



News Release

Indiana Winter Wheat Production and Hay Stocks

Indiana wheat growers expect a slightly higher yield this year, despite the slow growth progress due to wetter than normal conditions, according to Greg Matli, State Statistician, USDA NASS, Indiana Field Office. Indiana wheat growers expect to harvest 260,000 acres, unchanged from last year. Wheat production in the State is expected to total 19.0 million bushels. The yield forecast of 73 bushels, if realized, would be 2 bushels above the previous year's yield.

U.S. winter wheat production is forecast at 1.27 billion bushels, up 7 percent from 2018. As of May 1, the United States yield is forecast at 50.3 bushels per acre, up 2.4 bushels from last year's average yield of 47.9 bushels per acre.

Hay stocks on Indiana farms on May 1, 2019 were 130,000 tons, up 30 percent from this time last year. May 1 stocks were higher this year despite hay production being down in 2018.

All hay stored on United States farms, as of May 1, 2019, totaled 14.9 million tons, down 3 percent from a year ago. Disappearance from December 1, 2018 - May 1, 2019 totaled 64.1 million tons, compared with 69.1 million tons for the same period a year earlier

Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production by Crop – Indiana and United States: 2017 - 2019

Commodity	Indiana			United States		
	2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019
Wheat, winter						
Planted 1,000 acres	290	310	310	32,726	32,535	31,504
Harvested 1,000 acres	240	260	260	25,301	24,742	25,214
Yield Bushels	74.0	71.0	73.0	50.2	47.9	50.3
Production 1,000 bu	17,760	18,460	18,980	1,270,282	1,183,939	1,268,461

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