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Kentucky Winter Wheat Production Forecast up 1% from 2021

Kentucky farmers expect to harvest 30.8 million bushels of **winter wheat** during 2022 according to the Kentucky Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The expected crop for 2022 would be up 1% from the previous year. The forecast was based on crop conditions as of July 1 and increased 7% from the June forecast. Growers expect a yield of 77.0 bushels per acre, down 10.0 bushels from 2021 and down 2.0 bushels from June. Farmers seeded 530,000 acres last fall with 400,000 acres to be harvested for grain. Acres for other uses totaled 130,000 acres and will be used as a cover crop for tobacco or cut as silage or hay.

“The 2022 wheat crop is good, not the best, but far from the worst,” said David Knopf, director of the NASS Eastern Mountain Regional Office in Kentucky. “From planting to harvesting, the weather was relatively cooperative and farmers have to be pleased the crop is in the bins.”

Winter wheat production for the **Nation** was forecast at 1.20 billion bushels, up 2% from the June 1 forecast and down 6% from 2021. Based on July 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 48.0 bushels per acre, down 0.2 bushels from last month and down 2.2 bushels from last year. The expected area to be harvested for grain or seed totals 25.0 million acres, down 2% from last year.