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NEW MEXICO HIGHLIGHTS

Winter wheat production in New Mexico, estimated at 4.75 million bushels, is up 62 percent from 2014, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Winter wheat producers seeded 385,000 acres in the fall of 2014 for harvest in 2015, up from 380,000 acres seeded for the previous year's crop. Acreage harvested for grain increased 85,000 acres from last year to 190,000 acres in 2015. Winter wheat yield, at 25.0 bushels per acre, is down 3.0 bushels per acre from last year.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

All wheat production totaled 2.05 billion bushels in 2015, up 1 percent from the revised 2014 total. Area harvested for grain totaled 47.1 million acres, up 2 percent from the previous year. The United States yield is estimated at 43.6 bushels per acre, down 0.1 bushel from the previous year. The levels of production and changes from 2014 by type are winter wheat, 1.37 billion bushels, down less than 1 percent; other spring wheat, 599 million bushels, up less than 1 percent; and Durum wheat, 82.5 million bushels, up 53 percent.

Winter wheat production for 2015 totaled 1.37 billion bushels, down less than 1 percent from the revised 2014 total. The United States yield, at 42.5 bushels per acre, is down 0.1 bushel from 2014. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 32.3 million acres, down slightly from the previous year. A record high yield is estimated in Michigan for 2015.

Planted acreage was down from 2014 in most of the major Hard Red Winter (HRW) growing States. Particularly large decreases occurred in Colorado, Kansas, Montana, and North Dakota. Harvested acres were up across the Southern HRW region, with large increases in Oklahoma and Texas compared with 2014. Nationally, HRW production totaled 827 million bushels, up 12 percent from 2014.

In the Soft Red Winter (SRW) growing area, planted and harvested acreage decreases from 2014 were experienced throughout most of the region. SRW production totaled 359 million bushels, down 21 percent from 2014.

White winter production totaled 184 million bushels, up slightly from the previous year. Harvested acreage in the Pacific Northwest (Idaho, Oregon, and Washington) was down three percent from 2014. Yields were up from last year in Idaho and Washington.

For a full copy of the *Small Grains Summary* report please visit www.nass.usda.gov.