



# News Release

## Indiana Winter Wheat Production and Hay Stocks

Indiana wheat growers expect a slightly lower wheat yield than last year's record high, with the recent cool and wet weather increasing concerns, according to the USDA NASS Great Lakes Regional Office. Indiana wheat growers expect to harvest 240,000 acres, down 40,000 acres from last year. Wheat production in the state is expected to be 18.7 million bushels. The yield forecast of 78 bushels would be 3 bushels below the previous year's record yield.

U.S. winter wheat production is forecast at 1.25 billion bushels, down 25 percent from 2016. As of May 1, the United States yield is forecast at 48.8 bushels per acre, down 6.5 bushels from last year's record yield of 55.3 bushels per acre.

Hay stocks on Indiana farms on May 1, 2017 were 310 tons, up 68% from this time last year. May 1, 2017 stocks were higher this year due to the good growing season and a late, mild winter which kept livestock on pasture longer than usual.

All hay stored on United States farms as of May 1, 2017 totaled 24.4 million tons, down 3 percent from the previous May. Disappearance from December 1, 2016 - May 1, 2017 totaled 71.4 million tons, compared with 69.9 million tons for the same period a year earlier.

### Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production by Crop – Indiana and United States: 2015 - 2017

Commodity	Indiana			United States		
	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017
Wheat, winter						
Planted ..... 1,000 acres	290	330	260	39,681	36,137	32,747
Harvested ..... 1,000 acres	260	280	240	32,346	30,222	25,564
Yield ..... Bushels	68.0	81.0	78.0	42.5	55.3	48.8
Production ..... 1,000 bu	17,680	22,680	18,720	1,374,690	1,671,532	1,246,392

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