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Virginia Wheat Production down 47% from 2023

Virginia farmers expect to harvest 5.61 million bushels of **winter wheat** during 2024 according to the Virginia Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The expected crop for 2024 would be down 47% from the previous year. The forecast was based on crop conditions as of July 1 and decreased 20% from the June forecast. Growers expect a yield of 66.0 bushels per acre, down 12.0 bushels from 2023 and down 4.0 bushels from June. Farmers seeded 150,000 acres last fall with 85,000 acres to be harvested for grain.

Winter wheat production for the **Nation** was forecast at 1.34 billion bushels, up 4% from the June 1 forecast and up 7% from 2023. Based on July 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 52.0 bushels per acre, up 0.6 bushels from last month and up 1.4 bushels from last year. The expected area to be harvested for grain or seed totals 25.8 million acres, up 5% from last year.

Flue-cured tobacco production in **Virginia** is forecast at 26.4 million pounds, 12% lower than -the 30.1 million pounds produced in 2023. Acres for harvest are estimated at 12,000, down 800 acres from the 12,800 acres harvested last year. Yield per acre is forecast at 2,200 pounds, down 150 pounds from last year. **U. S.** production is forecast at 254 million pounds down 19% from 2023. Acres harvested is estimated at 126,000 acres, down 8.7% from last year. Yield per acre is forecast at 2,019 pounds, down 264 pounds from the previous year.