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CROP PRODUCTION – JULY 2015

COLORADO HIGHLIGHTS

Based on July 1 conditions, **winter wheat** production in Colorado is forecast at 87.75 million bushels, up 3 percent from the June 1 forecast, but 2 percent below the 89.30 million bushels produced last year. Estimated acreage for harvest, at 2.25 million acres, is unchanged from June 1, but 100,000 acres less than the 2.35 million acres harvested in 2014. As of July 1, the average yield is forecast at 39.0 bushels per acre, up 1.0 bushel from the June 1 forecast and 1.0 bushel above with last year's final yield.

As of June 28, Colorado's winter wheat crop condition was rated 2 percent very poor, 14 percent poor, 33 percent fair, 40 percent good, and 11 percent excellent. Winter wheat harvested was at 2 percent, compared with 4 percent last year and the 5-year average of 20 percent.

Barley production is forecast at 8.49 million bushels, up 27 percent from the 2014 crop. Area harvested is expected to total 62,000 acres, up 8,000 acres from the 54,000 acres harvested last year. Barley yield is forecast at 137.0 bushels per acre, 13.0 bushels per acre above last year.

As of June 28, Colorado's barley crop condition was rated 18 percent fair, 61 percent good, and 21 percent excellent. Barley headed was at 55 percent, compared with 34 percent last year and the 5-year average of 54 percent.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.46 billion bushels, down 3 percent from the June 1 forecast but up 6 percent from 2014. Based on July 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 43.7 bushels per acre, down 0.8 bushel from last month but up 1.1 bushels from last year. The area expected to be harvested for grain or seed totals 33.3 million acres, unchanged from the Acreage report released on June 30, 2015 but up 3 percent from last year.

Hard Red Winter production, at 866 million bushels, is down 2 percent from last month. Soft Red Winter, at 393 million bushels, is down 5 percent from the June forecast. White Winter, at 196 million bushels, is down 4 percent from last month. Of the White Winter production, 12.7 million bushels are Hard White and 183 million bushels are Soft White.

Barley production is forecast at 208 million bushels, up 18 percent from 2014. Based on conditions as of July 1, the average yield for the United States is forecast at 71.3 bushels per acre, down 1.1 bushels from last year. Area harvested for grain or seed, at 2.92 million acres, is unchanged from the previous forecast but up 19 percent from 2014. When compared with last year, yields are expected to increase in Colorado and Minnesota due to favorable spring weather. Dry conditions have led to expected yield decreases in Montana and Washington. Record barley yields are expected in Colorado and Idaho.

For a full copy of the *Crop Production* report please visit www.nass.usda.gov.