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WEST VIRGINIA 2011 ANNUAL CROP PRODUCTION, WINTER WHEAT SEEDINGS, GRAIN AND HAY STOCKS

WEST VIRGINIA - Winter wheat planted acres totaled 10,000 in 2011, up 3,000 acres from 2010. Area harvested for grain totaled 6,000 acres, up 1,000 acres from 2010. The average yield for 2011 was estimated to be 59.0 bushels per acre. This was up 5 bushels per acre from 2010. Production was estimated at 354,000 bushels, up 31 percent or 84,000 bushels from 2010. **Winter wheat seedings** for the 2012 crop are estimated at 9,000 acres, down 10 percent or 1,000 acres from 2011.

All hay area harvested in 2011 totaled 640,000 acres, up 20,000 acres from 2010. The average yield in 2011 was 2.04 tons per acre, up 0.5 tons per acre from 2010. Production totaled 1,306,000 tons, up 354,000 tons from 2010. **December On Farm Hay Stocks** were 953,000 tons, up 163,000 tons from the total of 790,000 tons in 2010.

Alfalfa hay area harvested totaled 20,000 acres in 2011, unchanged from 2010. Yields in 2011 averaged 3.3 tons per acre, up 0.7 of a ton from 2010. Production totaled 66,000 tons, up 14,000 tons from 2010. New seedings of alfalfa in 2011 are estimated at 4,000 acres, up 1,000 acres from 2010.

All other hay area harvested totaled 620,000 acres in 2011, up 20,000 acres from 2010. Yields averaged 2.0 tons per acre, up 0.5 tons per acre from 2010. Production totaled 1,240,000 tons, up 340,000 tons from 2010.

Area planted to **corn** for all purposes in 2011 totaled 48,000 acres, unchanged from 2010. Harvested area **for grain** totaled 31,000 acres, up 2,000 acres from 2010. The average yield of 114.0 bushels per acre was up 24.0 bushels per acre from 2010. Production was 3.5 million bushels, up 35 percent or 924,000 bushels from 2010.

Corn for silage area harvested was 15,000 acres in 2011, down 2,000 acres from 2010. Yields averaged 15.0 tons per acre which was 2.5 tons per acre above the 2010 yield. Silage production was estimated at 225,000 tons, up 6 percent or 12,000 tons from 2010.

Area planted to **soybeans** totaled 20,000 acres, unchanged from 2010. Area harvested for soybeans totaled 19,000 acres, up 1,000 acres from 2010. The yield for soybeans in 2011 averaged 43.0 bushels per acre, up 13.0 bushels per acre from 2010. Production was estimated at 817,000 bushels, up 51 percent or 277,000 bushels from 2010.

The total area planted to **principal crops** in West Virginia totaled 718,000 acres in 2011, up 23,000 acres from 2010. Area harvested totaled 711,000 acres, up 22,000 acres from 2010. Principal crops include acres planted to corn, soybeans, wheat, and acres harvested for hay.

UNITED STATES WITH PREVIOUS YEAR COMPARISONS

- All wheat production - 2.00 billion bushels, down 9%.
- Winter wheat production - 1.49 billion bushels, up 1%.
- 2012 winter wheat seedings - 41.9 million acres, up 3% from 2011.
- 2011 alfalfa seedings - 2.32 million acres, down 9% from 2010.
- Alfalfa hay production - 65.3 million tons, down 4%.
- All other hay production - 65.8 million tons, down 15%.
- All hay production - 131.1 million tons, down 10%.
- Corn planted for all purposes area - 91.9 million acres, up 4%.
- Corn for grain area harvested - 84.0 million acres, up 3%.
- Corn for grain production - 12.4 billion bushels, down 1%.
- Corn for grain yield - 147.2 bushels per acre, down 5.6 bushels per acre.
- Corn for silage harvested area - 5.93 million acres, up 6%.
- Corn for silage production - 109.0 million tons, up 2%.
- Corn for silage yield - 18.4 tons per acre, down 0.9 ton per acre.
- Soybean production - 3.06 billion bushels, down 8%.
- Soybean yield - 41.5 bushels per acre, down 2.0 bushels per acre.
- All tobacco production - 601.0 million pounds, down 16%.
- Oats production - 53.6 million bushels, down 34%.*
- Area planted to principal crops - 315.0 million acres, down 1%.
- Area harvested for principal crops - 293.4 million acres, down 4%.

U.S. STOCKS TOTALS AS OF DECEMBER 1, 2011

- Hay stocks on-farm - 90.7 million tons, down 11%.
- Corn stocks on-farm - 6.18 billion bushels, down 2%.
- Corn stocks off-farm - 3.47 billion bushels, down 8%.
- All wheat stocks on-farm - 405.0 million bushels, down 26%.
- All wheat stocks off-farm - 1.25 billion bushels, down 10%.
- Soybean stocks on-farm - 1.14 billion bushels, up 4%.
- Soybean stocks off-farm - 1.23 billion bushels, up 3%.
- Oats stocks on-farm - 24.4 million bushels, down 28%.
- Oats stocks off-farm - 54.2 million bushels, down 19%.

*Record low U.S. production.