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Winter Wheat Production in the Northwest Region down slightly from Last Year

Based on May 1, 2018 conditions, production of winter wheat in Idaho was forecast at 59.2 million bushels, up 10 percent from 2017. Yield was expected to average 80.0 bushels per acre, unchanged from last year. Growers planted an estimated 780,000 acres in the fall of 2017, up 60,000 acres from the previous year. Harvested acres were forecast at 740,000 acres, up 70,000 acres from a year ago.

In Oregon, production was forecast at 39.3 million bushels, down 10 percent from 2017. Yield was expected to average 55.0 bushels per acre, down 8.0 bushels from last year. Growers planted an estimated 720,000 acres in the fall of 2017, up 20,000 acres from the previous year. Growers expected to harvest 715,000 acres, up 25,000 acres from the previous year.

In Washington, production was forecast at 119 million bushels, down 1 percent from 2017. Yield was expected to average 72.0 bushels per acres, down 1 bushel from the previous year. Growers planted an estimated 1.70 million acres in the fall of 2017, unchanged from the previous year. Harvested acres were forecast at 1.65 million acres, unchanged from 2017.

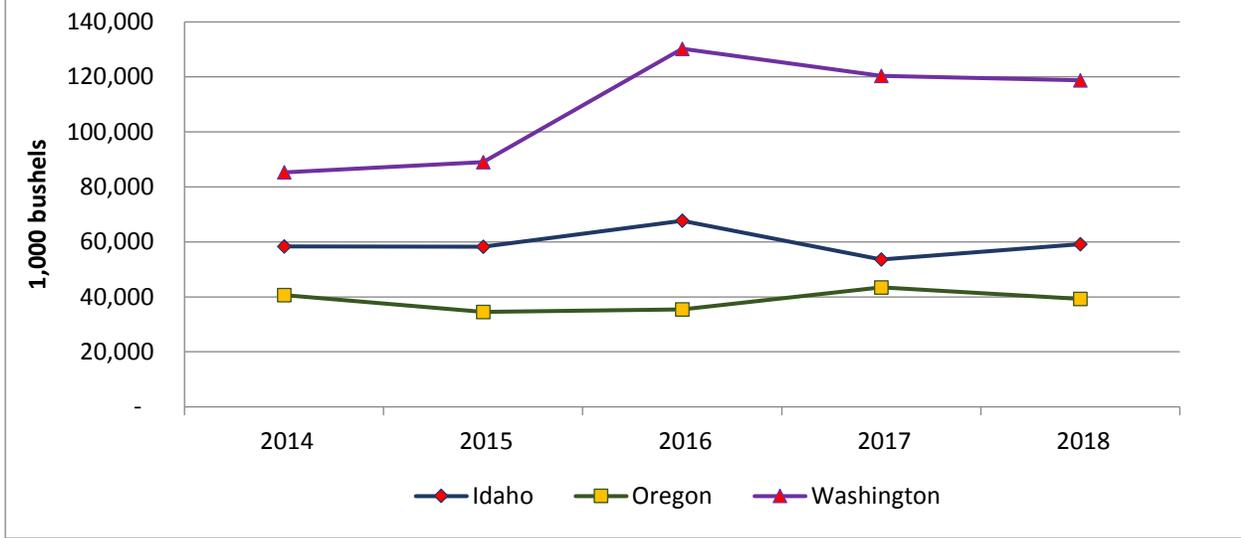
Nationally, production was expected to be 1.19 billion bushels, down 6.1 percent from 2017. Yield was forecast at 48.1 bushels per acre, down 2.10 bushels from last year. Growers planted an estimated 32.7 million acres in the fall of 2017, up slightly from the previous year. Harvested acres were forecast at 24.8 million acres, down 0.5 million acres from 2017.

U.S. White Winter wheat production is forecast at 229 million bushels, up 1 percent from last year. Of this total, 21.2 million bushels are Hard White and 208 million bushels are Soft White. U.S. Hard Red Winter, at 647 million bushels, down 14 percent from 2017. Soft Red Winter, at 315 million bushels, is up 8 percent from 2017.

Winter Wheat Area Harvested, Yield, and Production — Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and United States: 2017 and Forecasted May 1, 2018

State	Area harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2017 (1,000 acres)	2018 (1,000 acres)	2017 (bushels)	2018 (bushels)	2017 (1,000 bushels)	2018 (1,000 bushels)
Idaho	670	740	80.0	80.0	53,600	59,200
Oregon	690	715	63.0	55.0	43,470	39,325
Washington	1,650	1,650	73.0	72.0	120,450	118,800
United States	25,291	24,769	50.2	48.1	1,269,437	1,191,542

Winter Wheat Production - Idaho, Oregon, and Washington : 2014-2017 and Forecasted May 1, 2018



Wheat Production by Class — United States: 2017 and Forecasted May 1, 2018

[Wheat class estimates are based on the latest available data including both surveys and administrative data. The previous end-of-year season class percentages are used throughout the forecast season for States that do not have survey or administrative data available. Blank cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Crop	2017 (1,000 bushels)	2018 (1,000 bushels)
Winter		
Hard red.....	750,332	647,028
Soft red.....	292,156	315,194
Hard white.....	23,726	21,212
Soft white.....	203,223	208,108
Spring		
Hard red.....	385,005	
Hard white.....	8,727	
Soft white.....	22,504	
Durum.....	54,909	
Total	1,740,582	

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