

Colorado winter wheat production dropping rapidly

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USDA announced in its August Crop Production report that the Colorado winter wheat crop is the smallest since 2006. Colorado winter wheat production for 2013 is estimated at 43.5 million bushels, down 59 percent from 73.8 million bushels produced last year and down 60 percent from the 10-year average crop of 72 million bushels.

The crop was affected by both continuing drought and late freezes this spring.

1.5 million acres of winter wheat were harvested with an average yield of 29 bushels per acre. This compares with 2.2 million acres harvested last year and the 10-year average of 2.1 million acres harvested.

That is the lowest amount of harvested acres for Colorado since 1965.

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