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## U.S. WINTER WHEAT SEEDINGS UP 3 PERCENT; WYOMING UP 7 PERCENT

Wyoming farmers seeded an estimated 160,000 acres of **winter wheat** for harvest in 2012, according to Steven Gunn with the Wyoming Field Office of USDA NASS. This is up 7 percent from 2011 but down 3 percent from the 2010 crop.

**Nationally**, winter wheat seeded area for 2012 is expected to total 41.9 million acres, up 3 percent from 2011 and 12 percent above 2010. Approximate class acreage breakdowns are: Hard Red Winter, 30.1 million; Soft Red Winter, 8.37 million; and White Winter, 3.49 million.

## U.S. HAY STOCKS DOWN 11 PERCENT; WYOMING DOWN 24 PERCENT

Wyoming farms and ranches had 1.30 million tons of hay on hand on December 1, 2011. This was down 24 percent from December 1, 2010. Hay production for 2011 totaled 2.35 million tons, down 5 percent from 2010. Disappearance of hay from May 2011 - December 2011 totaled 1,415,000 tons compared with 1,167,000 tons a year earlier. This is the lowest level of December hay stocks since December 2002.

**Nationally**, stocks of all hay stored on farms totaled 90.7 million tons on December 1, 2011, down 11 percent from a year ago. Disappearance of hay from May 2011 - December 2011 totaled 62.6 million tons, compared with 64.4 million tons for the same period a year ago.

**WINTER WHEAT: AREA SEEDED  
SELECTED STATES AND U.S., 2010-2012**

State	Crop Year			2012/2011
	2010	2011	2012	
	— 1,000 Acres —			Percent
CO	2,450	2,300	2,400	104
KS	8,400	8,800	9,500	108
MT	2,050	2,250	2,200	98
NE	1,600	1,520	1,400	92
OK	5,300	5,100	5,500	108
SD	1,350	1,650	1,350	82
TX	5,700	5,300	5,900	111
<b>WY</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>107</b>
U.S.	37,335	40,646	41,947	103