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Tennessee Winter Wheat Production Forecast down 12 percent from 2014

According to the Tennessee Field Office of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service <u>Tennessee</u> farmers expect to produce 27.5 million bushels of **winter wheat** from 410,000 acres for harvest this season. At this level, production would be down 12 percent from 2014 and down 6 percent from the June forecast. Based upon crop conditions as of July 1, growers expect a yield of 67.0 bushels per acre, up 1.0 bushels from 2014 and down 4.0 bushels from last month's forecast.

Winter wheat harvest is almost complete. Recent heavy rains and flooding have slowed continuing harvest, but the crop remains in mostly good to excellent condition. As of week ending July 5, ninety-four percent had been harvested, compared to 75 percent last year and a 5-year average of 92 percent.

Winter wheat production for the <u>Nation</u> was forecast at 1.46 billion bushels, down 3 percent from the June 1 forecast and up 6 percent from 2014. Based on July 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 43.7 bushels per acre, down 0.8 bushels from last month and up 1.1 bushels from last year. The expected area to be harvested for grain or seed totals 33.3 million acres, up 3 percent from last year.

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