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Tennessee Winter Wheat Production Forecast up slightly from 2015

Tennessee farmers expect to harvest 27.0 million bushels of **winter wheat** during 2016 according to the Tennessee Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The expected crop for 2016 would be up slightly from the previous year. The forecast was based on crop conditions as of June 1 and decreased 1 percent from the May forecast. Growers expect a yield of 71.0 bushels per acre, up 3.0 bushels from 2015 and down 1.0 bushel from May. Farmers seeded 440,000 acres last fall with 380,000 acres to be harvested for grain. Acres for other uses totaled 60,000 acres and will be used as cover crop for tobacco or cut as silage or hay.

Current conditions are 30% excellent, 51% good, 17% fair and 2% poor.

Winter wheat production for the **Nation** was forecast at 1.51 billion bushels, up 6 percent from the May 1 forecast and up 10 percent from 2015. Based on June 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 50.5 bushels per acre, up 2.7 bushels from last month and up 8 bushels from last year. If realized, this will be the highest yield on record for the United States. The expected area to be harvested for grain or seed totals 29.8 million acres, down 8 percent from last year.