Tennessee Winter Wheat Production down 6% from 2019

Tennessee farmers harvested 13.6 million bushels of winter wheat during the summer of 2020 according to the Tennessee Field Office of USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. This was down 6% from the previous year. Yield is estimated at 59.0 bushels per acre, down 8.0 bushels from 2019. Farmers seeded 300,000 acres last fall, up 20,000 acres from 2019. Area harvested for grain totaled 230,000 acres. Acres for other uses totaled 70,000 acres and were used as cover crop, cut as hay, chopped for silage or abandoned.

Production of all wheat for the U.S. totaled 1.83 billion bushels, down 5% from 2019. Grain area harvested totaled 36.7 million acres, down 2% from the previous year. The United States yield is estimated at 49.7 bushels per acre, down 2.0 bushels from last year. The levels of production and changes from 2019 by type are winter wheat, 1.17 billion bushels, down 11%; other spring wheat, 586 million bushels, up 4%, and durum wheat, 68.8 million bushels, up 28%.