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CROP PRODUCTION – JUNE 1, 2024

MONTANA HIGHLIGHTS

Winter wheat production in Montana, based on conditions as of June 1, 2024, is forecast at 94.35 million bushels, according to the June 1 Agricultural Yield Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. This forecast is up 9 percent from the May 1 forecast and is 10 percent above the 85.68-million-bushel crop produced last year. Harvested area, forecast at 1.85 million acres, is 170,000 acres, or 10 percent, above last year. Average yield is forecast at 51.0 bushels per acre, up 4.0 bushels from the May 1 forecast but unchanged from last year's final yield.

As of June 2, Montana's winter wheat crop condition was rated 9 percent poor, 42 percent fair, 33 percent good, and 16 percent excellent, compared with 2 percent poor, 40 percent fair, 53 percent good, and 5 percent excellent last year. Heading was 12 percent complete, compared with 5 percent last year and a 5-year average of 4 percent.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.29 billion bushels, up 1 percent from the May 1 forecast and up 4 percent from 2023. As of June 1, the United States yield is forecast at 51.4 bushels per acre, up 0.7 bushel from last month and up 0.8 bushel from last year's average yield of 50.6 bushels per acre. Hard Red Winter production, at 726 million bushels, is up 3 percent from last month. Soft Red Winter, at 342 million bushels, is down less than 1 percent from the May forecast. White Winter, at 226 million bushels, is down 1 percent from last month. Of the White Winter production, 17.8 million bushels are Hard White and 209 million bushels are Soft White.

For a full copy of the *Crop Production* report, please visit www.nass.usda.gov.