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WEST VIRGINIA 2014 ANNUAL CROP PRODUCTION, WINTER WHEAT SEEDINGS, GRAIN AND HAY STOCKS

Charleston, West Virginia – Winter wheat planted acres totaled 10,000 in 2014, up 1,000 acres from 2013. Area harvested for grain totaled 7,000 acres, unchanged from 2013. The average yield for 2014 was estimated to be 64.0 bushels per acre. This was up 12 bushels per acre from 2013. Production was estimated at 448,000 bushels, up 23 percent or 84,000 bushels from 2013. **Winter wheat seedings** for the 2015 crop are estimated at 7,000 acres, down 30 percent or 3,000 acres from 2014.

All hay area harvested in 2014 totaled 618,000 acres, up 28,000 acres from 2013. The average yield in 2014 was 1.83 tons per acre, down 0.14 ton per acre from 2013. Production totaled 1,132,000 tons, down 33,000 tons from 2013. **December On Farm Hay Stocks** were 910,000 tons, up 40,000 tons from the total of 870,000 tons in 2013.

Alfalfa hay area harvested totaled 18,000 acres in 2014, down 2,000 acres from 2013. Yields in 2014 averaged 2.9 tons per acre, down 1.2 tons from 2013. Production totaled 52,000 tons, down 30,000 tons from 2013. New seedings of alfalfa in 2014 are estimated at 1,000 acres, down 1,000 acres from 2013.

All other hay area harvested totaled 600,000 acres in 2014, up 30,000 acres from 2013. Yields averaged 1.8 tons per acre, down 0.1 ton per acre from 2013. Production totaled 1,080,000 tons, down 3,000 tons from 2013.

Corn area planted for all purposes in 2014 totaled 51,000 acres, down 2,000 acres from 2013. Harvested area **for grain** totaled 36,000 acres, unchanged from 2013. The average yield of 149.0 bushels per acre was up 2.0 bushels per acre from 2013. Production was 5,364,000 bushels, up 1 percent or 72,000 bushels from 2013.

Corn for silage area harvested was 14,000 acres in 2014, down 2,000 acres from 2013. Yields averaged 18.0 tons per acre which was 1.0 ton per acre below the 2013 yield. Silage production was estimated at 252,000 tons, down 17 percent or 52,000 tons from 2013.

Soybeans area planted totaled 27,000 acres, up 4,000 acres from 2013. Area harvested for soybeans totaled 26,000 acres, up 4,000 acres from 2013. The yield for soybeans in 2014 averaged 51.0 bushels per acre, up 4.5 bushels per acre from 2013. Production was estimated at 1,326,000 bushels, up 30 percent or 303,000 bushels from 2013.

The total area planted to **principal crops** in West Virginia totaled 706,000 acres in 2014, up 31,000 acres from 2013. Area harvested totaled 701,000 acres, up 30,000 acres from 2013. Principal crops include acres planted to corn, soybeans, wheat, and acres harvested for hay.

UNITED STATES WITH PREVIOUS YEAR COMPARISONS

- All wheat production - 2.03 billion bushels, down 5%.
- Winter wheat production - 1.38 billion bushels, down 11%.
- 2015 winter wheat seedings - 40.5 million acres, down 5% from 2014.
- 2014 alfalfa seedings - 2.55 million acres, up 1% from 2013.
- Alfalfa hay production - 61.4 million tons, up 7%.
- All other hay production - 78.4 million tons, up less than 1%.
- All hay production - 139.8 million tons, up 4%.
- Corn planted for all purposes area - 90.6 million acres, down 5%.
- Corn for grain area harvested - 83.1 million acres, down less than 5%.
- Corn for grain production - 14.2 billion bushels, up 3%.
- Corn for grain yield - 171.0 bushels per acre, up 12.9 bushels per acre.
- Corn for silage harvested area - 6.37 million acres, up 1%.
- Corn for silage production - 128.0 million tons, up 8%.
- Corn for silage yield - 20.1 tons per acre, up 1.3 tons per acre.
- Soybean production - 3.97 billion bushels, up 18%.
- Soybean yield - 47.8 bushels per acre, up 3.8 bushels per acre.
- All tobacco production - 876.4 million pounds, up 21%.
- Oats production - 69.7 million bushels, up 8%.
- Area planted to principal crops - 326.8 million acres, up less than 1%.
- Area harvested for principal crops - 309.0 million acres, up 2%.

U.S. STOCKS TOTALS AS OF DECEMBER 1, 2014

- Hay stocks on-farms - 92.1 million tons, up 3%.
- Corn stocks on-farms - 7.09 billion bushels, up 11%.
- Corn stocks off-farms - 4.12 billion bushels, up 1%.
- All wheat stocks on-farms - 472.6 million bushels, up 19%.
- All wheat stocks off-farms - 1.05 billion bushels, down 2%.
- Soybean stocks on-farms - 1.22 billion bushels, up 28%.
- Soybean stocks off-farms - 1.31 billion bushels, up 9%.
- Oats stocks on-farms - 31.3 million bushels, up 22%.
- Oats stocks off-farms - 30.9 million bushels, up 38%.