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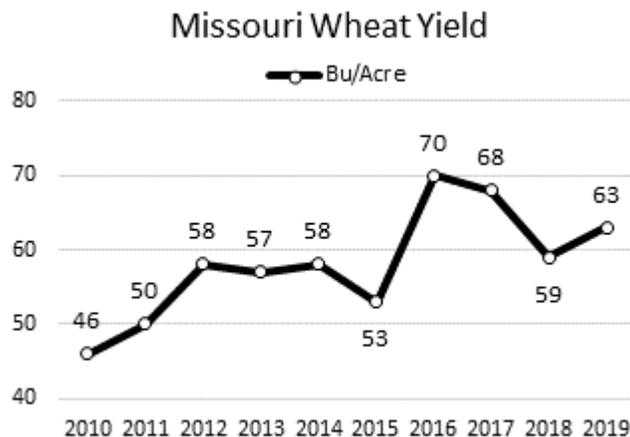
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## USDA TO FORECAST WINTER WHEAT YIELDS

[Columbia, Missouri] – In March, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) surveyed producers and published an estimate of 440,000 acres of wheat planted in Missouri. Beginning May 12, and continuing through mid-August, NASS will publish a series of monthly crop reports that forecast the average wheat yield in the state. Farmers will receive surveys in the mail the week prior to the first of each month.

“These monthly reports are used by farmers and the entire wheat industry,” said Bob Garino, Missouri State Statistician, “and they rely solely on participation and response from Missouri producers.” NASS encourages farmers to respond online, at [agcounts.usda.gov](http://agcounts.usda.gov), or by mail. Prompt response helps reduce costs. “Providing timely and accurate agricultural information in this time of declared national emergency is especially important,” added Garino.

Beginning in June, additional information for the monthly forecasts will come from observations of plant growth and development in randomly selected fields across Missouri. “This data, collected directly from wheat fields, will help augment data collected from farmers,” Garino explained.



NASS safeguards the privacy of all respondents and publishes only aggregate data, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified, as required by federal law. Results will be published in the Crop Production report, the first to be released Tuesday, May 12, 2020, available online at [www.nass.usda.gov/Publications](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications).

For more information call the NASS Heartland Regional Field Office at 800-551-1014.

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