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MAY CROP PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia – On farm hay stocks, as of May 1, 2020, totaled 95,000 tons. This is 20,000 tons more than what was on hand last year at this time. The disappearance of all hay stocks on farms from December 1, 2019 - May 1, 2020, was 565,000 tons, 19 percent less than the December 1, 2018 - May 1, 2019, crop disappearance of 695,000 tons for the same period.

United States – Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.25 billion bushels, down 4 percent from 2019. As of May 1, the United States yield is forecast at 51.7 bushels per acre, down 1.9 bushels from last year's average yield of 53.6 bushels per acre.

All on farm hay stocks stored on United States farms as of May 1, 2020 totaled 20.4 million tons, up 37 percent from May 1, 2019, which were the second lowest since records began in 1950. Disappearance from December 1, 2019 - May 1, 2020 totaled 64.1 million tons, down less than 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Record low May 1 hay stock levels were estimated in Rhode Island and Wisconsin.