



News Release

Ohio Winter Wheat Production and Hay Stocks

Winter wheat production is expected to decline this year with a lower statewide yield and fewer acres harvested. Ohio wheat growers expect to harvest 430,000 acres, down 130,000 acres from last year. Wheat production in the state is expected to be 33.5 million bushels. The yield forecast of 78 bushels would be 2 bushels below the previous year.

National winter wheat production is forecast at 1.25 billion bushels, down 25 percent from 2016. As of May 1, the United States yield is forecast at 48.8 bushels per acre, down 6.5 bushels from last year's record yield of 55.3 bushels per acre.

Hay stocks on Ohio farms on May 1, 2017 were 415,000 tons, up 17% from this time last year.

All hay stored on United States farms as of May 1, 2017 totaled 24.4 million tons, down 3 percent from the previous May. Disappearance from December 1, 2016 - May 1, 2017 totaled 71.4 million tons, compared with 69.9 million tons for the same period a year earlier.

Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production by Crop – Ohio and United States: 2015 - 2017

Commodity	Ohio			United States		
	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017
Wheat, winter						
Planted 1,000 acres	520	580	470	39,681	36,137	32,747
Harvested 1,000 acres	480	560	430	32,346	30,222	25,564
Yield Bushels	67.0	80.0	78.0	42.5	55.3	48.8
Production 1,000 bu	32,160	44,800	33,540	1,374,690	1,671,532	1,246,392

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