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Kentucky Winter Wheat Production Forecast down 24% from 2023

Kentucky farmers expect to harvest 30.7 million bushels of **winter wheat** during 2024 according to the Kentucky field office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The expected crop for 2024 would be down 24% from the previous year. The forecast was based on crop conditions as of June 1 and was unchanged from the May forecast. Growers expect a yield of 83.0 bushels per acre, down 5.0 bushels from 2023 and unchanged bushels from May. Farmers seeded 560,000 acres last fall with 370,000 acres to be harvested for grain. Acres for other uses totaled 190,000 acres and will be used as cover crop for tobacco or cut as silage or hay.

As of June 2, the winter wheat crop in Kentucky was rated in mostly good condition.

Winter wheat production for the **Nation** was forecast at 1.29 billion bushels, up 1% from the May 1 forecast and up 4% from 2023. Based on June 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 51.4 bushels per acre, up 0.7 bushels from last month and up 0.8 bushels from last year. The expected area to be harvested for grain or seed totals 25.2 million acres, up 2% from last year.