



News Release

Indiana Winter Wheat Production and Hay Stocks

Indiana Wheat growers expect a slightly lower wheat yield than last year, with delayed plantings and large variations in temperature leading concerns, according to the USDA NASS Great Lakes Regional Office. Indiana wheat growers expect to harvest 305,000 acres, down 30,000 acres from last year. Wheat production in the State is expected to be 22.6 million bushels. The yield forecast of 74 bushels would be 2 bushels below the previous year.

U.S. 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 bushels from last year.

Hay stocks on Indiana farms on May 1, 2015 were 320,000 tons, up 60% from this time last year. May 1, 2015 stocks were higher this year due to the good growing season that boosted hay production in 2014.

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.

Crop Summary, May 2015

Commodity	Indiana			United States		
	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015
Wheat, winter						
Planted 1,000 acres	460	390	340	43,230	42,399	40,751
Harvested 1,000 acres	435	335	305	32,650	32,304	33,838
Yield Bushels	73.0	76.0	74.0	47.3	42.6	43.5
Production 1,000 bu	31,755	25,460	22,570	1,542,902	1,377,526	1,471,802

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