



# News Release

## Indiana Winter Wheat Production and Hay Stocks

Indiana winter wheat growers anticipate lower yields in 2024 than they had last year, according to Nathaniel Warenski, State Statistician of USDA NASS, Indiana Field Office. Indiana wheat growers expect to harvest 240,000 acres, down 95,000 acres from last year. Wheat production in the State is expected to be 20.2 million bushels. The yield forecast of 84 bushels is down 8 bushels per acre from last year’s crop.

U.S. winter wheat production is forecast at 1.28 billion bushels, up 2 percent from 2023. As of May 1, the United States yield is forecast at 50.7 bushels per acre, up 0.1 bushel from last year’s average yield of 50.6 bushels per acre. Area expected to be harvested for grain or seed totals 25.2 million acres, up 2 percent from last year.

Hay stocks on Indiana farms on May 1, 2024, were 190,000 tons, down 14 percent from this time last year.

All hay stored on United States farms as of May 1, 2024, totaled 21.0 million tons, up 47 percent from May 1, 2023. Disappearance from December 1, 2023 - May 1, 2024, totaled 55.7 million tons, down 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

### Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production by Crop – Indiana and United States: 2023 - 2024

Commodity	Indiana		United States	
	2023	2024	2023	2024
Wheat, winter				
Planted ..... 1,000 acres	405	350	36,699	34,135
Harvested ..... 1,000 acres	335	240	24,683	25,198
Yield ..... Bushels	92.0	84.0	50.6	50.7
Production ..... 1,000 bu	30,820	20,160	1,247,748	1,277,695

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