



# News Release

## Indiana Winter Wheat Production and Hay Stocks

Indiana wheat growers expect a record high wheat yield, despite the slow growth progress due to below average spring temperatures, according to the USDA NASS Great Lakes Regional Office. Indiana wheat growers expect to harvest 240,000 acres, unchanged from last year. Wheat production in the state is expected to be 19.4 million bushels. The yield forecast of 81 bushels would be 7 bushels above the previous year's yield.

U.S. winter wheat production is forecast at 1.19 billion bushels, down 6 percent from 2017. As of May 1, the United States yield is forecast at 48.1 bushels per acre, down 2.1 bushels from last year's average yield of 50.2 bushels per acre.

Hay stocks on Indiana farms on May 1, 2018 were 100,000 tons, down 68 percent from this time last year. May 1, 2018 stocks were lower this year due to a lower level of production in 2017 and a prolonged winter season, which required livestock to be supplemented with hay longer than usual.

All hay stored on United States farms May 1, 2018 totaled 15.7 million tons, down 36 percent from a year ago. Disappearance from December 1, 2017 - May 1, 2018 totaled 70.6 million tons, compared with 71.4 million tons for the same period a year earlier.

### Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production by Crop – Indiana and United States: 2016 - 2018

Commodity	Indiana			United States		
	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018
Wheat, winter						
Planted ..... 1,000 acres	330	290	300	36,152	32,696	32,708
Harvested ..... 1,000 acres	280	240	240	30,237	25,291	24,769
Yield ..... Bushels	81.0	74.0	81.0	55.3	50.2	48.1
Production ..... 1,000 bu	22,680	17,760	19,440	1,672,582	1,269,437	1,191,542

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