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## Weekly Wheat Bulletin

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### Comments:

**5-24-07:** "The spring wheat crop of the intermountain region of Northern California is ~95% planted. There has been some concern over recent frost in the area, however with warming weather and irrigation it is hoped that the crop will be fine. Some ground that was originally to be planted to barley was instead planted to wheat." *J.W. Cope, Winema Elevators*

**5-24-07:** The Imperial Valley has been harvesting Desert Durum<sup>®</sup> for two weeks. Early predictions estimate average yields (3 tons per acre). On Tuesday, May 22, protein measurements at the local inspection station ranged from 13% - 15% (12%

moisture basis). *Bonnie Fernandez, California Wheat Commission*

### Algerian Wheat Buyers Visit Desert Durum<sup>®</sup> Producing Area

**5-22-07:** An Algerian Trade Team sponsored by U.S. Wheat Associates visited the Imperial Valley today. Local Desert Durum<sup>®</sup> handlers, growers, and California Wheat Commission staff put together a program of presentations and tours of the area. The team had visited Minnesota, North Dakota, and Arizona prior to coming to California. Algeria purchased 4.6 million metric tons of wheat last year. The three companies represented on this team represent almost the entire durum buying community in Algeria.

The Algerian team members repeatedly mentioned that they were "very impressed by the varietal Identity Preservation System in California".

### Items of Interest:

**5-17-07:** University of California Wheat Breeder Jorge Dubcovsky was recently interviewed by radio station KDVS 90.3. His interview consisted of a talk about

wheat rust and the history of wheat. To listen to Dubcovsky's interview, copy & paste this link into your web browser: <http://radioparallax.com/index.php?mdl=2>. Find show "257". Right click the 2<sup>nd</sup> link and "save target as" to download the show to your computer. Jorge's interview is the second of three interviews on that segment.

