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### **Virginia Winter Wheat Production Up, Barley Production Down**

**Virginia** farmers harvested 10.5 million bushels of **winter wheat** during the summer of 2023 according to the Virginia Field Office of USDA'S National Agricultural Statistics Service. This was up 3% from the previous year. Yield is estimated at 78.0 bushels per acre, up 10.0 bushels from 2022. Farmers seeded 200,000 acres last fall, down 30,000 acres from the previous year. Area harvested for grain totaled 135,000 acres. Acres for other uses totaled 65,000 acres.

**Barley** production for **Virginia** is estimated at 498,000 bushels, down 17% from the 2022 total. Average yield per acre, at 83.0 bushels, is down 3.0 bushels from the previous year. Producers seeded 30,000 acres, unchanged from last year. Harvested area, at 6,000 acres, is down 1,000 acres from 2022.

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%.

**Barley** production for the **United States** is estimated at 185 million bushels, up 6% from the 2022 total. Average yield per acre, at 72.4 bushels, is up 0.8 bushels from the previous year. Producers seeded 3.10 million acres in 2023, up 5% from last year. Harvested area, at 2.56 million acres, is up 4% from 2022.