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Ohio Winter Wheat Production and Hay Stocks

Wheat was off to a slow start this year, but growers expect strong yields, said Cheryl Turner, Ohio State Statistician for the USDA'S National Agricultural Statistics Service. Ohio wheat growers expect to harvest 470,000 acres, up 35,000 acres from last year. Wheat production in the state is expected to be 36.2 million bushels. The yield forecast of 77 bushels would be 3 bushels above the previous year.

National winter wheat production is forecast at 1.19 billion bushels, down 6.5 percent from 2017. As of May 1, the United States yield is forecast at 48.1 bushels per acre, down 2.1 bushels from last year.

Hay stocks on Ohio farms on May 1, 2017 were 280,000 tons, down 33% from this time last year.

All hay stored on United States farms May 1, 2018 totaled 15.7 million tons, down 36 percent from a year ago. Disappearance from December 1, 2017 - May 1, 2018 totaled 70.6 million tons, compared with 71.4 million tons for the same period a year earlier.

Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production by Crop – Ohio and United States: 2016 - 2018

Commodity	Ohio			United States		
	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018
Wheat, winter						
Planted 1,000 acres	580	460	490	36,152	32,696	32,708
Harvested 1,000 acres	560	435	470	30,237	25,291	24,769
Yield Bushels	80.0	74.0	77.0	55.3	50.2	48.1
Production 1,000 bu	44,800	32,190	36,190	1,672,582	1,269,437	1,191,542

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