Tennessee Winter Wheat Production Forecast up 63 % from 2020

Tennessee farmers expect to harvest 22.1 million bushels of winter wheat during 2021 according to the Tennessee field office of USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. The expected crop for 2021 would be up 63 % from the previous year. The forecast was based on crop conditions as of June 1 and decreased 1 % from the May forecast. Growers expect a yield of 69.0 bushels per acre, up 10.0 bushels from 2020 and down 1.0 bushels from May. Farmers seeded 400,000 acres last fall with 320,000 acres to be harvested for grain. Acres for other uses totaled 80,000 acres and will be used as cover crop for tobacco or cut as silage or hay.

Winter wheat production for the Nation was forecast at 1.31 billion bushels, up 2 % from the May 1 forecast and up 12 % from 2020. Based on June 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 53.2 bushels per acre, up 1.1 bushels from last month and up 2.3 bushels from last year. The expected area to be harvested for grain or seed totals 24.6 million acres, up 7 % from last year.