



# News Release

## Indiana Winter Wheat Seedings

Indiana winter wheat seeded area for 2018 is estimated at 330,000 acres, an increase of 14 percent from last year, according to Greg Matli, State Statistician of USDA, NASS, Indiana Field Office. Indiana winter wheat seeding began mid-September, falling slightly behind the previous year in the beginning, but growers were able to pick up the pace and stay on track with the five-year average for most of the planting period. Fall plantings concluded by the end of November; however, winter wheat emergence was reported to be slow across the State due cooler-than-average temperatures. At the end of November, 75 percent of the crop was rated good-to-excellent, up 7 percentage points from this time last year.

U.S. winter wheat planted area for harvest in 2018 is estimated at 32.6 million acres, down less than 1 percent from 2017 and down 10 percent from 2016. This represents the second lowest United States acreage on record. Seedings, which began in early September, remained behind the 5-year average seeding pace through early November when seeding was mostly complete.

### Winter wheat area seeded, 2016 - 2018

Item	Indiana			United States		
	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018
Planted ..... 1,000 acres	330	290	330	36,152	32,696	32,608
Harvested ..... 1,000 acres	280	240		30,237	25,291	
Yield ..... Bushels	81.0	74.0		55.3	50.2	
Production ..... 1,000 bushels	22,680	17,760		1,672,582	1,269,437	

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