

Spring Rains Detrimental To Tennessee Wheat Crop

With harvest virtually complete, the affects of an unusually wet spring are now apparent. The prolonged rain pattern that set in during April and May caused disease which prevented the wheat crop from reaching its full potential.

Based on a recent survey administered by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Tennessee Field Office, the State's 2009 winter

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wheat yields are expected to average 54.0 bushels per acre, down 5 bushels from earlier expectations in June and down 9 bushels from a year ago. Producers seeded a total of 430,000 acres last fall, down 31 percent from the previous year. Harvested area for grain, at 340,000, is down 180,000 acres from 2008. Total production is forecast at 18.4 million bushels. Harvest was virtually complete by the first week of July, on pace with the five year average. Δ



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