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## WEST VIRGINIA 2007 ANNUAL CROP PRODUCTION, WINTER WHEAT SEEDINGS, GRAIN AND HAY STOCKS

**WEST VIRGINIA - Wheat** planted acres totaled 8,000 in 2007, unchanged from 2006. Area harvested for grain totaled 6,000 acres, unchanged from 2006. The average yield for 2007 was estimated to be 58.0 bushels per acre. This was down 3 bushels from 2006. Production was estimated at 348,000 bushels, down 5 percent or 18,000 bushels from 2006.

**Winter wheat seedings** for the 2008 crop are estimated at 12,000 acres, up 50 percent from 2007.

**All hay** harvested area in 2007 totaled 600,000 acres, up 10,000 from 2006. The average yield in 2007 was 1.54 tons per acre compared to 1.77 tons per acre in 2006. Production totaled 923 thousand tons, down from 1.046 million tons in 2006. **December On Farm Hay Stocks** were 720,000 tons, down 96,000 tons from 2006.

**Alfalfa hay** area harvested totaled 25,000 acres in 2007, down 10,000 acres from 2006. Yields in 2007 averaged 2.4 tons per acre, down 0.5 of a ton from 2006. Production totaled 60,000 tons, down 42,000 tons from 2006. New seedings of alfalfa in 2007 are estimated at 4,000 acres, unchanged from 2006.

**All other hay** area harvested totaled 575,000 acres in 2007, up 20,000 acres from 2006. Yields averaged 1.5 tons per acre, down 0.2 of a ton from 2006. Production totaled 863,000 tons, down 81,000 tons from 2006.

Area planted to **corn** for all purposes in 2007 totaled 46,000 acres, up 1,000 acres from 2006. Harvested area **for grain** totaled 27,000 acres, up 1,000 acres from 2006. The average yield of 111.0 bushels per acre was down 9 bushels from 2006. Production was 3.0 million bushels, down 4 percent from 2006.

**Corn for silage** area harvested was 18,000 acres in 2007, unchanged from 2006. Yields averaged 14.5 tons per acre which was 2.5 tons below the 2006 yield. Silage production was estimated at 261,000 tons, down 15 percent from 2006.

Area planted to **soybeans** totaled 15,000 acres, down 2,000 acres from 2006. Area harvested for beans totaled 14,000 acres, also down 2,000 acres from 2006. The yield for soybeans in 2007 averaged 33.0 bushels per acre, down 9 bushels from 2006. Production was estimated at 462,000 bushels, down 31 percent from 2006.

The total area planted to **principal crops** in West Virginia totaled 669,000 acres in 2007, up 9,000 acres from 2006. Area harvested totaled 665,000 acres, up 9,000 acres from 2006. Principal crops include acres planted to corn, soybeans, wheat, and acres harvested for hay.



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## UNITED STATES WITH PREVIOUS YEAR COMPARISONS

- All wheat production - 2.07 billion bushels, up 14%.
- Winter wheat production - 1.52 billion bushels, up 17%.
- 2008 winter wheat seedings - 46.6 million acres, up 4% from 2007.
- 2007 alfalfa seedings - 2.83 million acres, down 11% from 2006.
- Alfalfa hay production - 72.6 million tons, up slightly.
- All other hay production - 77.7 million tons, up 11%.
- All hay production - 150 million tons, up 6%.
- Corn planted for all purposes area - 93.6 million acres, up 19%.
- Corn for grain harvested area - 86.5 million acres, up 22%.
- Corn for grain production - 13.1 billion bushels, up 24%.
- Corn for grain yield - 151.1 bushels per acre, up 2.0 bushels.
- Corn for silage harvested area - 6.1 million acres, down 6%.
- Corn for silage production - 106.3 million tons, up 1%.
- Corn for silage yield - 17.5 tons per acre, up 1.3 tons.
- Soybeans production - 2.59 billion bushels, down 19%.
- All tobacco production - 778.6 million pounds, up 7%.
- Oats production - 91.6 million bushels, down 2%.
- Area planted to principal crops - 320.0 million acres, up 1%.
- Area harvested for principal crops - 303.8 million acres, up 3%.

## U.S. STOCKS TOTALS AS OF DECEMBER 1, 2007

- Hay stocks on-farm - 104.0 million tons, up 8%.
- Corn stocks on-farm - 6.53 billion bushels, up 16%.
- Corn stocks off-farm - 3.74 billion bushels, up 13%.
- All wheat stocks on-farm - 290 million bushels, down 28%.
- All wheat stocks off-farm - 838 million bushels, down 8%.
- Soybean stocks on-farm - 1.10 billion bushels, down 25%.
- Soybean stocks off-farm - 1.23 billion bushels, down 1%.
- Oats stocks on-farm - 43.1 million bushels, down 19%.
- Oats stocks off-farm - 51.4 million bushels, up 12%.