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### **Kentucky Winter Wheat Production up 35% from 2022**

**Kentucky** farmers harvested 40.5 million bushels of **winter wheat** during the summer of 2023 according to the Kentucky Field Office of USDA'S National Agricultural Statistics Service. This was up 35% from the previous year and the second highest production on record. Yield is estimated at 88.0 bushels per acre, up 8.0 bushels from 2022 and a new record high. Farmers seeded 610,000 acres last fall, up 80,000 acres from 2022. Area harvested for grain totaled 460,000 acres. Acres for other uses totaled 150,000 acres and was used as cover crop, cut as hay, chopped for silage or abandoned.

Production of **all wheat** for the **U.S.** totaled 1.81 billion bushels, up 10% from 2022. Grain area harvested totaled 37.3 million acres, up 5% from the previous year. The United States yield is estimated at 48.6 bushels per acre, up 2.1 bushels from last year. The levels of production and changes from 2022 by type are winter wheat, 1.25 billion bushels, up 13%; other spring wheat, 505 million bushels, up 5%, and durum wheat, 59.3 million bushels, down 7%.