,000	5,000
	Percent*		6.3%				6.3%	1.0%
Yecora Rojo	Acres		8,000	2,000	7,300	6,000	23,300	24,000
	Percent*		1.3%	0.3%	1.2%	0.9%	3.7%	4.6%
Other/Unknown	Acres	4,260	6,100	120	1,020	1,200	12,700	61,300
Red	Percent*	0.7%	1.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.2%	2.0%	11.8%
<b>TOTAL (ALL WHEAT OTHER THAN DURUM)</b>		<b>154,000</b>	<b>407,000</b>	<b>6,400</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>54,600</b>	<b>634,000</b>	<b>520,000</b>
		24.3%	64.2%	1.0%	1.9%	8.6%	100.0%	100.0%

\* Percent of "All wheat other than Durum" (634,000 acres). (PVP): These varieties are protected under the Plant Variety Protection Act.

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<b>DURUM VARIETIES</b>								
Desert King (PVP)	Acres		4,000		15,000		19,000	5,000
	Percent*		2.3%		8.6%		10.9%	5.7%
Fortissimo (PVP)	Acres	700	21,000				21,700	4,500
	Percent*	0.4%	12.1%				12.5%	5.1%
Havasu (PVP)	Acres				15,000		15,000	6,300
	Percent*				8.6%		8.6%	7.2%
Kronos (PVP)	Acres				38,700		38,700	23,500
	Percent*				22.2%		22.2%	26.7%
Orita (PVP)	Acres				40,000		40,000	16,000
	Percent*				23.0%		23.0%	18.2%
Platinum (PVP)	Acres	1,200	18,000		10,000		29,200	21,000
	Percent*	0.7%	10.3%		5.7%		16.8%	23.9%
Other & Unknown	Acres	700	2,700		7,000		10,400	11,700
Durum	Percent*	0.4%	1.6%		4.0%		6.0%	13.3%
<b>ALL DURUM</b>	Acres	2,600	45,700		125,700		174,000	88,000
<b>WHEAT</b>	Percent*	1.5%	26.3%		72.2%		100.0%	100.0%
<b>ALL WHEAT</b>	Acres	156,600	452,700	6,400	137,700	54,600	808,000	608,000
	Percent	19.4%	56.0%	0.8%	17.0%	6.8%	100.0%	100.0%

\* Percent of Total Durum (174,000 acres) (PVP): These varieties are protected under the Plant Variety Protection Act.

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Overall 2008 wheat plantings are estimated over 30% higher than 2007 at 808,000 acres. Total estimated planted acreage is approximately 200,000 acres more than last year for California. The San Joaquin Valley region had the most plantings of non-Durum wheat, while the Southern California region lead in Durum acreage. The Sierra and Northern California region again predict a larger crop than last year; a good portion of their crop is spring planted. High wheat prices encouraged more plantings of wheat this year, although high inputs tempered that enthusiasm. Dry weather conditions caused much of the dryland planted acreage to be cut for hay.

### **CALIFORNIA'S RED AND WHITE WHEATS:**

Hard Red wheat accounted for 3/4's of the non-Durum acreage. Three varieties, Cal Rojo, Joaquin, and the hay/forage variety PR 1404 lead the line-up with approximately 100,000 + acres each. Ultra was the next most common hard red variety at ~40,000 acres. The hard white wheat varieties Blanca Fuerte, Blanca Grande, and Blanca Royale were the top white varieties in the state, followed in acreage by two soft white wheat varieties, Alpowa and Yamhill.

### **DESERT DURUM®:**

The durum wheat class showed the largest increase in planted acreage; twice the plantings from last year for a total of 174,000 acres. Most of this increase occurred in Imperial Valley. Orita and Kronos had the most acreage in the desert, while Fortissimo and Platinum were the most common varieties in the San Joaquin valley. Desert King and Havasu also saw large increases over last year.

Note: This report reflects wheat that was planted in the fall of 2007/early winter 2008 for harvest in spring/summer of 2008. 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