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Winter Wheat Production in the Northwest Region Down 14 Percent from Last Year

Based on May 1, 2021 conditions, production of winter wheat in Idaho was forecast at 64.6 million bushels, down 3 percent from 2020. Yield was expected to average 95.0 bushels per acre, down 6.0 bushels from last year. Growers planted an estimated 730,000 acres in the fall of 2020, up 10,000 acres from the previous year. Harvested acres were forecast at 680,000 acres, up 20,000 acres from a year ago.

In Oregon, production was forecast at 39.5 million bushels, down 15 percent from 2020. Yield was expected to average 56.0 bushels per acre, down 8.0 bushels from last year. Growers planted an estimated 720,000 acres in the fall of 2020, down 20,000 acres from the previous year. Growers expected to harvest 705,000 acres, down 20,000 acres from the previous year.

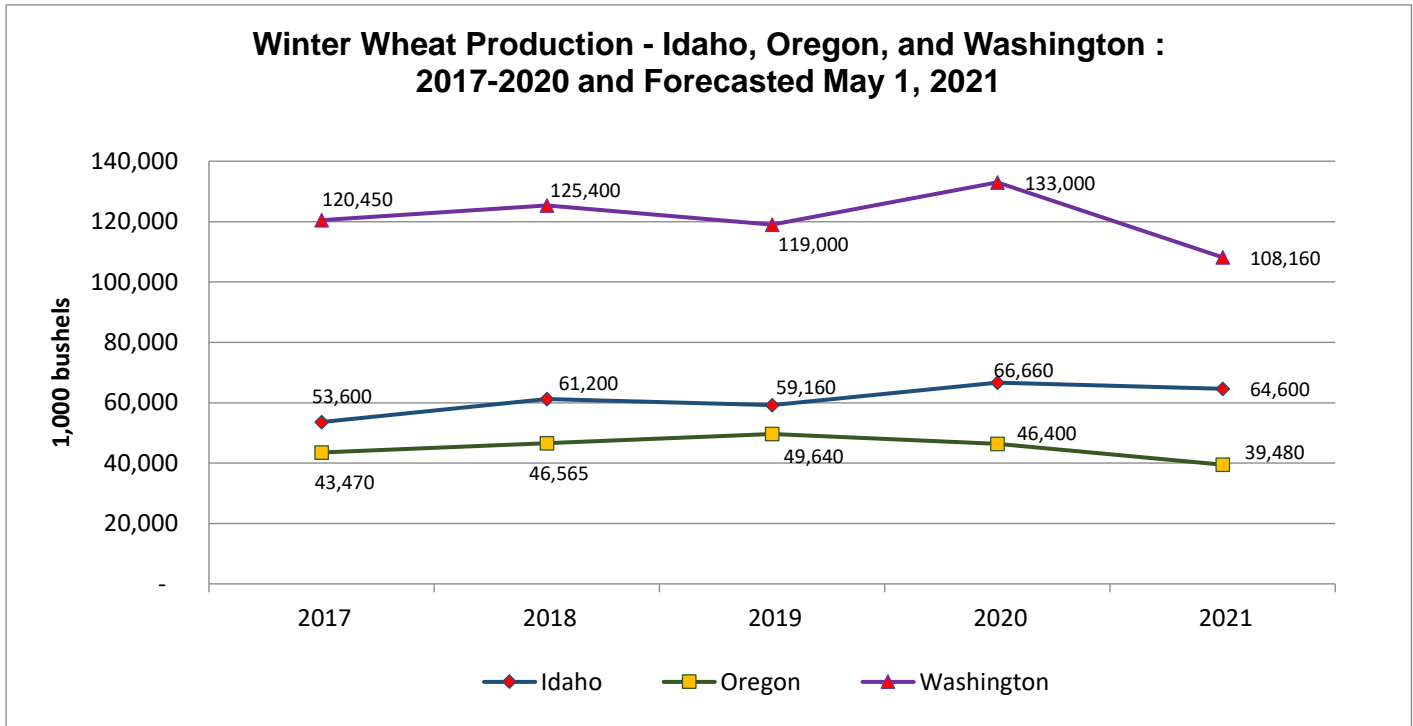
In Washington, production was forecast at 108 million bushels, down 19 percent from 2020. Yield was expected to average 64.0 bushels per acre, down 12.0 bushels from the previous year. Growers planted an estimated 1.75 million acres in the fall of 2020, down 50,000 acres from the previous year. Harvested acres were forecast at 1.69 million acres, down 60,000 acres from 2020.

Nationally, production was expected to be 1.28 billion bushels, up 10 percent from 2020. Yield was forecast at 52.1 bushels per acre, up 1.2 bushels from last year. Growers planted an estimated 33.1 million acres in the fall of 2020, up 2.66 million acres from the previous year. Harvested acres were forecast at 24.6 million acres, up 1.59 million acres from 2020.

U.S. White Winter wheat production is forecast at 220 million bushels, down 10 percent from last year. Of this total, 14.2 million bushels are Hard White and 206 million bushels are Soft White. U.S. Hard Red Winter, at 731 million bushels, is up 11 percent from 2020. Soft Red Winter, at 332 million bushels, is up 25 percent from 2020.

Winter Wheat Area Harvested, Yield, and Production — Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and United States: 2020 and Forecasted May 1, 2021

State	Area harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(bushels)	(bushels)	(1,000 bushels)	(1,000 bushels)
Idaho	660	680	101.0	95.0	66,660	64,600
Oregon.....	725	705	64.0	56.0	46,400	39,480
Washington.....	1,750	1,690	76.0	64.0	133,000	108,160
United States	23,024	24,612	50.9	52.1	1,171,022	1,282,925



Wheat Production by Class — United States: 2020 and Forecasted May 1, 2021

[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	2020	2021
	(1,000 bushels)	(1,000 bushels)
Winter		
Hard red.....	658,640	730,833
Soft red.....	266,235	331,594
Hard white.....	12,179	14,239
Soft white.....	233,968	206,259
Spring		
Hard red.....	530,152	
Hard white.....	10,687	
Soft white.....	45,151	
Durum.....	68,808	
Total	1,825,820	

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