Virginia Winter Wheat Production up 3% from 2020

Virginia farmers harvested 8.04 million bushels of winter wheat during the summer of 2021 according to the Virginia Field Office of USDA’S National Agricultural Statistics Service. This was up 3% from the previous year. Yield is estimated at 67.0 bushels per acre, up 7.0 bushels from 2020. Farmers seeded 205,000 acres last fall, down 15,000 acres from 2020. Area harvested for grain totaled 120,000 acres. Acres for other uses totaled 85,000 acres.

Barley production for Virginia is estimated at 525,000 bushels, up 19% from the revised 2020 total. Average yield per acre, at 75.0 bushels, is up 12.0 bushels from the previous year. Producers seeded 30,000 acres in 2021, down 1,000 acres from last year. Harvested area, at 7,000 acres, is unchanged from 2020.

Production of all wheat for the U.S. totaled 1.65 billion bushels, down 10% from 2020. Grain area harvested totaled 37.2 million acres, up 1% from the previous year. The United States yield is estimated at 44.3 bushels per acre, down 5.4 bushels from last year. The levels of production and changes from 2020 by type are winter wheat, 1.28 billion bushels, up 9%; other spring wheat, 331 million bushels, down 44%, and durum wheat, 37.3 million bushels, down 46%.

Barley production for the United States is estimated at 118 million bushels, down 31% from the revised 2020 total. Average yield per acre, at 60.4 bushels, is down 16.8 bushels from the previous year. Producers seeded 2.66 million acres in 2021, down 2% from last year. Harvested area, at 1.95 million acres, is down 12% from 2020.