

Celebrating Agriculture Week



AGRICULTURE WEEK • March 18-26

About half of the wheat grown in the United States is used domestically. The state of Kansas is the largest wheat producer in the United States with North Dakota a close second. Kansas is number one in flour milling in the United States.

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One bushel of wheat yields approximately 42 pounds of white flour or 42 one-and-a-half pound commercial loaves. One bushel of wheat yields approximately 60 pounds of whole-wheat flour or 90 one-pound loaves of bread.

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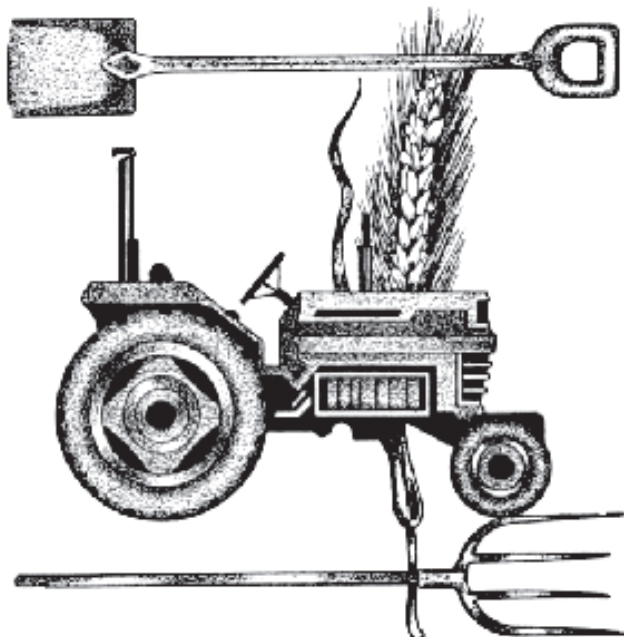
FARMERS...Are Natural Heroes!

Wheat supplies about 20% of the food calories for the world's people and is a national staple in many countries. The per capita consumption of wheat in the United States exceeds that of any other single food staple.



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Good Things Growing



Today's combines can harvest 900 bushels of corn per hour. In the 1930s a farmer could harvest (by hand) about 100 bushels of corn in a nine-hour day. Farm equipment has evolved dramatically from the team of horses used in the early 1900s. Today's four-wheel drive tractors have the power of 40-300 horses.

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American agriculture is responsible for providing the necessities of everyday life ... food, fiber, clothing and even fuel. That's the message of National Ag Day, which is celebrated March 21, 2007. Producers, agricultural associations, corporations, universities, government agencies and countless others across America will gathered to celebrate the abundance provided by agriculture on this first day of spring.

AG WEEK

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Industrial uses of wheat grain include starch for paste, alcohol, oil and gluten. Wheat straw is used for newsprint, paperboard and other paper products.



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America's Bread Basket

- Each American consumes, on average, 53 pounds of bread per year.
- Assuming a sandwich was eaten for breakfast, lunch and dinner, it would take 16 days to eat the amount of bread produced from one bushel of wheat.
- A family of four could live for 10 years off the bread produced by one acre of wheat.
- One bushel of wheat will produce 73 one-pound loaves of bread.
- In 1997, Kansas's wheat farmers produced enough wheat to make 36.5 billion loaves of bread, or enough to provide each person on earth with 6 loaves of bread.
- Farmers receive approximately 5 cents (or less) from each loaf of bread sold.

CELEBRATE NATURE'S BOUNTY AGRICULTURE WEEK MARCH 18TH - 26TH

Do you know these people?



1974 Wheat Field Day at the Bill Leach Farm.

The United States grew just over 62 million acres of wheat in 2000, with an average yield of 41.9 bushels per acre. The top states in wheat acreage planted are Kansas, North Dakota, Montana, Oklahoma and Washington. Other leading producers are Texas, Colorado, Nebraska, South Dakota and Minnesota.

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