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MAY 1 CROP PRODUCTION

Kentucky farmers expect to harvest 30.3 million bushels of **winter wheat** during 2016 according to the Kentucky Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The expected crop for 2016 would be down 6 percent from the previous year. Farmers seeded 550,000 acres last fall with 410,000 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 74.0 bushel per acre, up 1.0 bushel from 2015. Acres for other uses totaled 140,000 acres and will be used as cover crop for tobacco or cut as silage or hay.

Since March, Kentucky experienced above normal temperatures and below normal precipitation. A freeze occurred in early April, but producers are optimistic temperatures weren't cold enough, for long enough, to cause widespread damage. The last week in April broke a 3 week streak of below normal precipitation. Producers have been applying fungicides to prevent head scab. As of May 1, winter wheat was rated 1 percent very poor, 2 percent poor, 9 percent fair, 60 percent good and 28 percent excellent. At this same date, 53 percent of wheat crop had headed, compared to 22 percent last year and 35 percent for the five year average.

Winter wheat production for the **Nation** was forecast at 1.43 billion bushels, up 4 percent from 2015. The expected area to be harvested for grain or seed totals 29.8 million acres, down 8 percent from last year. As of May 1, the U.S. yield was forecast at 47.8 bushels per acre, up 5.3 bushels from last year.

Winter Wheat, Selected States & U.S., May 1, 2016

State	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Yield/Ac		Production	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	<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	2,400	2,200	2,140	1,950	37.0	38.0	79,180	74,100
Illinois	540	560	520	520	65.0	68.0	33,800	35,360
Indiana	290	350	260	320	68.0	73.0	17,680	23,360
Kansas	9,200	8,500	8,700	8,200	37.0	43.0	321,900	352,600
KENTUCKY	560	550	440	410	73.0	74.0	32,120	30,340
Missouri	760	690	610	580	53.0	59.0	32,330	34,220
Montana	2,350	2,200	2,220	2,100	41.0	41.0	91,020	86,100
Nebraska	1,490	1,350	1,210	1,250	38.0	49.0	45,980	61,250
Ohio	520	600	480	550	67.0	74.0	32,160	40,700
Oklahoma	5,300	5,000	3,800	3,300	26.0	32.0	98,800	105,600
South Dakota	1,420	1,150	970	1,050	44.0	52.0	42,680	54,600
Tennessee	455	440	395	380	68.0	72.0	26,860	27,360
Texas	6,000	5,000	3,550	2,800	30.0	30.0	106,500	84,000
Washington	1,650	1,700	1,590	1,650	56.0	64.0	89,040	105,600
U.S.	39,461	36,216	32,257	29,831	42.5	47.8	1,370,188	1,427,084

**Milk Cows & Milk Production, Selected States & U.S.
Preliminary January - March, 2015 - 2016**

State	Jan - Mar Milk Cows ¹		Jan - Mar Milk Production ²		
	2015	2016	2015	2016	16 % 15
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CA	1,779	1,774	10,513	10,343	98
IL	95	94	483	493	102
IN	181	184	994	1,044	105
KY	63	59	280	278	99
MN	460	460	2,344	2,420	103
MO	89	88	345	356	103
OH	268	266	1,358	1,362	100
TX	467	456	2,602	2,572	99
VA	93	91	448	446	100
WI	1,275	1,280	7,028	7,449	106
US	9,309	9,316	51,936	53,038	102

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

FINAL 2015 TOBACCO

The final production estimate of **Kentucky burley tobacco** for 2015 was 104 million pounds, down 36 percent from the 163 million pounds produced in 2014. Average yield was 1,800 pounds per acre, down 350 pounds from the 2014 crop. Acreage harvested was 58,000 acres, down 24 percent from 2014. Average price per pound was estimated at \$1.92 per pound, down 2 cents from the previous year.

Burley production for the **burley producing States** totaled 145 million pounds, down 32 percent from 2014. Six states make up the burley producing states. Kentucky, the leading producer of burley tobacco, produced 72 percent of all burley grown in the United States.

Kentucky dark fire-cured tobacco production totaled 31.7 million pounds, down 13 percent from the 2014 crop. The smaller crop resulted from both a decrease in acreage and yield. Harvested acreage totaled 9,900 acres, down 800 acres from 2014 and yield at 3,200 pounds per acre was down 200 pounds. Price received by farmers was \$2.68 per pound, up 2 cents from the 2014 price.

Kentucky dark air-cured tobacco production totaled 13.8 million pounds, down 5 percent from the 2014 production. Farmers harvested 5,000 acres of dark air tobacco with a yield of 2,750 pounds per acre. Harvested acreage was unchanged from 2014 and yield was down 150 pounds. Price received per pound by farmers was \$2.35, down 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	
	2014 ¹	2015	2014 ¹	2015	2014 ¹	2015	2014 ¹	2015
	(Acres)	(Acres)	(Pounds)	(Pounds)	(1,000 Pounds)	(1,000 Pounds)	(Dollars)	(Dollars)
BURLEY								
Kentucky	76,000	58,000	2,150	1,800	163,400	104,400	1.940	1.920
N. Carolina	1,400	1,000	1,900	1,850	2,660	1,850	1.850	1.950
Ohio	2,000	1,900	2,150	1,900	4,300	3,610	1.960	1.900
Pennsylvania	5,100	4,700	2,500	2,300	12,750	10,810	1.850	1.950
Tennessee	15,500	12,000	1,750	1,800	27,125	21,600	2.000	1.960
Virginia	1,500	1,300	1,950	1,850	2,925	2,405	1.960	1.970
U.S.	101,500	78,900	2,100	1,834	213,160	144,675	1.942	1.929
DARK FIRE-CURED								
Kentucky	10,700	9,900	3,400	3,200	36,380	31,680	2.660	2.680
Virginia	330	250	2,200	2,300	726	575	2.180	2.140
U.S.	18,630	17,850	3,175	3,144	59,146	56,125	2.673	2.683
DARK AIR-CURED								
Kentucky	5,000	5,000	2,900	2,750	14,500	13,750	2.370	2.350
Tennessee	1,150	1,200	2,600	2,750	2,990	3,300	2.430	2.430
U.S.	6,150	6,200	2,844	2,750	17,490	17,050	2.380	2.366
TOBACCO, ALL								
Kentucky	91,700	72,900	2,337	2,055	214,280	149,830	2.091	2.120
U.S.	378,360	328,650	2,316	2,178	876,415	715,946	2.094	2.003

¹ Revisions possible.

Crop Average Prices Received ¹

Commodity	Kentucky		U.S.	
	Mar 2015	Mar 2016	Mar 2015	Mar 2016
	\$	\$	\$	\$
All Corn (Bu) ²³	4.20	3.85	3.81	3.57
Soybeans (Bu) ²	10.30	8.84	9.85	8.56
Winter Wheat (Bu) ²	(4)	(4)	5.55	4.27
Hay, Alfalfa (Ton)	210.00	225.00	169.00	144.00
Hay, Other (Ton)	110.00	115.00	140.00	126.00

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		
	Mar 2015	Feb 2016	Mar 2016
	\$/ Cwt.	\$/ Cwt.	\$/ Cwt.
All Hogs	50.30	49.60	50.00
Barrows & Gilts	50.70	49.80	50.50
Sows	38.20	45.40	36.30
All Beef Cattle ³	160.00	132.00	135.00
Steers & Heifers ⁴	162.00	134.00	137.00
Cows	114.00	77.50	80.00
Calves ⁵	290.00	201.00	199.00

¹ U.S. prices based on data provided by USDA AMS. ² "Steers & Heifers" and "Cows" combined. ³ 500 lbs. and over. ⁴ 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/>