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## Virginia Winter Wheat Production Forecast Down 13 Percent From 2014

**Virginia** farmers expect to harvest 15.3 million bushels of **winter wheat** during 2015 according to the Virginia Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The expected crop for 2015 would be down 13 percent from the previous year. The forecast was based on crop conditions as of June 1 and decreased 4 percent from the May forecast. Growers expect a yield of 68.0 bushels per acre, unchanged from 2014 and down 3.0 bushels from May. Farmers seeded 260,000 acres last fall with 225,000 acres to be harvested for grain. Acres for other uses totaled 35,000 acres and will be used as cover crop for tobacco or cut as silage or hay.

On June 1, seventy-eight percent of the winter wheat crop was rated in good to excellent condition.

Winter wheat production for the **Nation** was forecast at 1.51 billion bushels, up 2 percent from the May 1 forecast and up 9 percent from 2014. Based on June 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 44.5 bushels per acre, up 1.0 bushels from last month and up 1.9 bushels from last year. The expected area to be harvested for grain or seed totals 33.8 million acres, up 5 percent from last year.

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