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CROP PRODUCTION – JUNE 2018

COLORADO HIGHLIGHTS

Winter wheat production in Colorado, based on conditions as of June 1, 2018, is forecast at 88.00 million bushels, according to the June 1 Agricultural Yield Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. This forecast is up 5 percent from the May 1 forecast and 1 percent above the 86.86 million bushel crop produced last year. Estimated acreage for harvest, at 2.20 million acres, is unchanged from May 1 and 180,000 acres more than the 2.02 million acres harvested in 2017. As of June 1, the average yield is forecast at 40.0 bushels per acre, 2.0 bushels above the May 1 forecast, but 3.0 bushels below last year's final yield.

As of June 3, Colorado's winter wheat crop condition was rated 5 percent very poor, 17 percent poor, 25 percent fair, 46 percent good, and 7 percent excellent, compared with 5 percent very poor, 13 percent poor, 34 percent fair, 42 percent good, and 6 percent excellent last year.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.20 billion bushels, up 1 percent from the May 1 forecast but down 6 percent from 2017. As of June 1, the United States yield is forecast at 48.4 bushels per acre, up 0.3 bushel from last month but down 1.8 bushels from last year's average yield of 50.2 bushels per acre.

Hard Red Winter production, at 650 million bushels, is up 1 percent from last month. Soft Red Winter, at 316 million bushels, is up slightly from the May forecast. White Winter, at 232 million bushels, is up 2 percent from last month. Of the White Winter production, 21.8 million bushels are Hard White and 210 million bushels are Soft White.

Production of **Durum wheat** in Arizona and California is forecast at a collective 12.0 million bushels, up 5 percent from 2017.

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