



News Release

Michigan Winter Wheat Seedings

Michigan winter wheat seeded area for 2018 is estimated at 530,000 acres, an increase of 10 percent from last year, according to Marlo Johnson, Director of the USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. Winter wheat plantings began in mid-September, but fell behind schedule somewhat due to the abnormally dry conditions. Once the soil moisture improved, farmers got the wheat in the ground quickly, finishing plantings by the beginning of November, ahead of both last year and the five-year average. Warmer temperatures and wet weather allowed for quick emergence before the ground froze. The crop was reported to be 70% in good to excellent condition by November 26.

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	Michigan			United States		
	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018
Planted..... 1,000 acres	610	480	530	36,152	32,696	32,608
Harvested..... 1,000 acres	570	425		30,237	25,291	
Yield..... Bushels	89	79		55.3	50.2	
Production..... 1,000 bushels	50,730	33,575		1,672,582	1,269,437	