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New Jersey growers reap record wheat yields

TRENTON, NJ – New Jersey growers harvested 2.62 million bushels of wheat in 2023 on 32 thousand harvested acres, for a record average yield of 82.0 bushels per acre, according to Bruce Eklund, state statistician of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New Jersey Field Office. The second highest yield was 70.0 bushels per acre in 2022. New Jersey's first official wheat estimate was for 1866 with an average yield of 13.5 bushels per acre on 130 thousand acres.

Nationally, wheat production totaled 1.81 billion bushels in 2023, up 10% from the 2022 total of 1.65 billion bushels. Area harvested for grain totaled 37.3 million acres, up 5% from the previous year. The United States yield was estimated at 48.6 bushels per acre, up 2.1 bushels from the previous year. The levels of production and changes from 2022 by type were: winter wheat, 1.25 billion bushels, up 13%; other spring wheat, 505 million bushels, up 5%; and Durum wheat, 59.3 million bushels, down 7%.

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