

# WHEAT FACTS



Wheat is the primary grain in U.S. grain products - more foods are made with wheat than any other cereal grain. Wheat is vital to both the nation and the state of Texas.

## MODERN AGRICULTURE

A modern combine can harvest **1,000** bushels of wheat per hour!



## THE CYCLE OF WHEAT

- Farmers plant wheat in the **fall** months (September - December)
- Farmers harvest wheat in late **spring** through the **summer** (April - July)

## SIX CLASSES OF U.S. WHEAT

Wheat varieties are divided among **6 wheat classes**:

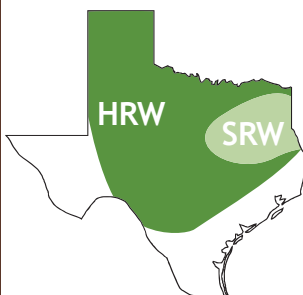


- Hard Red Winter (HRW)
- Hard Red Spring
- Soft Red Winter (SRW)
- Hard White
- Soft White
- Durum

## TEXAS WHEAT PRODUCTION

Texas is ranked **5th** for wheat production in the U.S., generating **106.5 million** bushels in 2015.

Texas farmers produce both **Hard Red Winter** and **Soft Red Winter** wheat, but the majority of wheat grown is hard red winter.



- HRW Wheat is used for yeast breads, hard rolls and bagels.
- SRW Wheat is used for flat breads, cakes, pastries and crackers.

## U.S. WHEAT PRODUCTION

The wheat industry in the U.S. is worth more than **\$10 billion**



- **1/2** of the wheat grown in the U.S. is used domestically
- Wheat is grown in **42** states in the U.S.
- **1/2** of wheat grown is exported to overseas markets

## BUSHEL STATISTICS

Wheat is measured in a term called a **bushel**.  
1 bushel of wheat equals:



- **60lbs.** of wheat
- **42lbs.** of wheat flour
- **90** one-pound loaves of whole wheat bread
- **60lbs.** of whole wheat flour

## OTHER USES FOR WHEAT

In addition to food products, wheat can be used to make a variety of consumer goods for people and animals.

- Dog treats
- Adhesives on postage stamps
- Shampoo/ conditioners
- Cat litter
- Biodegradable spoons
- Hand cleaner
- ... and hundreds of more products!

