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## **Kentucky Winter Wheat Production Forecast up 33% from 2022**

**Kentucky** farmers expect to harvest 40.0 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 33% from the previous year. The forecast was based on crop conditions as of July 1 and increased 19% from the June forecast. Growers expect a yield of 87.0 bushels per acre, up 7.0 bushels from 2022 and up 9.0 bushels from June. Farmers seeded 610,000 acres last fall with 460,000 acres to be harvested for grain. Acres for other uses totaled 150,000 acres and will be used as a cover crop for tobacco or cut as silage or hay.

As of July 1 the winter wheat crop in Kentucky was roughly 85% harvested.

Winter wheat production for the **Nation** was forecast at 1.21 billion bushels, up 6% from the June 1 forecast and up 9% from 2022. Based on July 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 46.9 bushels per acre, up 2.0 bushels from last month and down 0.1 bushels from last year. The expected area to be harvested for grain or seed totals 25.7 million acres, up 10% from last year.