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MAY 1 CROP PRODUCTION

Kentucky farmers expect to harvest 32.9 million bushels of **winter wheat** during 2015 according to the Kentucky Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The expected crop for 2015 would be down 9 percent from the previous year. Farmers seeded 620,000 acres last fall with 470,000 acres to be harvested for grain. Based on crop conditions as of May 1 and assuming a normal growing season, farmers expect a yield of 70.0 bushel per acre, down 1.0 bushels from 2014. Acres for other uses totaled 150,000 acres and will be used as cover crop for tobacco or cut as silage or hay.

As of May 11, winter wheat was rated 1 percent very poor, 4 percent poor, 15 percent fair, 61 percent good and 19 percent excellent. At this same date, crop progress was at 65 percent headed compared to 33 percent last year and on pace with the five year average.

Winter wheat production for the **Nation** was forecast at 1.47 billion bushels, up 7 percent from 2014. The expected area to be harvested for grain or seed totals 33.8 million acres, up 5 percent from last year. As of May 1, the U.S. yield was forecast at 43.5 bushels per acre, up 0.9 bushels from last year.

Winter Wheat, Selected States & U.S., May 1, 2015

State	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Yield/Ac		Production	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	<i>(1,000 Ac)</i>	<i>(1,000 Ac)</i>	<i>(1,000 Ac)</i>	<i>(1,000 Ac)</i>	<i>(Bushels)</i>	<i>(Bushels)</i>	<i>(1,000 bushels)</i>	<i>(1,000 bushels)</i>
Colorado	2,750	2,500	2,350	2,250	38.0	37.0	89,300	83,250
Illinois	740	600	670	570	67.0	67.0	44,890	38,190
Indiana	390	340	335	305	76.0	74.0	25,460	22,570
Kansas	9,600	9,400	8,800	8,500	28.0	32.0	246,400	272,000
KENTUCKY	630	620	510	470	71.0	70.0	36,210	32,900
Missouri	880	840	740	720	58.0	60.0	42,920	43,200
Montana	2,500	2,400	2,240	2,300	41.0	41.0	91,840	94,300
Nebraska	1,550	1,600	1,450	1,460	49.0	40.0	71,050	58,400
Ohio	620	550	545	530	74.0	70.0	40,330	37,100
Oklahoma	5,300	5,400	2,800	4,100	17.0	29.0	47,600	118,900
South Dakota	1,210	1,420	1,080	1,100	55.0	44.0	59,400	48,400
Tennessee	530	470	475	410	66.0	69.0	31,350	28,290
Texas	6,000	5,900	2,250	3,750	30.0	35.0	67,500	131,250
Washington	1,700	1,750	1,640	1,680	52.0	63.0	85,280	105,840
U.S.	42,399	40,751	32,304	33,838	42.6	43.5	1,377,526	1,471,802

**Milk Cows & Milk Production, Selected States & U.S.
Preliminary January - March, 2014 - 2015**

State	Jan - Mar Milk Cows ¹		Jan - Mar Milk Production ²		
	2014	2015	2014	2015	15 % 14
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CA	1,781	1,779	10,835	10,513	97
IL	95	95	471	482	102
IN	177	181	944	994	105
KY	64	62	257	273	106
MN	460	460	2,261	2,351	104
MO	90	87	336	345	103
OH	266	268	1,325	1,358	102
TX	449	467	2,531	2,598	103
VA	93	93	449	450	100
WI	1,270	1,275	6,783	7,032	104
US	9,216	9,304	51,020	51,904	102

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. ² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

FINAL 2014 TOBACCO

The final production estimate of **Kentucky burley tobacco** for 2014 was 163 million pounds, up 10 percent from the 148 million pounds produced in 2013. Average yield was 2,150 pounds per acre, up 150 pounds from the 2013 crop. Acreage harvested was 76,000 acres, up 3 percent from 2013. Average price per pound was estimated at \$1.94 per pound, down 12 cents from the previous year.

Burley production for the **burley producing States** totaled 213 million pounds, up 11 percent from 2013. Six states make up the burley producing states. Kentucky, the leading producer of burley tobacco, produced 77 percent of all burley grown in the United States.

Dark fire-cured tobacco production totaled 36.4 million pounds, up 30 percent from the 2013 crop. The larger crop resulted from both an increase in acreage and yield. Harvested acreage totaled 10,700 acres, up 1,700 acres from 2013 and yield at 3,400 pounds per acre was up 300 pounds. Price received by farmers was \$2.66 per pound, up 5 cents from the 2013 price. **Dark air-cured tobacco** production totaled 14.5 million pounds, up 28 percent from the 2013 production. Farmers harvested 5,000 acres of dark air tobacco with a yield of 2,900 pounds per acre. Harvested acreage was up 800 acres from 2013 and yield was up 200 pounds. Price received per pound by farmers was \$2.37, up 2 cents from the previous year.

Tobacco Acreage, Yield, Production & Price Per Pound, By Type, State & U.S.

Type & State	Acreage Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production		Market Year Avg. Price Per Pound Rec'd by Farmers	
	2013 ¹	2014	2013 ¹	2014	2013 ¹	2014	2013 ¹	2014
	(Acres)	(Acres)	(Pounds)	(Pounds)	(1,000 Pounds)	(1,000 Pounds)	(Dollars)	(Dollars)
BURLEY								
Kentucky	74,000	76,000	2,000	2,150	148,000	163,400	2.060	1.940
N. Carolina	1,900	1,400	1,400	1,900	2,660	2,660	2.040	1.850
Ohio	2,100	2,000	2,200	2,150	4,620	4,300	2.050	1.960
Pennsylvania	5,100	5,100	2,400	2,500	12,240	12,750	2.100	1.850
Tennessee	13,500	15,500	1,510	1,750	20,385	27,125	2.050	2.000
Virginia	2,400	1,500	1,900	1,950	4,560	2,925	2.050	1.960
U.S.	99,000	101,500	1,944	2,100	192,465	213,160	2.061	1.942
DARK FIRE-CURED								
Kentucky	9,000	10,700	3,100	3,400	27,900	36,380	2.610	2.660
Virginia	350	330	2,150	2,200	753	726	2.170	2.180
U.S.	16,250	18,630	3,101	3,175	50,388	59,146	2.625	2.673
DARK AIR-CURED								
Kentucky	4,200	5,000	2,700	2,900	11,340	14,500	2.350	2.370
Tennessee	1,000	1,150	2,450	2,600	2,450	2,990	2.360	2.430
U.S.	5,200	6,150	2,652	2,844	13,790	17,490	2.352	2.380
TOBACCO, ALL								
Kentucky	87,200	91,700	2,147	2,337	187,240	214,280	2.160	2.159
U.S.	355,675	378,360	2,034	2,316	723,579	876,415	2.177	2.094

¹ Revisions possible.

Crop Average Prices Received

Commodity	Kentucky			U.S.
	Apr 2014	Mar 2015	Apr 2015	Apr 2015
	Entire Month		Mid-Month ¹	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
All Corn (Bu) ²³	4.95	4.20		
Soybeans (Bu) ²	14.40	10.30		
Winter Wheat (Bu) ²	(4)	(4)		
Hay, Alfalfa (Ton)	190.00	210.00		
Hay, Other (Ton)	90.00	110.00		

¹ Only full month prices published starting in January 2015. ² Includes contract sales paid during month. ³ Includes yellow and white corn. ⁴ Kentucky is a minor State, not published separately.

Livestock Average Prices Received ¹

Commodity	United States		
	Apr 2014	Mar 2015	Apr 2015
	Entire Mon		Mid-Mon ²
	\$/ Cwt.	\$/ Cwt.	\$/ Cwt.
All Hogs	88.80	50.30	
Barrows & Gilts	88.40	50.70	
Sows	98.00	38.20	
All Beef Cattle ³	148.00	160.00	
Steers & Heifers ⁴	150.00	162.00	
Cows	103.00	114.00	
Calves ⁵	222.00	290.00	

¹ U.S. prices based on data provided by USDA AMS. ² Only full month prices published starting in January 2015. ³ "Steers & Heifers" and "Cows" combined. ⁴ 500 lbs. and over. ⁵ Under 500 lbs.

Internet Access: Data including this report are available free of charge on our Internet homepage located at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ky>. Links to the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, the University of Kentucky Agricultural Weather Center and other web sites related to Kentucky Agriculture are also included. National & State reports and data are available on the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service homepage located at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/>