



News Release

Michigan Small Grains Summary

Winter wheat in Michigan averaged 76 bushels per acre this year, down 3 bushels from last year, according to Marlo Johnson, Director, USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. Wheat was planted on 510,000 acres, with 470,000 acres harvested for grain. Wheat production was 35.7 million bushels, up 6 percent from 2017.

Wheat planting progress was completed ahead of schedule last fall. The crop was in good condition coming out of the winter months and had the potential for high yields. Moderate drought conditions lingered towards the end of the growing period, slowing grain fill in heads due to lack of moisture. Other than scattered showers, major wheat producing regions of the State continued to face very hot and dry conditions through harvest.

Oats in Michigan averaged 63 bushels per acre, an increase of 9 bushels from last year. Fifty thousand acres of oats were harvested in 2018, up 10,000 from last. Oat production, at 3.15 million bushels, was up 46 percent from a year ago.

Nationally, all wheat production totaled 1.88 billion bushels in 2018, up 8 percent from the revised 2017 total of 1.74 billion bushels. Area harvested for grain totaled 39.6 million acres, up 5 percent from the previous year. The United States yield was estimated at 47.6 bushels per acre, up 1.3 bushels from the previous year. The levels of production and changes from 2017 by type were: winter wheat, 1.18 billion bushels, down 7 percent; other spring wheat, 623 million bushels, up 50 percent; and Durum wheat, 77.3 million bushels, up 41 percent.

U.S. oat production was estimated at 56.1 million bushels, up 14 percent from 2017. Yield was estimated at 64.9 bushels per acre, up 3.2 bushels from the previous year. Harvested area, at 865,000 acres, was 8 percent above last year.

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

| Commodity | Michigan | | | United States | | |
|----------------------------|----------|--------|--------|---------------|-----------|-----------|
| | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
| Barley | | | | | | |
| Planted1,000 acres | (NA) | (NA) | 20 | 3,059 | 2,481 | 2,543 |
| Harvested1,000 acres | (NA) | (NA) | 5 | 2,565 | 1,954 | 1,978 |
| Yield Bushels | (NA) | (NA) | 43.0 | 77.9 | 72.6 | 77.4 |
| Production 1,000 bu | (NA) | (NA) | 215 | 199,914 | 141,923 | 153,082 |
| Oats | | | | | | |
| Planted1,000 acres | 65 | 55 | 75 | 2,829 | 2,588 | 2,746 |
| Harvested1,000 acres | 30 | 40 | 50 | 981 | 801 | 865 |
| Yield Bushels | 58.0 | 54.0 | 63.0 | 66.0 | 61.7 | 64.9 |
| Production 1,000 bu | 1,740 | 2,160 | 3,150 | 64,770 | 49,391 | 56,130 |
| Wheat, winter | | | | | | |
| Planted1,000 acres | 610 | 480 | 510 | 36,152 | 32,696 | 32,535 |
| Harvested1,000 acres | 570 | 425 | 470 | 30,237 | 25,291 | 24,742 |
| Yield Bushels | 89.0 | 79.0 | 76.0 | 55.3 | 50.2 | 47.9 |
| Production 1,000 bu | 50,730 | 33,575 | 35,720 | 1,672,582 | 1,269,437 | 1,183,939 |

(NA) Not available.