



# News Release

## Michigan Winter Wheat Production and Hay Stocks

Michigan wheat growers anticipate better yields in 2020 than they had last year, according to Marlo Johnson, Director of the USDA NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. Michigan producers expect to harvest 460,000 acres, down 20,000 acres from last year. Wheat production in the State is expected to be 36.3 million bushels. The yield forecast of 79 bushels, if realized, would be 8 bushels above last year.

U.S winter wheat production is forecast at 1.25 billion bushels, down 4 percent from 2019. As of May 1, the United States yield is forecast at 51.7 bushels per acre, down 1.9 bushels from last year's average yield of 53.6 bushels per acre.

Hay stocks on Michigan farms on May 1, 2020 were 220,000 tons, up 22 percent from this time last year.

All hay stored on United States farms as of May 1, 2020 totaled 20.4 million tons, up 37 percent from May 1, 2019, which were the second lowest since records began in 1950. Disappearance from December 1, 2019 - May 1, 2020 totaled 64.1 million tons, down less than 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

### Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production by Crop – Michigan and United States: 2019 - 2020

Commodity	Michigan		United States	
	2019	2020	2019	2020
Wheat, winter .....				
Planted .....1,000 acres	540	520	31,159	30,775
Harvested .....1,000 acres	480	460	24,327	24,275
Yield ..... Bushels	71.0	79.0	53.6	51.7
Production ..... 1,000 bu	34,080	36,340	1,304,003	1,254,600