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### **Tennessee 2020 Wheat Forecast and May Hay Stocks**

**Tennessee** farmers expect to harvest 15.2 million bushels of **winter wheat** during 2020 according to the Tennessee Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The expected crop for 2020 would be up 5% from the previous year. Farmers seeded 310,000 acres last fall with 230,000 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 66.0 bushels per acre, down 1.0 bushels from 2019. Acres for other uses totaled 80,000 acres and will be used as cover crop or cut as silage or hay.

As of May 10, winter wheat was rated 1% very poor, 3% poor, 34% fair, 48% good and 14% excellent. Crop progress was 92% headed compared to 89% at this time last year and 87% for the five-year average.

Winter wheat production for the **Nation** was forecast at 1.25 billion bushels, down 4% from 2019. The expected area to be harvested for grain or seed totals 24.3 million acres, down slightly from last year. As of May 1, the U.S. yield was forecast at 51.7 bushels per acre, down 1.9 bushels from last year.

As of May 1, **Tennessee** on-farm **hay stocks** totaled 425,000 tons, down 60,000 from May 1, 2019 stocks. Farmers have used 85% of their hay stocks since December 1, 2019.

**U. S.** hay stocks were at 20.4 million tons, up 5,520,000 tons from 2019.