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Ohio Winter Wheat Production and Hay Stocks

Winter wheat production is expected to decline this year due to lower yields on fewer acres harvested than in 2013. Ohio wheat growers expect to harvest 580,000 acres, down 85,000 acres from last year. Wheat production in the State is expected to be 38.3 million bushels. The yield forecast of 66 bushels would be 4 bushels below the previous year.

U.S. winter wheat production is forecast at 1.40 billion bushels, down 9 percent from 2013. As of May 1, the United States yield is forecast at 43.1 bushels per acre, down 4.3 bushels from last year.

Hay stocks on Ohio farms on May 1, 2014 were 275,000 tons, up 96% from this time last year. May 1, 2014 stocks were nearly double the same time last year due to a 2013 hay crop that was significantly larger than the 2012 crop.

All hay stored on United States farms May 1, 2014 totaled 19.2 million tons, up 35 percent from a year ago. This is the third lowest May 1 stocks level since 1989. Disappearance from December 1, 2013 - May 1, 2014 totaled 70.1 million tons, compared with 62.4 million tons for the same period a year earlier.

Crop Summary, May 2014

Commodity	Ohio			United States		
	2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014
Wheat, winter						
Planted.....1,000 acres	500	690	630	41,224	43,090	42,007
Harvested1,000 acres	450	665	580	34,734	32,402	32,572
Yield.....Bushels	69.0	70.0	66.0	47.3	47.4	43.1
Production 1,000 bu	31,050	46,550	38,280	1,641,272	1,534,253	1,402,505

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