



News Release

Michigan Winter Wheat Production and Hay Stocks

Michigan wheat growers anticipate lower yields in 2023 than they had last year, according to Marlo D. Johnson, Director of USDA NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. Michigan wheat growers expect to harvest 580,000 acres, up 165,000 acres from last year. Wheat production in the State is expected to be 47.0 million bushels. The yield forecast of 81 bushels is down 2 bushels per acre from last year’s crop.

U.S. winter wheat production is forecast at 1.13 billion bushels, up 2 percent from 2022. As of May 1, the United States yield is forecast at 44.7 bushels per acre, down 2.3 bushels from last year’s average yield of 47.0 bushels per acre. Area expected to be harvested for grain or seed is forecast at 25.3 million acres, up 8 percent from last year.

Hay stocks on Michigan farms on May 1, 2023 were 230,000 tons, down 15 percent from this time last year.

All hay stored on United States farms as of May 1, 2023, totaled 14.5 million tons, down 13 percent from May 1, 2022. The May 1 hay stock level for the United States represents the second lowest amount stored since records began in 1950. Disappearance from December 1, 2022 – May 1, 2023, totaled 57.4 million tons, down 8 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production by Crop – Michigan and United States: 2022 - 2023

Commodity	Michigan		United States	
	2022	2023	2022	2023
Wheat, winter				
Planted1,000 acres	460	670	33,271	37,505
Harvested1,000 acres	415	580	23,459	25,286
YieldBushels	83.0	81.0	47.0	44.7
Production1,000 bu	34,445	46,980	1,103,707	1,130,415