**Virginia Winter Wheat Production Forecast up 1% from 2020**

**Virginia** farmers expect to harvest 7.88 million bushels of **winter wheat** during 2021 according to the Virginia Field Office of USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. The expected crop for 2021 would be up 1% from the previous year. The forecast was based on crop conditions as of July 1 and increased 1% from the June forecast. Growers expect a yield of 63.0 bushels per acre, up 3.0 bushels from 2020 and up 3.0 bushels from June. Farmers seeded 210,000 acres last fall with 125,000 acres to be harvested for grain. Acres for other uses totaled 85,000 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 1.36 billion bushels, up 4% from the June 1 forecast and up 16% from 2020. Based on July 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 53.6 bushels per acre, up 0.4 bushels from last month and up 2.7 bushels from last year. The expected area to be harvested for grain or seed totals 25.4 million acres, up 11% from last year.

**Barley** producers in **Virginia** forecast harvesting 747 thousand bushels for 2021, up 69% from last year. Acres expected to be harvested for grain total 9,000 acres, 2,000 above last year. Producers expect a yield of 83.0 bushels per acre, up 20.0 bushels from 2020. **U. S.** production is expected to total 114 million bushels. Acres harvested is forecast at 2.04 million acres, down 4% from last year. Growers nationwide anticipate a yield of 55.9 bushels per acre, decreased 21.6 bushels from 2021.

**Flue-cured tobacco** production in **Virginia** is forecast at 28.0 million pounds, 6% higher than the 26.4 million pounds produced in 2020. Acres for harvest are estimated at 14,000, up 2,000 acres from the 12,000 acres harvested last year. Yield per acre is forecast at 2,000 pounds, down 200 pounds from last year. **U. S.** production is forecast at 291 million pounds up 22% from 2020. Acres harvested is estimated at 151,500 acres, up 18.5% from last year. Yield per acre is forecast at 1,920 pounds, up 62.0 pounds from the previous year.