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### **Tennessee 2019 Wheat Harvested Acres Forecast Lowest Since 2010**

**Tennessee** farmers expect to harvest 14.6 million bushels of **winter wheat** during 2019 according to the Tennessee Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The expected crop for 2019 would be down 21 percent from the previous year. Farmers seeded 300,000 acres last fall with 225,000 acres to be harvested for grain. Based on crop conditions as of May 1 and assuming a normal growing season, farmers expect a yield of 65.0 bushels per acre, unchanged bushels from 2018. Acres for other uses totaled 75,000 acres and will be used as cover crop or cut as silage or hay.

As of May 5, winter wheat was rated 2 percent very poor, 7 percent poor, 32 percent fair, 47 percent good and 12 percent excellent. Crop progress is 78 percent headed compared to 62 percent at this time last year and 65 percent for the five-year average.

Winter wheat production for the **Nation** was forecast at 1.27 billion bushels, up 7 percent from 2018. The expected area to be harvested for grain or seed totals 25.2 million acres, up 2 percent from last year. As of May 1, the U.S. yield was forecast at 50.3 bushels per acre, up 2.4 bushels from last year.

As of May 1, **Tennessee** on-farm **hay stocks** totaled 485,000 tons, up 5,000 from May 1, 2018 stocks. Farmers have used 85 percent of their hay stocks since December 1, 2018.

**U. S.** hay stocks were at 14.9 million tons, down 442,000 tons from 2018.