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## MAY CROP PRODUCTION

**Charleston, West Virginia – On farm hay stocks**, as of May 1, 2022, totaled 105,000 tons. This is 40,000 tons less than what was on hand last year at this time. The disappearance of all hay stocks on farms from December 1, 2021 - May 1, 2022, was 685,000 tons, 10 percent more than the December 1, 2020 - May 1, 2021, crop disappearance of 625,000 tons for the same period.

**United States – Winter wheat** production is forecast at 1.17 billion bushels, down 8 percent from 2021. As of May 1, the United States yield is forecast at 47.9 bushels per acre, down 2.3 bushels from last year's average yield of 50.2 bushels per acre. Area expected to be harvested for grain or seed is forecast at 24.5 million acres, down 4 percent from last year.

**All on farm hay stocks** stored on United States farms as of May 1, 2022, totaled 16.8 million tons, down 7 percent from May 1, 2021. Disappearance from December 1, 2021 - May 1, 2022, totaled 62.2 million tons, down 6 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Record low May 1 hay stock levels were estimated in Arizona, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island.