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Virginia Winter Wheat Production Forecast down 13% from 2022

Virginia farmers expect to harvest 8.85 million bushels of **winter wheat** during 2023 according to the Virginia field office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The expected crop for 2023 would be down 13% 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 61.0 bushels per acre, down 7.0 bushels from 2022 and unchanged bushels from May. Farmers seeded 230,000 acres last fall with 145,000 acres to be harvested for grain. Acres for other uses totaled 85,000 acres and will be used as cover crop for tobacco or cut as silage or hay.

As of June 1 the winter wheat crop overall was in good condition.

Winter wheat production for the **Nation** was forecast at 1.14 billion bushels, up 1% from the May 1 forecast and up 3% from 2022. Based on June 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 44.9 bushels per acre, up 0.2 bushels from last month and down 2.1 bushels from last year. The expected area to be harvested for grain or seed totals 25.3 million acres, up 8% from last year.