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MAY CROP PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia – On farm hay stocks, as of May 1, 2016, totaled 190,000 tons. This is 30,000 tons less than what was on hand last year at this time. The disappearance of all hay stocks on farms from December 1, 2015 - May 1, 2016, was 660,000 tons, 4 percent less than the December 1, 2014 - May 1, 2015, crop disappearance of 690,000 tons for the same period.

United States – Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.43 billion bushels, up 4 percent from 2015. As of May 1, the United States yield is forecast at 47.8 bushels per acre, up 5.3 bushels from last year. If realized, this will equal the record yield set in 1999.

All on farm hay stocks stored on United States farms as of May 1, 2016 totaled 25.1 million tons, up 3 percent from a year ago. Disappearance between December 1, 2015 and May 1, 2016 totaled 69.9 million tons, compared with 67.5 million tons for the same period a year earlier.

May 1 hay stocks were up slightly from the previous year as mild winter conditions throughout most of the Nation did not extend supplemental feeding.