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Tennessee 2022 Wheat Forecast and May Hay Stocks

Tennessee farmers expect to harvest 25.1 million bushels of **winter wheat** during 2022 according to the Tennessee Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The expected crop for 2022 would be up 7 % from the previous year. Farmers seeded 420,000 acres last fall with 330,000 acres to be harvested for grain. Based on crop conditions as of May 1 and assuming a normal growing season, farmers expect a yield of 76.0 bushels per acre, up 5.0 bushels from 2021. Acres for other uses totaled 90,000 acres and will be used as cover crop or cut as silage or hay.

As of May 8, winter wheat was rated 2% very poor, 6% poor, 33% fair, 42% good and 17% excellent. Crop progress was 82% headed compared to 77% at this time last year and 84% for the five-year average.

Winter wheat production for the **Nation** was forecast at 1.17 billion bushels, down 8% from 2021. The expected area to be harvested for grain or seed totals 24.5 million acres, down 4% from last year. As of May 1, the U.S. yield was forecast at 47.9 bushels per acre, down 2.3 bushels from last year.

As of May 1, **Tennessee** on-farm **hay stocks** totaled 530,000 tons, down 40,000 from May 1, 2021 stocks. Farmers have used 82% of their hay stocks since December 1, 2021.

Some producers are beginning to cut and bale hay in the state.

U. S. hay stocks were at 16.8 million tons, down 1.24 million tons from 2021.

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