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## Virginia Winter Wheat Production Forecast down 18 percent from 2018

**Virginia** farmers expect to harvest 7.59 million bushels of **winter wheat** during 2019 according to the Virginia Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The expected crop for 2019 would be down 18 percent from the previous year. The forecast was based on crop conditions as of July 1 and decreased 1 percent from the June forecast. Growers expect a yield of 66.0 bushels per acre, up 6.0 bushels from 2018 and down 1.0 bushels from June. Farmers seeded 180,000 acres last fall with 115,000 acres to be harvested for grain. Acres for other uses totaled 65,000 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 1.29 billion bushels, up 1 percent from the June 1 forecast and up 9 percent from 2018. Based on July 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 51.8 bushels per acre, up 1.3 bushels from last month and up 3.9 bushels from last year. The expected area to be harvested for grain or seed totals 24.9 million acres, up 1 percent from last year.

**Barley** producers in **Virginia** forecast harvesting 657,000 bushels for 2019, up 4 percent from last year. Acres expected to be harvested for grain total 9,000 acres, unchanged from last year. Producers expect a yield of 73.0 bushels per acre, up 3.0 bushels from 2018. **U. S.** production is expected to total 171 million bushels. Acres harvested is forecast at 2.33 million acres, up 18 percent from last year. Growers nationwide anticipate a yield of 73.3 bushels per acre, decreased 4.1 bushels from 2018.

**Flue-cured tobacco** production in **Virginia** is forecast at 37.4 million pounds, 11 percent lower than the 42.0 million pounds produced in 2018. Acres for harvest are estimated at 17,000, down 4,000 acres from the 21,000 acres harvested last year. Yield per acre is forecast at 2,200 pounds, up 200 pounds from last year. **U. S.** production is forecast at 320 million pounds down 5 percent from 2018. Acres harvested is estimated at 159,000 acres, down 19.6 percent from last year. Yield per acre is forecast at 2,015 pounds, up 303 pounds from the previous year.