



News Release

Ohio Winter Wheat Production and Hay Stocks

Ohio wheat growers anticipate lower yields in 2024 than they had last year, according to Ben Torrance, State Statistician, USDA NASS, Ohio Field Office. Ohio wheat growers expect to harvest 450,000 acres, down 140,000 acres from last year. Wheat production in the State is expected to total 37.8 million bushels. The yield forecast is 84 bushels, down 6 bushels from last year’s record yield.

U.S. winter wheat production is forecast at 1.28 billion bushels, up 2 percent from 2023. As of May 1, the United States yield is forecast at 50.7 bushels per acre, up 0.1 bushel from last year’s average yield of 50.6 bushels per acre. Area expected to be harvested for grain or seed totals 25.2 million acres, up 2 percent from last year.

Hay stocks on Ohio farms on May 1, 2024, were 300,000 tons, down 14 percent from this time last year.

All hay stored on United States farms as of May 1, 2024, totaled 21.0 million tons, up 47 percent from May 1, 2023. Disappearance from December 1, 2023 - May 1, 2024, totaled 55.7 million tons, down 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production by Crop – Ohio and United States: 2023 - 2024

Commodity	Ohio		United States	
	2023	2024	2023	2024
Wheat, winter				
Planted1,000 acres	650	530	36,699	34,135
Harvested1,000 acres	590	450	24,683	25,198
Yield Bushels	90.0	84.0	50.6	50.7
Production1,000 bu	53,100	37,800	1,247,748	1,277,695

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