



News Release

Michigan Winter Wheat Production and Hay Stocks

Michigan wheat growers are expecting an increase in production compared to the previous year, due to an anticipated increase in winter wheat harvested acres, according to Marlo Johnson, Director of the USDA NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. Michigan producers expect to harvest 520,000 acres, up 50,000 acres from last year. Wheat production in the State is expected to total 39.5 million bushels, up 11 percent from 2018. The yield forecast of 76 bushels, if realized, would be the same as the previous year and 3 bushels below that of 2017.

U.S winter wheat production is forecast at 1.27 billion bushels, up 7 percent from 2018. As of May 1, the United States yield is forecast at 50.3 bushels per acre, up 2.4 bushels from last year's average yield of 47.9 bushels per acre.

Hay stocks on Michigan farms on May 1, 2019 were 180,000 tons, down 31 percent from this time last year.

All hay stored on United States farms, as of May 1, 2019, totaled 14.9 million tons, down 3 percent from a year ago. Disappearance from December 1, 2018 - May 1, 2019 totaled 64.1 million tons, compared with 69.1 million tons for the same period a year earlier. This marks the lowest May 1 hay stocks since the drought of 2012 and the second lowest since records began in 1950.

Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production by Crop – Michigan and United States: 2017 - 2019

Commodity	Michigan			United States		
	2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019
Wheat, winter						
Planted1,000 acres	480	510	590	32,726	32,535	31,504
Harvested1,000 acres	425	470	520	25,301	24,742	25,214
Yield Bushels	79.0	76.0	76.0	50.2	47.9	50.3
Production 1,000 bu	33,575	35,720	39,520	1,270,282	1,183,939	1,268,461