



News Release

Indiana Small Grain Summary

Despite a slow start to the 2017 planting season, winter wheat growers had good weather for most of the growing season which led to above average yields for the State, according Greg Matli, State Statistician of the USDA, NASS, Indiana Field Office.

Wheat yield, at 74 bushels per acre, was down 7 bushels from last year’s state record. Producers harvested 240,000 acres, down 40,000 acres from last year. The decrease in harvested acres combined with the decrease in yield from 2016 led to a 22 percent decrease in production at 17.8 million bushels. Winter wheat planting finished slightly behind schedule in mid-November, with the crop emerging slower than the five-year average. The crop had little snow cover throughout the winter months, though temperatures were mild resulting in a healthy crop in the springtime. The crop broke dormancy far ahead of schedule due to above average spring temperatures.

The crop grew quickly and remained ahead of schedule in early summer until a series of strong storms swept through the State, declining the overall crop condition due to excessive moisture and high winds. The abnormally wet summer slowed dry down, keeping farmers from getting a good start on harvest, which was completed by the end of July. Although the above average moisture caused harvested delays, disease pressures were relatively low and the grain fill was good, resulting in a high quality product.

U.S. all wheat production totaled 1.74 billion bushels in 2017, down 25 percent from the revised 2016 total of 2.31 billion bushels. Area harvested for grain totaled 37.6 million acres, down 14 percent from the previous year. The United States yield is estimated at 46.3 bushels per acre, down 6.4 bushels from the previous year. The levels of production and changes from 2016 by type are winter wheat, 1.27 billion bushels, down 24 percent; other spring wheat, 416 million bushels, down 22 percent; and Durum wheat, 54.9 million bushels, down 47 percent.

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
Oats ¹						
Planted 1,000 acres	15	(NA)	(NA)	3,088	2,829	2,588
Harvested 1,000 acres	5	(NA)	(NA)	1,276	981	801
YieldBushels	59.0	(NA)	(NA)	70.2	66.0	61.7
Production 1,000 bu	295	(NA)	(NA)	89,535	64,770	49,391
Wheat, winter						
Planted 1,000 acres	290	330	290	39,681	36,152	32,696
Harvested 1,000 acres	260	280	240	32,346	30,237	25,291
YieldBushels	68.0	81.0	74.0	42.5	55.3	50.2
Production 1,000 bu	17,680	22,680	17,760	1,374,690	1,672,582	1,269,437

(NA) Not available.

¹ Estimates discontinued in 2016.

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