



# News Release

## Ohio July 1 Small Grains Forecast

Ohio's 2017 winter wheat production is forecast at 31.5 million bushels according to Cheryl Turner, State Statistician of the USDA, NASS, Ohio Field Office. This report is based on current conditions as of July 1, 2017. Some highlights of the Crop Production Report are as follows:

The Ohio winter wheat yield is forecast at 75 bushels per acre, which would be a 5 bushel decrease from last year. Heavy rainfall continues to cause some saturated fields and ponding but Ohio winter wheat continues to progress well. As of July 2, 39 percent of the crop was reported as harvested, well ahead of the 5-year average. At the same time, condition was rated 78 percent good to excellent.

Oat yield in Ohio is forecast at 75 bushels per acre, 1 bushel higher than the previous year. Oat planting finished on schedule close to the end of May. By July 2, 90 percent of the oats were headed, on pace with the 5 year average, and 72 percent of the crop was rated in good to excellent condition.

Nationally, winter wheat production is forecast at 1.28 billion bushels, up 2 percent from the June 1 forecast but down 23 percent from 2016. Based on July 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 49.7 bushels per acre, up 0.8 bushel from last month, but down 5.6 bushels from last year. If realized, this will be the second highest yield on record for the United States, behind only 2016.

U.S. oat production is forecast at 53.7 million bushels, down 17 percent from 2016. Growers expect to harvest 880,000 acres for grain or seed, unchanged from the *Acreage* report released on June 30, 2017, but down 10 percent from last year. Based on conditions as of July 1, the average yield for the United States is forecast at 61.0 bushels per acre, down 5 bushels from 2016.

### 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
<b>Oats</b>						
Planted ..... 1,000 acres	70	50	45	3,088	2,828	2,536
Harvested ..... 1,000 acres	40	25	20	1,276	981	880
Yield ..... Bushels	63.0	74.0	75.0	70.2	66.0	61.0
Production ..... 1,000 bu	2,520	1,850	1,500	89,535	64,770	53,674
<b>Wheat, winter</b>						
Planted ..... 1,000 acres	520	580	460	39,681	36,137	32,839
Harvested ..... 1,000 acres	480	560	420	32,346	30,222	25,760
Yield ..... Bushels	67.0	80.0	75.0	42.5	55.3	49.7
Production ..... 1,000 bu	32,160	44,800	31,500	1,374,690	1,671,532	1,279,363

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