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## CROP PRODUCTION – MAY 1, 2025

### MONTANA HIGHLIGHTS

**Winter wheat** production in Montana, based on conditions as of May 1, 2025, is forecast at 96.75 million bushels, according to the May 1 Agricultural Yield Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. This forecast is 6 percent above last year's realized production of 91.50 million bushels, and 13 percent above the 85.68-million-bushel crop produced two years ago. Harvested area, forecast at 2.15 million acres, is 320,000 acres, or 17 percent, above last year. Average yield is forecast at 45.0 bushels per acre, down 5.0 bushels from last year's final yield.

As of May 4, Montana's winter wheat crop condition was rated 2 percent very poor, 3 percent poor, 16 percent fair, 69 percent good, and 10 percent excellent, compared with 5 percent poor, 58 percent fair, 35 percent good, and 2 percent excellent last year.

**Hay stocks** on Montana farms and ranches as of May 1, 2025, totaled 1.44 million tons, a decrease of 9 percent from record high stocks of 1.59 million tons on hand last year. Hay production for 2024 totaled 4.82 million tons, 9 percent lower than production in 2023. Disappearance from December 1, 2024 – May 1, 2025, was 2.36 million tons, compared with 2.26 million tons the same period a year earlier.

### UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

**Winter wheat** production is forecast at 1.38 billion bushels, up 2 percent from 2024. As of May 1, the United States yield is forecast at 53.7 bushels per acre, up 2.0 bushels from last year's average yield of 51.7 bushels per acre. Area expected to be harvested for grain or seed totals 25.7 million acres, down 1 percent from last year. Hard Red Winter production, at 784 million bushels, is up 2 percent from a year ago. Soft Red Winter, at 345 million bushels, is up 1 percent from 2024. White Winter, at 253 million bushels, is up 7 percent from last year. Of the White Winter production, 20.6 million bushels are Hard White and 232 million bushels are Soft White.

**All hay** stored on United States farms as of May 1, 2025, totaled 24.1 million tons, up 15 percent from May 1, 2024. Disappearance from December 1, 2024 – May 1, 2025, totaled 57.4 million tons, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

For a full copy of the *Crop Production* report, please visit [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov).