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Winter Wheat Production in the Northwest Region Down 3 Percent from 2019

Based on May 1, 2020 conditions, production of winter wheat in Idaho was forecast at 58.7 million bushels, down 1 percent from 2019. Yield was expected to average 85.0 bushels per acre, down 2.0 bushels from last year. Growers planted an estimated 730,000 acres in the fall of 2019, unchanged from the previous year. Harvested acres were forecast at 690,000 acres, up 10,000 acres from a year ago.

In Oregon, production was forecast at 45.3 million bushels, down 9 percent from 2019. Yield was expected to average 62.0 bushels per acre, down 6.0 bushels from last year. Growers planted an estimated 740,000 acres in the fall of 2019, unchanged from the previous year. Growers expected to harvest 730,000 acres, unchanged from the previous year.

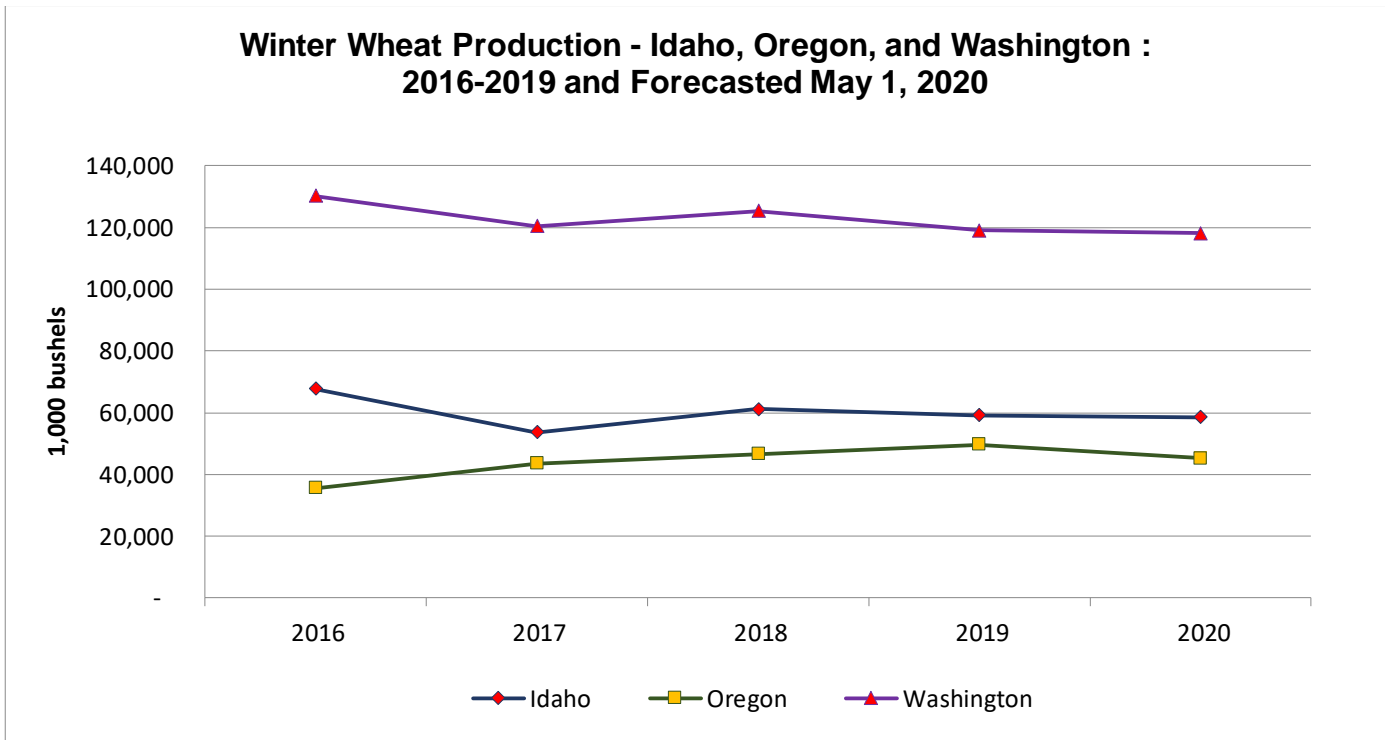
In Washington, production was forecast at 118 million bushels, down 1 percent from 2019. Yield was expected to average 72.0 bushels per acre, up 2.0 bushels from the previous year. Growers planted an estimated 1.7 million acres in the fall of 2019, down 50,000 acres from the previous year. Harvested acres were forecast at 1.64 million acres, down 60,000 acres from 2019.

Nationally, production was expected to be 1.25 billion bushels, down 4 percent from 2019. Yield was forecast at 51.7 bushels per acre, down 1.9 bushels from last year. Growers planted an estimated 30.8 million acres in the fall of 2019, down 384,000 acres from the previous year. Harvested acres were forecast at 24.3 million acres, down 52,000 acres from 2019.

U.S. White Winter wheat production is forecast at 224 million bushels, down 3 percent from last year. Of this total, 16.2 million bushels are Hard White and 207 million bushels are Soft White. U.S. Hard Red Winter, at 733 million bushels, is down 12 percent from 2019. Soft Red Winter, at 298 million bushels, is up 24 percent from 2019.

Winter Wheat Area Harvested, Yield, and Production — Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and United States: 2019 and Forecasted May 1, 2020

State	Area harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(bushels)	(bushels)	(1,000 bushels)	(1,000 bushels)
Idaho.....	680	690	87.0	85.0	59,160	58,650
Oregon.....	730	730	68.0	62.0	49,640	45,260
Washington	1,700	1,640	70.0	72.0	119,000	118,080
United States.....	24,327	24,275	53.6	51.7	1,304,003	1,254,600



Wheat Production by Class — United States: 2019 and Forecasted May 1, 2020

[Wheat class estimates are based on the latest available data including both surveys and administrative data. The previous end-of-year season class percentages are used throughout the forecast season for States that do not have survey or administrative data available. Blank cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Crop	2019	2020
	(1,000 bushels)	(1,000 bushels)
Winter		
Hard red	833,181	733,409
Soft red.....	239,166	297,527
Hard white	19,954	16,200
Soft white	211,702	207,464
Spring		
Hard red	521,557	
Hard white	11,831	
Soft white	28,992	
Durum.....	53,756	
Total	1,920,139	

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