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2015 SMALL GRAINS SUMMARY

WEST VIRGINIA - Winter wheat production for 2015 totaled 240,000 bushels, down 46 percent from 448,000 bushels in 2014. Area harvested for grain totaled 4,000 acres, down 3,000 acres from 7,000 acres in 2014. Area planted totaled 9,000 acres, down 1,000 acres from last year. The average yield of 60.0 bushels per acre was down 4 bushels per acre from the previous year. Estimates for oats, barley and rye are not included in the estimating program for West Virginia.

UNITED STATES - All wheat production totaled 2.05 billion bushels in 2015, up 1 percent from the revised 2014 total. Area harvested for grain totaled 47.1 million acres, up 2 percent from the previous year. The United States yield is estimated at 43.6 bushels per acre, down 0.1 bushel from the previous year. The levels of production and changes from 2014 by type are winter wheat, 1.37 billion bushels, down less than 1 percent; other spring wheat, 599 million bushels, up less than 1 percent; and Durum wheat, 82.5 million bushels, up 53 percent.

Oat production is estimated at 89.5 million bushels, up 27 percent from the revised 2014 total of 70.2 million bushels. Yield is estimated at 70.2 bushels per acre, up 2.3 bushels from the previous year and represents a new record high for the United States. Harvested area, at 1.28 million acres, is 23 percent above last year.

Barley production is estimated at 214 million bushels, up 18 percent from the revised 2014 total. Average yield per acre, at 68.9 bushels, is down 3.8 bushels from the previous year. Producers seeded 3.56 million acres in 2015, up 17 percent from last year. Harvested area, at 3.11 million acres, is up 25 percent from 2014.

Rye production for 2015 is estimated at 11.5 million bushels, up 60 percent from the 2014 total. Harvested area totaled 360,000 acres, up 102,000 acres from 2014. The United States yield, at 31.9 bushels per acre, is up 4 bushels from the previous year. Favorable weather conditions in the Southern Great Plains and the Southeast led to an increase in harvested acres from a year earlier.