

WINTER, SPRING (OTHER THAN DURUM), AND DURUM WHEAT—  
FARMS REPORTING BY ACRES HARVESTED AND BY BUSHELS HAR-  
VESTED: 1959

Item	Number of farms reporting, 1959		
	Winter wheat	Spring wheat other than durum wheat	Durum wheat
Farms reporting, total	780,425	113,267	16,793
Farms reporting by acres harvested:			
Under 15 acres	327,335	23,741	2,088
16 to 24 acres	163,125	16,010	2,340
25 to 49 acres	133,513	18,587	4,444
50 to 199 acres	114,421	42,381	7,036
200 to 299 acres	19,019	7,288	578
300 to 499 acres	14,516	3,864	256
500 acres and over	8,496	1,396	51
Farms reporting by bushels harvested:			
Under 100 bushels	81,877	8,255	1,388
100 to 499 bushels	366,985	43,598	5,698
500 to 999 bushels	148,975	20,515	3,524
1,000 to 4,999 bushels	148,717	36,344	5,688
5,000 to 9,999 bushels	22,112	3,783	428
10,000 bushels and over	11,759	772	67

Most of the wheat produced is sold. In 1959, 93.3 percent of the winter wheat, 89.9 percent of the durum wheat, and 89.8 percent of spring wheat, other than durum, was sold.

Although the 49.6 million acres of wheat harvested in 1959 was the smallest acreage harvested in any census since 1934, the production of 1.1 billion bushels of wheat in the United States was the largest ever reported for any census. In fact, the production of wheat was 11.7 percent larger in 1959 than in 1919 from the record census acreage of 73.1 million acres harvested. The reduction of approximately 2 million acres from 1954 resulted not only from acreage allotments but also from some abandonment of acres as the result of drought in parts of the Northern Great Plains States, primarily South Dakota. The record yield of 21.3 bushels per acre was nearly four bushels greater than the previous census record established in 1944, and approximately equaled in 1954.

