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Ohio Small Grains Summary

The Ohio average winter wheat yield declined 7 bushels to 67 bushels per acre this year from the record yield the previous year, according to Cheryl Turner, State Statistician of the USDA, NASS, Ohio Field Office. Growers planted and harvested fewer acres in the 2015 growing season than in 2014, and production declined 20 percent from 2014 to 32.2 million bushels.

Winter wheat planting finished in early November, slightly behind schedule. Though some wheat may have entered dormancy late due to mild temperatures in the early part of the winter, once temperatures dropped there was adequate snow cover throughout most of the state. Mild temperatures in early spring were good for crop conditions until heavy rains throughout June had a significantly negative effect on the crop. Standing water in fields delayed harvest compared to the five-year average, and elevated levels of vomitoxin, scab, and sprouting in the wheat. Wheat harvest finished up in early August, behind schedule and with significant quality issues related to the wet weather

Oat yield was 63 bushels per acre this year, unchanged from last year. Growers harvested 40,000 acres, an increase of 5,000 acres from 2014. Production increased by 14 percent from last year due to the increase in harvested acres. Planting of oats was somewhat delayed due to wet weather, but jumped ahead of the 5-year average by May 10 and was wrapped up by the end of the first week of June. Harvest, on the other hand, lagged the 5-year average all season, beginning in the second week of July, and catching up to the 5-year average when harvest wrapped up at the end of the first week of September.

Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production by Crop – Ohio and United States: 2013 - 2015

Commodity	Ohio			United States		
	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015
Oats						
Planted 1,000 acres	50	50	70	2,980	2,753	3,088
Harvested 1,000 acres	25	35	40	1,009	1,035	1,276
Yield Bushels	63.0	63.0	63.0	64.1	67.9	70.2
Production 1,000 bu	1,575	2,205	2,520	64,642	70,232	89,535
Wheat, winter						
Planted 1,000 acres	660	620	520	43,230	42,409	39,461
Harvested 1,000 acres	640	545	480	32,650	32,299	32,257
Yield Bushels	70.0	74.0	67.0	47.3	42.6	42.5
Production 1,000 bu	44,800	40,330	32,160	1,542,902	1,377,216	1,370,188

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