



News Release

Indiana Winter Wheat Production and Hay Stocks

Indiana wheat growers expect a higher wheat yield than last year. Favorable fall planting conditions and a mild winter kept the crop in good condition, according to Greg Matli, Indiana State Statistician with the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Indiana wheat growers expect to harvest 320,000 acres, up 60,000 acres from last year. Wheat production in the State is expected to be 23.4 million bushels. The yield forecast of 73 bushels would be 5 bushels above the previous year.

U.S. winter wheat production is forecast at 1.43 billion bushels, up 4 percent from 2015. As of May 1, the United States yield is forecast at 47.8 bushels per acre, up 5.3 bushels from last year. If realized, this will equal the record yield set in 1999.

Hay stocks on Indiana farms on May 1, 2016 were 185,000 tons, down 42% from this time last year. May 1, 2016 stocks were lower this year due to the reduction in hay supplies coming into the winter months. Hay production was reduced from the wet growing season and limited opportunities to harvest hay.

All hay stored on United States farms as of May 1, 2016 totaled 25.1 million tons, up 3 percent from a year ago. Disappearance between December 1, 2015 and May 1, 2016 totaled 69.9 million tons, compared with 67.5 million tons for the same period a year earlier.

Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production by Crop – Indiana and United States: 2014 - 2016

Commodity	Indiana			United States		
	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016
Wheat, winter						
Planted 1,000 acres	390	290	350	42,409	39,461	36,216
Harvested 1,000 acres	335	260	320	32,299	32,257	29,831
Yield Bushels	76.0	68.0	73.0	42.6	42.5	47.8
Production 1,000 bu	25,460	17,680	23,360	1,377,216	1,370,188	1,427,084

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