Tennessee Winter Wheat Production up 73% from 2020

Tennessee farmers harvested 23.4 million bushels of winter wheat during the summer of 2021 according to the Tennessee Field Office of USDA’S National Agricultural Statistics Service. This was up 73% from the previous year. Yield is estimated at 71.0 bushels per acre, up 12.0 bushels from 2020. Farmers seeded 400,000 acres last fall, up 100,000 acres from 2020. Area harvested for grain totaled 330,000 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 1.65 billion bushels, down 10% from 2020. Grain area harvested totaled 37.2 million acres, up 1% from the previous year. The United States yield is estimated at 44.3 bushels per acre, down 5.4 bushels from last year. The levels of production and changes from 2020 by type are winter wheat, 1.28 billion bushels, up 9%; other spring wheat, 331 million bushels, down 44%, and durum wheat, 37.3 million bushels, down 46%.