



# News Release

## Ohio Winter Wheat Production and Hay Stocks

Ohio wheat growers anticipate slightly lower yields in 2023 than they had last year, according to the USDA NASS, Great Lakes Regional Field Office. Ohio wheat growers expect to harvest 540,000 acres, up 75,000 acres from last year. Wheat production in the State is expected to total 42.1 million bushels. The yield forecast is 78 bushels, down 1 bushel from last year.

U.S. 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.

Hay stocks on Ohio farms on May 1, 2023 were 350,000 tons, down 3 percent from this time last year.

All hay 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.

### Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production by Crop – Ohio and United States: 2022 - 2023

Commodity	Ohio		United States	
	2022	2023	2022	2023
Wheat, winter				
Planted .....1,000 acres	510	650	33,271	37,505
Harvested .....1,000 acres	465	540	23,459	25,286
Yield .....Bushels	79.0	78.0	47.0	44.7
Production .....1,000 bu	36,735	42,120	1,103,707	1,130,415