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## Virginia Winter Wheat Production down 22 percent from 2014

**Virginia** farmers harvested 13.9 million bushels of **winter wheat** during the summer of 2015 according to the Virginia Field Office of USDA'S National Agricultural Statistics Service. This was down 22 percent from the previous year and down 2 percent from the August forecast. Yield is estimated at 66.0 bushels per acre, down 2.0 bushels from 2014 but up 3.0 bushels from August forecast. Farmers seeded 260,000 acres last fall, down 30,000 acres from 2014. Area harvested for grain totaled 210,000 acres. Acres for other uses totaled 50,000 acres.

**Barley** production for **Virginia** is estimated at 1.20 million bushels, down 46 percent from the revised 2014 total. Average yield per acre, at 75.0 bushels, is down 4.0 bushels from the previous year. Producers seeded 46,000 acres in 2015, down 10,000 acres from last year. Harvested area, at 16,000 acres, is down 12,000 acres from 2014.

The 2015 **oat** production for **Virginia** is estimated at 304,000 bushels, up 70,000 bushels from last year's total. Yield is estimated at 76.0 bushels per acre, down 2.0 bushels from the previous year. Area seeded totaled 12,000 acres, up 2,000 acres from the previous year. Harvested area, at 4,000 acres, is 1,000 acres above last year.

Production of **all wheat** for the **U.S.** totaled 2.05 billion bushels, down 4 percent from the August 1 forecast and up 1 percent from 2014. Grain area harvested totaled 47.1 million acres, up 2 percent from the previous year. The United States yield is estimated at 43.6 bushels per acre, down 0.5 bushels from August 1 forecast and down 0.1 bushels from last year. The levels of production and changes from 2014 by type are winter wheat, 1.37 billion bushels, down less than 1 percent; other spring wheat, 599 million bushels, up less than 1 percent, and durum wheat, 82.5 million bushels, up 53 percent.

**Barley** production for the **United States** is estimated at 214 million bushels, up 18 percent from the revised 2014 total. Average yield per acre, at 68.9 bushels, is down 3.8 bushels from the previous year. Producers seeded 3.56 million acres in 2015, up 17 percent from last year. Harvested area, at 3.11 million acres, is up 25 percent from 2014.

The 2015 **oat** production for the **Nation** is estimated at 89.5 million bushels, up 27 percent from 2014 total. Yield is estimated at 70.2 bushels per acre, up 2.3 bushels from the previous year. Producers seeded 3.09 million acres in 2015, up 12 percent from last year. Harvested area, at 1.28 million acres, is 23 percent above last year.