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Kentucky Winter Wheat Production Forecast up 12% from 2022

Kentucky farmers expect to harvest 33.5 million bushels of **winter wheat** during 2023 according to the Kentucky field office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The expected crop for 2023 would be up 12% from the previous year. The forecast was based on crop conditions as of June 1 and decreased 1% from the May forecast. Growers expect a yield of 78.0 bushels per acre, down 2.0 bushels from 2022 and down 1.0 bushels from May. Farmers seeded 610,000 acres last fall with 430,000 acres to be harvested for grain. Acres for other uses totaled 180,000 acres and will be used as cover crop for tobacco or cut as silage or hay.

As of June 1 the winter wheat crop in Kentucky was rated in mostly good condition.

Winter wheat production for the **Nation** was forecast at 1.14 billion bushels, up 1% from the May 1 forecast and up 3% from 2022. Based on June 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 44.9 bushels per acre, up 0.2 bushels from last month and down 2.1 bushels from last year. The expected area to be harvested for grain or seed totals 25.3 million acres, up 8% from last year.