

2008 Wheat Performance Information Available

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The 2008 wheat crop is projected to average 66 bushels per acre, nine bushels larger than last year's freeze-damaged crop and only one bushel less than the record yield of 67 bushels set in 2006. For the second year in a row, wheat has withstood what can only be described as adverse weather conditions, and produced yields that are truly impressive.

Wheat remains a viable and profitable crop, and it adds diversification to cropping systems that focus primarily on corn and soybean. In

fact, research looking at the net returns of different crop rotational systems indicates that a corn-soybean-wheat-doublecrop soybean rotation compares quite favorably to continuous corn rotations. As an added benefit, diversified crop rotations can minimize the negative impact of adverse weather, disease or insect outbreaks compared to a mono-crop rotation.

For growers planning to include wheat in the rotation next year, variety information and yield results from University of Illinois' 2008 Wheat Performance Trials is now available online at <http://vt.cropsci.uiuc.edu/>. Δ

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