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## CROP PRODUCTION – MAY 2015

### ARIZONA HIGHLIGHTS

**Durum wheat** production in Arizona, based on conditions as of May 1, 2015, is forecast at 11.66 million bushels, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. This forecast is 46 percent above last year's production of 7.99 million bushels. Acreage for harvest, estimated at 124,000 acres, is 52,000 acres more than a year ago. Average yield is forecast at 94.0 bushels per acre, down 17.0 bushels per acre from last year's yield.

As of May 3, Arizona's durum wheat crop condition was rated 1 percent poor, 8 percent fair, 72 percent good, and 19 percent excellent, compared with 15 percent fair, 47 percent good, and 38 percent excellent last year.

**Hay stocks** on Arizona farms and ranches as of May 1, 2015 totaled 40,000 tons, up 14 percent from stocks of 35,000 tons on hand last year. Hay production for 2014 totaled 2.41 million tons, 11 percent higher than 2013 production. Disappearance from December 1, 2014 to May 1, 2015 equaled 280,000 tons, compared with 165,000 tons for the same period a year earlier.

**Spring potato** area planted in Arizona is forecast at 3,500 acres, down 300 acres from 2014. The area harvested is expected to total 3,500 acres, unchanged from last year. Average yield is forecast at 285 hundredweight per acre, compared to 310 hundredweight per acre in 2014. Total spring potato production is forecast at 998,000 hundredweight, down eight percent from the previous year's production.

### UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

**Winter wheat** production is forecast at 1.47 billion bushels, up 7 percent from 2014. As of May 1, the United States yield is forecast at 43.5 bushels per acre, up 0.9 bushel from last year. Hard Red Winter production, at 853 million bushels, is up 16 percent from a year ago. Soft Red Winter, at 416 million bushels, is down 9 percent from 2014. White Winter, at 203 million bushels, is up 10 percent from last year. Of the White Winter production, 11.5 million bushels are Hard White and 191 million bushels are Soft White.

**Durum wheat** production in Arizona and California is forecast at a collective 16.9 million bushels, up 59 percent from last year. In Southern California, harvest is expected to begin in mid-May.

**All hay stored** on United States farms May 1, 2015 totaled 24.5 million tons, up 28 percent from a year ago. Disappearance from December 1, 2014 - May 1, 2015 totaled 67.5 million tons, compared with 70.1 million tons for the same period a year earlier.

**Spring potato** production for 2015 is forecast at 20.1 million cwt, down 11 percent from 2014. Planted area is forecast at 67,000 acres, an 8 percent decrease from the March intentions. Area for harvest is forecast at 66,000 acres, down 7 percent from the previous year. The average yield forecast, at 304 cwt per acre, is down 14 cwt from 2014.

For a full copy of the *Crop Production* report please visit [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov).