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2016 SMALL GRAINS SUMMARY

Charleston, West Virginia - Winter wheat production for 2016 totaled 244,000 bushels, up 2 percent from 240,000 bushels in 2015. Area harvested for grain totaled 4,000 acres, unchanged from 2015. Area planted totaled 7,000 acres, down 2,000 acres from last year. The average yield of 61.0 bushels per acre was up 1 bushel 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 2.31 billion bushels in 2016, up 12 percent from the revised 2015 total of 2.06 billion bushels. Area harvested for grain totaled 43.9 million acres, down 7 percent from the previous year. The United States yield is estimated at 52.6 bushels per acre, up 9 bushels from the previous year and represents a new record high. The levels of production and changes from 2015 by type are winter wheat, 1.67 billion bushels, up 22 percent; other spring wheat, 534 million bushels, down 11 percent; and Durum wheat, 104 million bushels, up 24 percent.

Oat production is estimated at 64.8 million bushels, down 28 percent from 2015. Yield is estimated at 66.0 bushels per acre, down 4.2 bushels from the previous year. Harvested area, at 981,000 acres, is 23 percent below last year.

Barley production is estimated at 199 million bushels, down 9 percent from the revised 2015 total of 218 million bushels. Average yield per acre, at 77.9 bushels, is up 8.8 bushels from the previous year and is the highest yield on record since estimates began in 1866. Producers seeded 3.05 million acres in 2016, down 16 percent from last year. Harvested area, at 2.56 million acres, is down 19 percent from 2015.

Rye production for 2016 is estimated at 13.5 million bushels, up 16 percent from the revised 2015 total of 11.6 million bushels. Harvested area totaled 1.89 million acres, up 307,000 acres from 2015. The United States yield, at 32.5 bushels per acre, is up 0.7 bushel from the previous year. Estimates began in 2016 for Maine, Maryland, New Jersey, and Virginia.