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## MAY CROP PRODUCTION

**Charleston, West Virginia – On farm hay stocks**, as of May 1, 2015, totaled 220,000 tons. This is 15,000 tons less than what was on hand last year at this time. The disappearance of all hay stocks on farms from December 1, 2014 - May 1, 2015, was 690,000 tons, 9 percent more than the December 1, 2013 - May 1, 2014, crop disappearance of 635,000 tons for the same period.

**United States – Winter wheat** production is forecast at 1.47 billion bushels, up 7 percent from 2014. As of May 1, the United States yield is forecast at 43.5 bushels per acre, up 0.9 bushel from last year. Expected grain area is forecast at 33.8 million acres, up nearly 5 percent from last year.

**All on farm hay stocks** stored on United States farms May 1, 2015 totaled 24.5 million tons, up 28 percent from a year ago. Disappearance from December 1, 2014 - May 1, 2015 totaled 67.5 million tons, compared with 70.1 million tons for the same period a year earlier.

May 1 hay stocks levels were record-lows in Connecticut, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

May 1 hay stocks were up from the previous year as improved weather conditions in 2014 led to larger production totals in many States. However, the eastern third of the Nation saw declines in stocks levels in a number of States. Notable declines occurred in the Northeast where winter conditions persisted into early April requiring additional supplemental feeding.