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Wheat Crop Larger Than Forecast

A new government report shows the Kansas winter wheat crop is far bigger than previously forecast.

The National Agricultural Statistics Service reported Thursday that the 328 million bushels expected to be cut in Kansas is 7 percent larger than last month's estimate. Despite the more upbeat outlook, this year's harvest is still anticipated to be down 14 percent from last year.

The latest report forecasts an average yield of 40 bushels per acre cut from an estimated 8.2 million harvested acres in Kansas.

Stark differences divide the state into one of haves and have not when it comes to this season's wheat crop.

Production in western Kansas fared only slightly better than half of last year's crop.

But elsewhere in the state crops were mostly bigger than a year ago.

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