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## CROP PRODUCTION – MAY 2015

### COLORADO HIGHLIGHTS

**Winter wheat** production in Colorado, based on conditions as of May 1, 2015, is forecast at 83.25 million bushels, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. This forecast is seven percent below last year's production of 89.30 million bushels but 104 percent above the 40.75 million bushel crop produced two years ago. Acreage for harvest, estimated at 2.25 million acres, is 100,000 acres less than a year ago. Average yield is forecast at 37.0 bushels per acre, down 1.0 bushel per acre from last year's yield. Final yield will largely be determined by the combination of moisture and temperature conditions during May and June.

As of May 3, Colorado's winter wheat crop condition was rated 3 percent very poor, 11 percent poor, 32 percent fair, 46 percent good, and 8 percent excellent, compared with 20 percent very poor, 17 percent poor, 31 percent fair, 29 percent good, and 3 percent excellent last year.

**Hay stocks** on Colorado farms and ranches as of May 1, 2015 totaled 600,000 tons, up 88 percent from stocks of 320,000 tons on hand last year. Hay production for 2014 was 3.57 million tons, 21 percent higher than 2013 production. Disappearance from December 1, 2014 to May 1, 2015 is 1.20 million tons, compared with 1.08 million tons the same period a year earlier.

### 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.

**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.

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