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Winter Wheat Production in the Northwest Region up 12 percent from Last Year

Based on May 1, 2016 conditions, production of winter wheat in Idaho is forecast at 58.8 million bushels, up 2 percent from 2015. Yield is expected to average 84.0 bushels per acre, up 2 bushel from last year. Growers planted an estimated 750,000 acres in the fall of 2015, unchanged from the previous year. Harvested acres are forecast at 700,000 acres, unchanged from a year ago.

In Oregon, production is forecast at 38.5 million bushels, up 11 percent from 2015. Yield is expected to average 57.0 bushels per acre, up 10 bushel from last year. Growers planted an estimated 680,000 acres in the fall of 2015, down 60,000 acres from the previous year. Growers expect to harvest 675,000 acres, a decrease of 60,000 acres from the previous year.

In Washington, production is forecast at 106 million bushels, up 19 percent from 2015. Yield is expected to average 64.0 million bushel per acres, up 8 bushel from the previous year. Growers planted an estimated 1.70 million acres in the fall of 2015, up 50,000 acres from the previous year. Harvested acres are forecast at 1.65 million acres, an increase of 60,000 acres from 2015.

Nationally, production is expected to be 1.43 billion bushels, up 4 percent from 2015. Yield is forecast at 47.8 bushels per acre, up 5.3 bushel from last year. Growers planted an estimated 36.2 million acres in the fall of 2015, down 3.2 million acres the previous year. Harvested acres are forecast at 29.8 million acres, down 2.4 million acres from 2015.

U.S. White Winter wheat production is forecast at 208 million bushels, up 13 percent from last year. Of this total, 17 million bushels are Hard White and 191 million bushels are Soft White. U.S. Hard Red Winter, at 863 million bushels, is up 4 percent from 2015. Soft Red Winter, at 356 million bushels, is down slightly from 2015.

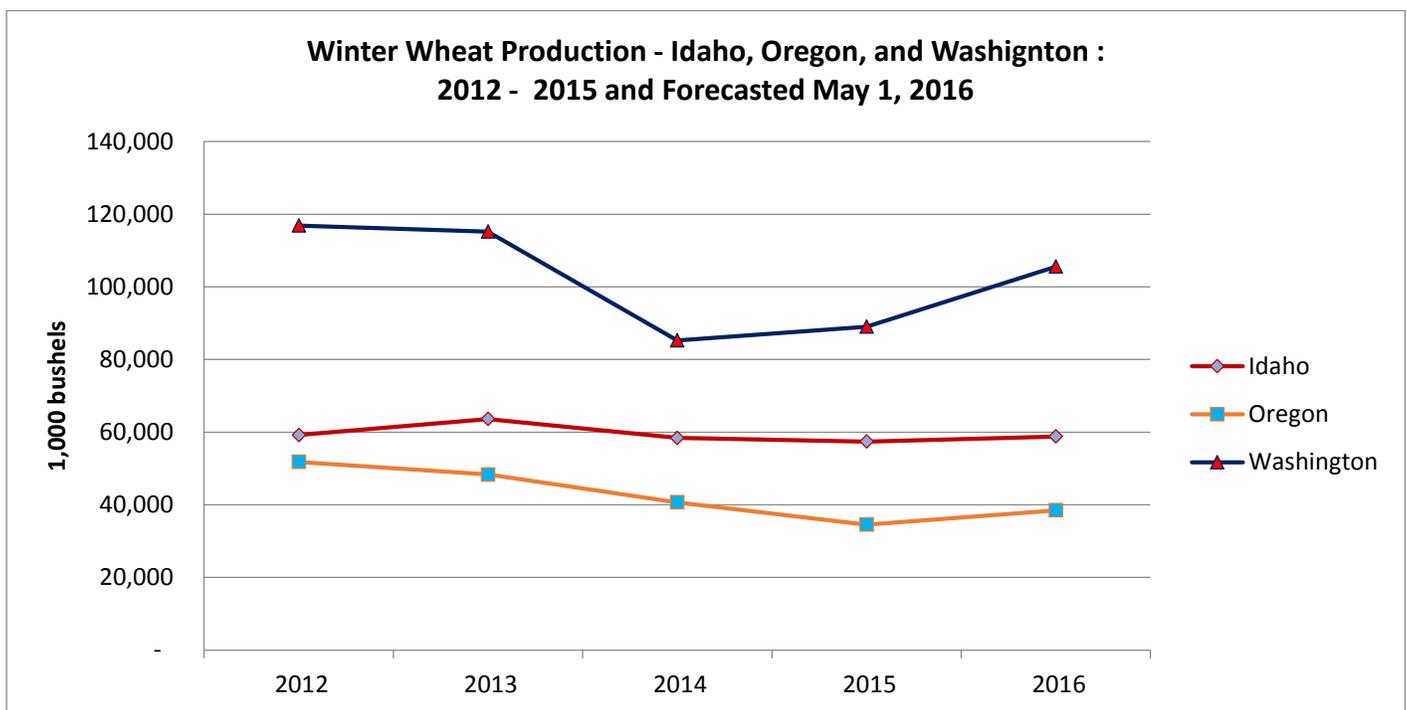
Winter Wheat Area Harvested, Yield, and Production — Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and United States: 2015 and Forecasted May 1, 2016

State	Area harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(bushels)	(bushels)	(1,000 bushels)	(1,000 bushels)
Idaho	700	700	82.0	84.0	57,400	58,800
Oregon	735	675	47.0	57.0	34,545	38,475
Washington	1,590	1,650	56.0	64.0	89,040	105,600
United States	32,257	29,831	42.5	47.8	1,370,188	1,427,084

Wheat Production by Class — United States: 2015 and Forecasted May 1, 2016

[Wheat class estimates are based on the latest available data including both surveys and administrative data. The previous end-of-year season class percentages are used throughout the forecast season for States that do not have survey or administrative data available. Blank cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Crop	2015	2016
	(1,000 bushels)	(1,000 bushels)
Winter		
Hard red.....	826,913	862,522
Soft red.....	359,055	356,569
Hard white.....	15,914	17,386
Soft white.....	168,306	190,607
Spring		
Hard red.....	564,107	
Hard white.....	5,526	
Soft white.....	29,447	
Durum.....	82,484	
Total	2,051,752	



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