



News Release

Ohio Small Grains Summary

Wheat production fell 28 percent from last year, according to Cheryl Turner, State Statistician of the USDA, NASS, Ohio Field Office. This was due to a drop in harvested acres as well as yield.

Wheat planting finished up mid-November, in pace with the five year average. Despite excess rain, wheat remained in good to excellent condition throughout the season. Overall, the crop matured ahead of schedule, and the warm temperatures helped ripen wheat and get harvest underway. Wet weather made harvest difficult, but it was completed by the end of July, in pace with the five year average.

Oat yield was 70 bushels per acre this year, down 4 bushels from last year. Growers harvested 20,000 acres, a decrease of 5,000 acres from 2016. Production decreased by 27 percent from last year due to cold and wet conditions. Planting of oats finished at the end of May, just ahead of the 5-year average. Harvest kept pace with the 5-year average, with harvest ending at the end of August.

Nationally, winter wheat production totaled 1.74 billion bushels in 2017, down 25 percent from the revised 2016 total of 2.31 billion bushels. Area harvested for grain totaled 37.6 million acres, down 14 percent from the previous year. The United States yield is estimated at 46.3 bushels per acre, down 6.4 bushels from the previous year. The levels of production and changes from 2016 by type are winter wheat, 1.27 billion bushels, down 24 percent; other spring wheat, 416 million bushels, down 22 percent; and Durum wheat, 54.9 million bushels, down 47 percent.

U.S. oat production is estimated at 49.4 million bushels, down 24 percent from 2016. Yield is estimated at 61.7 bushels per acre, down 4.3 bushels from the previous year. Harvested area, at 801,000 acres, is 18 percent below last year.

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
Oats						
Planted 1,000 acres	70	50	60	3,088	2,829	2,588
Harvested 1,000 acres	40	25	20	1,276	981	801
Yield Bushels	63.0	74.0	70.0	70.2	66.0	61.7
Production 1,000 bu	2,520	1,850	1,400	89,535	64,770	49,391
Wheat, winter						
Planted 1,000 acres	520	580	460	39,681	36,152	32,696
Harvested 1,000 acres	480	560	435	32,346	30,237	25,291
Yield Bushels	67.0	80.0	74.0	42.5	55.3	50.2
Production 1,000 bu	32,160	44,800	32,190	1,374,690	1,672,582	1,269,437

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