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## NORTH DAKOTA CROP PRODUCTION REPORT

**FARGO, N.D. May 12, 2020** - Based on May 1 conditions, North Dakota's 2020 **winter wheat** crop is forecast at 1.75 million bushels, down 53 percent from last year's crop, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Average yield is forecast at 35 bushels per acre, down 18 bushels from last year. Acreage to be harvested for grain is estimated at 50,000 acres, down 20,000 acres from last year. This would be 83 percent of the planted acres.

May 1 **hay** stocks of 1.29 million tons are up 29 percent from last year.

**Special note:** Survey respondents in Michigan, Minnesota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin who reported corn and soybean acreage as not yet harvested during the surveys conducted in preparation for the Crop Production 2019 Summary, released January 12, 2020, were re-contacted in April to determine how many of those acres were actually harvested and record the actual production from those acres. When producers were surveyed in December, there were a significant number of unharvested acres of:

- Corn in Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin
- Soybeans in Michigan, North Dakota, and Wisconsin

Based on this updated information, several changes were made to the estimates previously published in the Crop Production 2019 Summary. Unharvested production is a component of on-farm stocks, therefore, changes were made to the December 1 on-farm stocks levels comparable with the production adjustments. Detailed estimates by State can be found on pages 15 through 19 of the national release.

Because significant acreage remained standing for harvest in North Dakota in April, producers in that State will be re-contacted later in May to gather actual production for those acres. Should any changes to estimates in North Dakota be needed based on the updated information, they will be published in the June Crop Production report.

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