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MAY CROP PRODUCTION

WEST VIRGINIA - On farm hay stocks, as of May 1, 2011, totaled 190,000 tons. This is 65,000 tons more than what was on hand last year at this time, and 34,000 tons above May 1 stocks on hand in 2009. The disappearance of all hay stocks on farms from December 1, 2010 - May 1, 2011, was 600,000 tons, 26 percent less than the 2009 crop disappearance of 813,000 tons for the same period.

UNITED STATES - Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.42 billion bushels, down 4 percent from 2010. Expected area for harvest as grain or seed totals 32.0 million acres, up 1 percent from last year. Based on May 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 44.5 bushels per acre, down 2.3 bushels from last year.

All on farm hay stocks on May 1, 2011 totaled 22.2 million tons, up 6 percent from a year ago. Disappearance from December 1, 2010-May 1, 2011 totaled 79.9 million tons, compared with 86.3 million tons for the same period a year ago.

Compared with last year, hay stocks increased across much of the Nation's midsection. In many cases, these increases are attributed to an increase in total hay production in 2010.

Stocks on hand were down throughout much of the western half of the United States and along the Atlantic Coast. Lingering winter weather conditions in many western States forced producers to feed livestock longer into the spring months. Drought conditions in many areas along the Atlantic Coast caused a lack of available winter pastures. Overall, the largest percentage declines occurred in California, Idaho, and Nevada.