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MAY CROP PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia – On farm hay stocks, as of May 1, 2023, totaled 175,000 tons. This is 70,000 tons more than what was on hand last year at this time. The disappearance of all hay stocks on farms from December 1, 2022 - May 1, 2023, was 605,000 tons, 12 percent less than the December 1, 2021 - May 1, 2022, crop disappearance of 685,000 tons for the same period.

United States – Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.13 billion bushels, up 2 percent from 2022. As of May 1, the United States yield is forecast at 44.7 bushels per acre, down 2.3 bushels from last year's average yield of 47.0 bushels per acre. Area expected to be harvested for grain or seed is forecast at 25.3 million acres, up 8 percent from last year.

All on farm hay stocks stored on United States farms as of May 1, 2023, totaled 14.5 million tons, down 13 percent from May 1, 2022. The May 1 hay stock level for the United States represents the second lowest amount stored since records began in 1950. Disappearance from December 1, 2022 - May 1, 2023, totaled 57.4 million tons, down 8 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Record low May 1 hay stock levels were estimated in Arizona, Colorado, and Rhode Island.