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CROP PRODUCTION – JUNE 2016

MONTANA HIGHLIGHTS

Winter wheat production in Montana, based on conditions as of June 1, 2016, is forecast at 94.50 million bushels, according to the June 1 Agricultural Yield Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. This forecast is up 10 percent from the May 1 forecast and 4 percent above the 91.02 million bushel crop produced last year. Estimated acreage for harvest, at 2.10 million acres, is unchanged from May 1, but 120,000 acres less than the 2.22 million acres harvested in 2015. As of June 1, the average yield is forecast at 45.0 bushels per acre, 4.0 bushels above the May 1 forecast and 4.0 bushels above last year's final yield.

As of May 29, Montana's winter wheat crop condition was rated 2 percent very poor, 6 percent poor, 27 percent fair, 42 percent good, and 23 percent excellent, compared with 2 percent very poor, 7 percent poor, 35 percent fair, 37 percent good, and 19 percent excellent last year.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.51 billion bushels, up 6 percent from the May 1 forecast and up 10 percent from 2015. Based on June 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 50.5 bushels per acre, up 2.7 bushel from last month and up 8 bushels from last year. If realized, this will be the highest yield on record for the United States.

Hard Red Winter production, at 938 million bushels, is up 9 percent from last month. Soft Red Winter, at 355 million bushels, is down less than 1 percent from the May forecast. White Winter, at 214 million bushels, is up 3 percent from last month. Of the White Winter production, 19.0 million bushels are Hard White and 195 million bushels are Soft White.

Production of **Durum wheat** in Arizona and California is forecast at a collective 15.2 million bushels, down 25 percent from last year.

For a full copy of the *Crop Production* report please visit www.nass.usda.gov.