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## **VIRGINIA'S WHEAT PRODUCERS EXPECT LARGER CROP**

The 2008 wheat crop is expected to total 16 million bushels, according to the initial season forecast just released by the USDA/NASS Virginia Field Office. If realized, production will be up 22 percent from 2007 and 52 percent more than the 10.54 million bushels produced in 2006. Producers in the Commonwealth are expected to harvest 250,000 acres of wheat that will yield an average of 64 bushels per acre. The majority of the wheat crop is in good to excellent condition.

## **U.S. WINTER WHEAT PRODUCTION UP 17 PERCENT**

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.78 billion bushels, up 17 percent from 2007. Based on May 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 44.3 bushels per acre, up 2.1 bushels from the previous year.

Hard Red production is up 5 percent from a year ago to 1.01 billion bushels. Soft Red is up 54 percent and totals 551 million bushels. White production totals 215 million bushels, up 10 percent from a year ago. Of the White production total, 23.2 million bushels are Hard White and 192 million bushels are Soft White.

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