



# News Release

## Michigan Winter Wheat Seedings

Michigan winter wheat seeded area for 2019 is estimated at 500,000 acres, a decrease of 2 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 due to rain and delayed soybean harvest. The delays in the soybean harvest resulted in many winter wheat fields being planted late, and the cold weather caused emergence issues in certain fields. At the end of November, 48 percent of the crop was rated good to excellent condition, down 22 percentage points from the same time last year.

U.S. winter wheat planted area for harvest in 2019 is estimated at 31.3 million acres, down 4 percent from 2018 and down 4 percent from 2017. This represents the second lowest United States acreage on record. Seedings, which began in early September, fell behind the 5-year average seeding pace in early October and remained behind the 5-year average seeding pace for the duration of the planting season. Seeding was mostly complete by November 11.

### Winter Wheat Area Seeded-Michigan and United States, 2017 - 2019

Item	Michigan			United States		
	2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019
Planted ..... 1,000 acres	480	510	500	32,726	32,535	31,290
Harvested ..... 1,000 acres	425	470		25,301	24,742	
Yield ..... Bushels	79	76		50.2	47.9	
Production ..... 1,000 bushels	33,575	35,720		1,270,282	1,183,939	