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WEST VIRGINIA 2015 ANNUAL CROP PRODUCTION, WINTER WHEAT SEEDINGS, GRAIN AND HAY STOCKS

Charleston, West Virginia – Winter wheat planted acres totaled 9,000 in 2015, down 1,000 acres from 2014. Area harvested for grain totaled 4,000 acres, down 3,000 acres from 2014. The average yield for 2015 was estimated to be 60.0 bushels per acre. This was down 4.0 bushels per acre from 2014. Production was estimated at 240,000 bushels, down 46 percent or 208,000 bushels from 2014. **Winter wheat seedings** for the 2016 crop are estimated at 8,000 acres, down 11 percent or 1,000 acres from 2015.

All hay area harvested in 2015 totaled 590,000 acres, down 28,000 acres from 2014. The average yield in 2015 was 1.75 tons per acre, down 0.08 ton per acre from 2014. Production totaled 1,035,000 tons, down 97,000 tons from 2014. **December On Farm Hay Stocks** were 850,000 tons, down 60,000 tons from the total of 910,000 tons in 2014.

Alfalfa hay area harvested totaled 20,000 acres in 2015, up 2,000 acres from 2014. Yields in 2015 averaged 3.30 tons per acre, up 0.4 ton from 2014. Production totaled 66,000 tons, up 14,000 tons from 2014. New seedings of alfalfa in 2015 are estimated at 2,000 acres, up 1,000 acres from 2014.

All other hay area harvested totaled 570,000 acres in 2015, down 30,000 acres from 2014. Yields averaged 1.70 tons per acre, down 0.1 ton per acre from 2014. Production totaled 969,000 tons, down 111,000 tons from 2014.

Corn area planted for all purposes in 2015 totaled 50,000 acres, down 1,000 acres from 2014. Harvested area **for grain** totaled 35,000 acres, down 1,000 acres from 2014. The average yield of 148.0 bushels per acre was down 1.0 bushels per acre from 2014. Production was 5,180,000 bushels, down 3 percent or 184,000 bushels from 2014.

Corn for silage area harvested was 14,000 acres in 2015, unchanged from 2014. Yields averaged 18.0 tons per acre, unchanged from 2014. Silage production was estimated at 252,000 tons, unchanged from 2014.

Soybeans area planted totaled 27,000 acres, unchanged from 2014. Area harvested for soybeans totaled 26,000 acres, unchanged from 2014. The yield for soybeans in 2015 averaged 48.0 bushels per acre, down 3.0 bushels per acre from 2014. Production was estimated at 1,248,000 bushels, down 6 percent or 78,000 bushels from 2014.

The total area planted to **principal crops** in West Virginia totaled 676,000 acres in 2015, down 30,000 acres from 2014. Area harvested totaled 669,000 acres, down 32,000 acres from 2014. Principal crops include acres planted to corn, soybeans, wheat, and acres harvested for all hay.

UNITED STATES WITH PREVIOUS YEAR COMPARISONS

- All wheat production - 2.05 billion bushels, up 1%.
- Winter wheat production - 1.37 billion bushels, down less than 1%.
- 2016 winter wheat seedings - 36.6 million acres, down 7% from 2015.
- 2015 alfalfa seedings - 2.54 million acres, down less than 1% from 2014.
- Alfalfa hay production - 59.0 million tons, down 4%.
- All other hay production - 75.4 million tons, down 4%.
- All hay production - 134.0 million tons, down 4%.
- Corn planted for all purposes area - 88.0 million acres, down 3%.
- Corn for grain area harvested - 80.7 million acres, down 3%.
- Corn for grain production - 13.6 billion bushels, down 4%.
- Corn for grain yield - 168.4 bushels per acre, down 2.6 bushels per acre.
- Corn for silage harvested area - 6.22 million acres, down 2%.
- Corn for silage production - 127.0 million tons, down less than 1%.
- Corn for silage yield - 20.4 tons per acre, up 0.3 ton per acre.
- Soybean production - 3.93 billion bushels, up less than 1%.
- Soybean yield - 48.0 bushels per acre, up 0.5 bushel per acre.
- All tobacco production - 711.0 million pounds, down 19%.
- Oats production - 89.5 million bushels, up 27%.
- Area planted to principal crops - 318.5 million acres, down 2%.
- Area harvested for principal crops - 304.5 million acres, down 1%.

U.S. STOCKS TOTALS AS OF DECEMBER 1, 2015

- Hay stocks on-farms - 95.0 million tons, up 3%.
- Corn stocks on-farms - 6.83 billion bushels, down 4%.
- Corn stocks off-farms - 4.38 billion bushels, up 6%.
- All wheat stocks on-farms - 503.0 million bushels, up 6%.
- All wheat stocks off-farms - 1.23 billion bushels, up 17%.
- Soybean stocks on-farms - 1.31 billion bushels, up 8%.
- Soybean stocks off-farms - 1.41 billion bushels, up 7%.
- Oats stocks on-farms - 36.8 million bushels, up 17%.
- Oats stocks off-farms - 46.1 million bushels, up 29%.