

Wisconsin All Wheat Production Up From a Year Ago

An increase in Wisconsin's planted and harvested wheat acres offset a decrease in yield, resulting in an overall increase in production. All wheat acres harvested as grain in Wisconsin rose 28 percent to 231,000 acres. The all wheat yield declined 12.7 bushels to 55.6 bushels per acre. All wheat production rose 4 percent to 12.9 million bushels. Winter wheat accounted for 240,000 acres planted and 225,000 acres harvested as grain. The winter wheat yield dropped 13 bushels to 56 bushels per acre, but production increased 4 percent to 12.6 million bushels.

Nationally, all wheat production decreased 8 percent, totaling 2.16 billion bushels in 2004. There were 59.7 million acres planted, with 50.2 million acres harvested as grain. Of the total wheat acres, winter wheat accounted for 43.4 million acres planted, with 34.5 million acres harvested as grain. Winter wheat production declined 13 percent to 1.50 billion bushels, with a yield of 43.5 bushels per acre.

Wisconsin is ranked fourth in oat production with 13.7 million bushels forecast in 2004. The yield of 65 bushels per acre decreased 2 bushels from 2003. Acres planted to oats declined 40,000 acres to 340,000 acres. Oat acres harvested as grain decreased from 230,000 acres last year to 210,000 acres in 2004.

U.S. oat production fell 19 percent to 116 million bushels in 2004. The 2004 yield of 64.5 is 0.5 bushels less than last year. Acres planted to oats decreased 11 percent from last year to 4.09 million acres. Acres harvested as grain decreased 19 percent to 1.81 million acres in 2004..

The state barley yield remained unchanged from last year at 55 bushels per acre. Production is 1.65 million bushels in 2004, compared to 1.93 million bushels in 2003. Planted acres decreased 10,000 acres to 45,000 acres in 2004. Harvested acres decreased 5,000 acres to total 30,000 acres in 2004.

Nationally, barley production rose 1.82 million bushels to 280 million bushels harvested in 2004. The average yield rose 10.6 bushels from last year. Acres planted to barley decreased to 4.53 million acres in 2004. Barley acres harvested as grain decreased 15 percent to 4.03 million acres.