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Sudan acres in the Imperial Valley as of July 14th was 68,128 acres, which compares to about 70,675 acres the same time last year. This is a 4% decrease compared to 2007 sudan acres. From May 15th through July 15th, farmers planted 36,390 acres, or 53% of the total planted acres.



Farmers have started to cut sudan fields that were planted after early wheat harvest. The earliest 2nd cutting sudan fields have also begun to harvest. Over the next 30 days, we expect the bulk of the sudan harvest to be completed. As there is so much later planted sudan this season, weather will play a key factor on quality this season.

Harvest of 1st cutting sudan is about 50% complete now, and of the first cutting acres that have been harvested, about 20% of those acres will only make 1 cut-

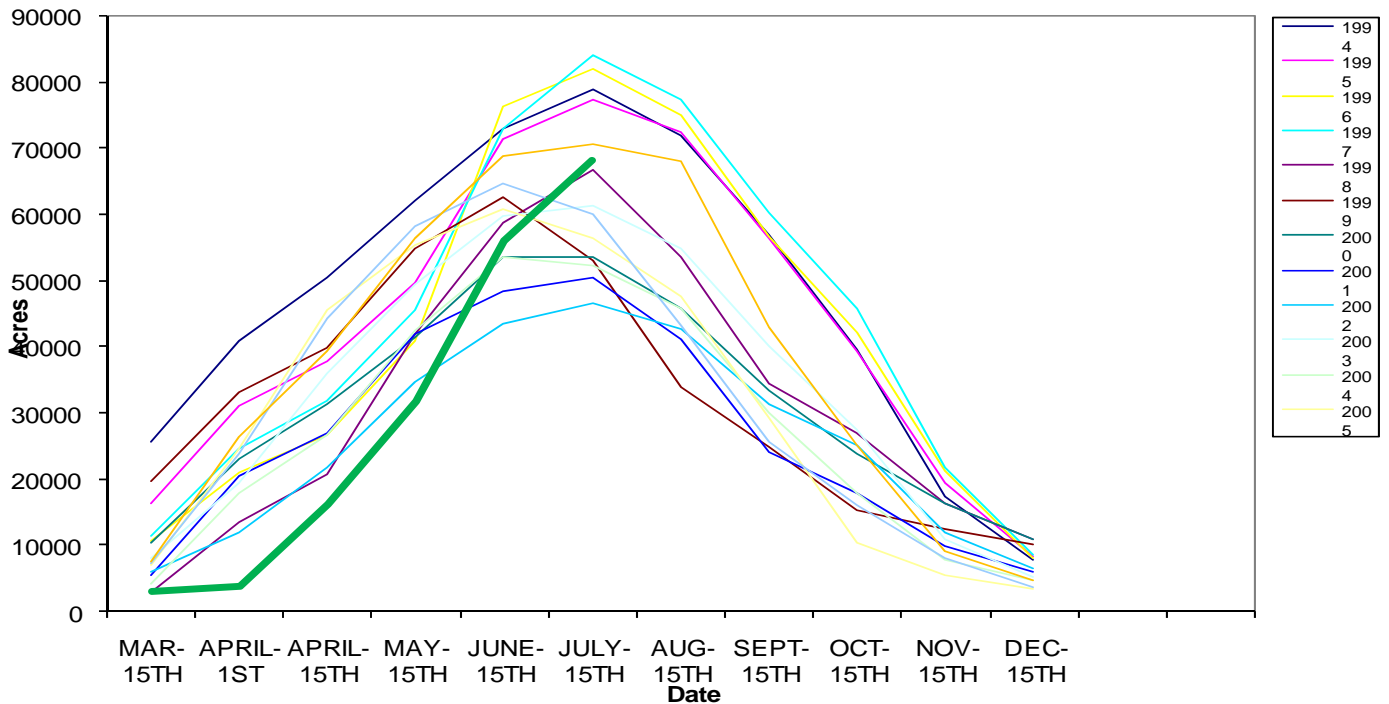
ting. Growers are also indicating that some of the later planted sudan will also only make 1 cutting in the Imperial Valley. Although total planted acres is now close to what we saw last season, the expected sudan volume produced this season is expected to be less than last year.

Harvest of the earliest planted sudan fields in Central California has now started. The bulk of the sudan harvest in Central California will start later in August. Most of the sudan will only make 1 cutting as it was planted later. Acres of sudan in Central California appear to be less than last season.

Thunder storms continued in the Imperial Valley on Monday July 14th, with scattered rainfall. Not all areas of the Imperial Valley received rainfall, but the area between El Centro and Calexico received the heaviest rain fall, as did some areas in Westmorland, Brawley and Imperial. The storms have caused damage to cut hay fields as well as some stacks.

The weather the past few days has been drier, but there is increased chance of rain next week in the Imperial Valley.

	MAR-15TH	APR-1ST	APR-15TH	MAY-15TH	JUN-15TH	JUL-15TH	AUG-15TH	SEP-15TH	OCT-15TH	NOV-15TH
1994	25,726	41,000	50,362	62,188	73,012	78,878	71,876	56,942	39,643	17,448
1995	16,338	31,117	37,830	49,609	71,440	77,383	72,365	56,445	39,257	19,491
1996	10,672	20,924	26,585	40,729	76,084	81,896	74,947	56,485	42,028	21,173
1997	11,365	24,494	31,654	45,429	72,752	83,872	77,208	60,139	45,688	21,653
1998	2,916	13,503	20,672	41,905	58,601	66,618	53,477	34,497	26,869	16,337
1999	19,616	32,911	39,734	54,719	62,453	52,921	33,860	24,785	15,281	12,405
2000	10,331	22,924	31,178	41,266	53,316	53,397	45,671	33,189	23,738	16,288
2001	5,427	20,251	26,744	41,849	48,345	50,280	40,883	23,919	17,824	9,730
2002	5,894	11,729	21,743	34,597	43,344	46,568	42,782	31,335	25,106	11,881
2003	7,836	19,396	35,758	49,381	59,637	61,269	54,812	40,091	27,421	10,710
2004	4,017	17,694	26,681	42,464	53,551	52,367	45,805	29,973	17,637	7,614
2005	7,036	24,492	45,524	55,371	60,798	56,360	47,530	29,110	10,267	5,281
2006	7,381	23,728	44,064	58,118	64,552	59,900	43,009	25,681	15,949	8,024
2007	7,612	26,509	39,432	56,470	68,739	70,675	68,083	42,919	25,156	9,108
2008	3,012	3,672	16,200	31,738	56,023	68,128				
Compare w/ prev year	-4600	-22,837	-23,232	-24,732	-12,716	-2,547	25,074	17,238	5,682	2,743
	40%	14%	41%	56%	82%	96%	158%	167%	155%	152%
10 YR AVG	14,974	20,331	32,706	46,597	57,076	57,187	47,591	31,550	22,578	11,992
Compare w/ prev month		660	12,528	15,538	24,285	12,105				








PSW Harvest Progress






as of July 17, 2008	1st Cutting		2nd Cutting		3rd Cutting		4th Cutting		5th Cutting	
	Cut	Baled	Cut	Baled	Cut	Baled	Cut	Baled	Cut	Baled
Imperial Valley										
Alfalfa	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	60%	40%
Sudan	50%	45%	5%	1%						
Klein	100%	100%	100%	100%	25%	15%				
Early Bermuda Hay	100%	100%	100%	100%	10%	5%				
Bermuda Hay after seed										
Bermuda Straw	60%	40%								
Central California										
Southern San Joaquin Alfalfa	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	50%	40%		
Northern San Joaquin Alfalfa	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	20%	10%		
Sudan	10%	5%								

The Weather

Imperial Valley

JUL 18	JUL 19	JUL 20	JUL 21	JUL 22
				
Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Scattered T-Storm	Isolated T-Storm	Sunny
High: 44° Low: 27°	High: 42° Low: 28°	High: 39° Low: 28°	High: 39° Low: 27°	High: 41° Low: 27°

Modesto

JUL 18	JUL 19	JUL 20	JUL 21	JUL 22
				
Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny
High: 35° Low: 17°	High: 37° Low: 18°	High: 35° Low: 18°	High: 35° Low: 18°	High: 36° Low: 19°