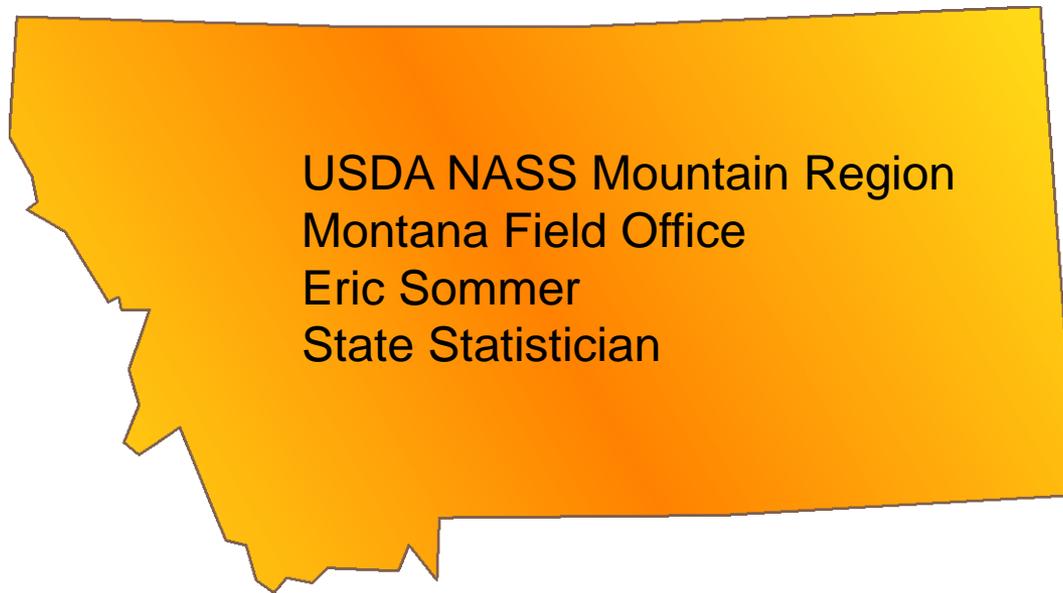
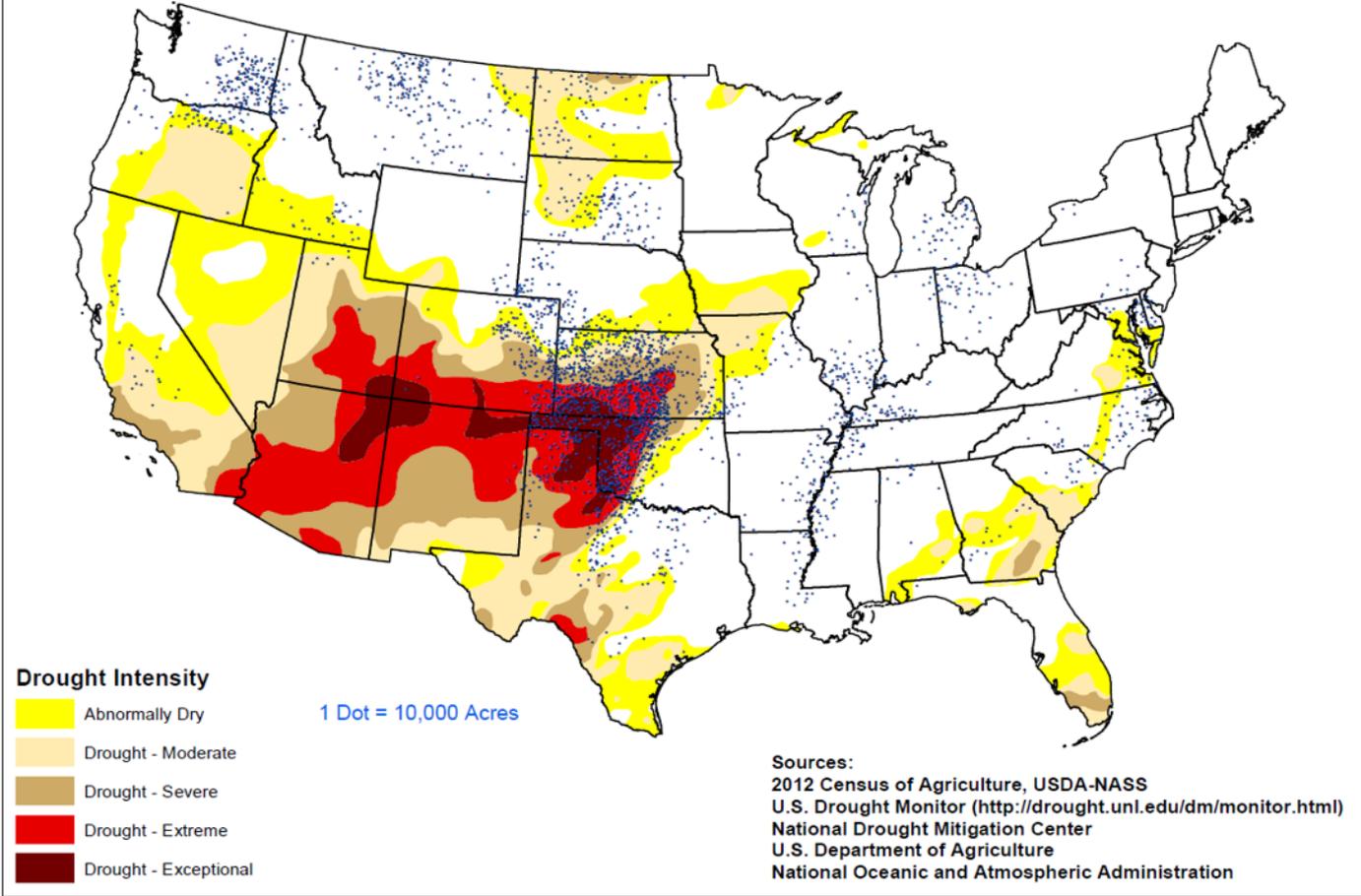


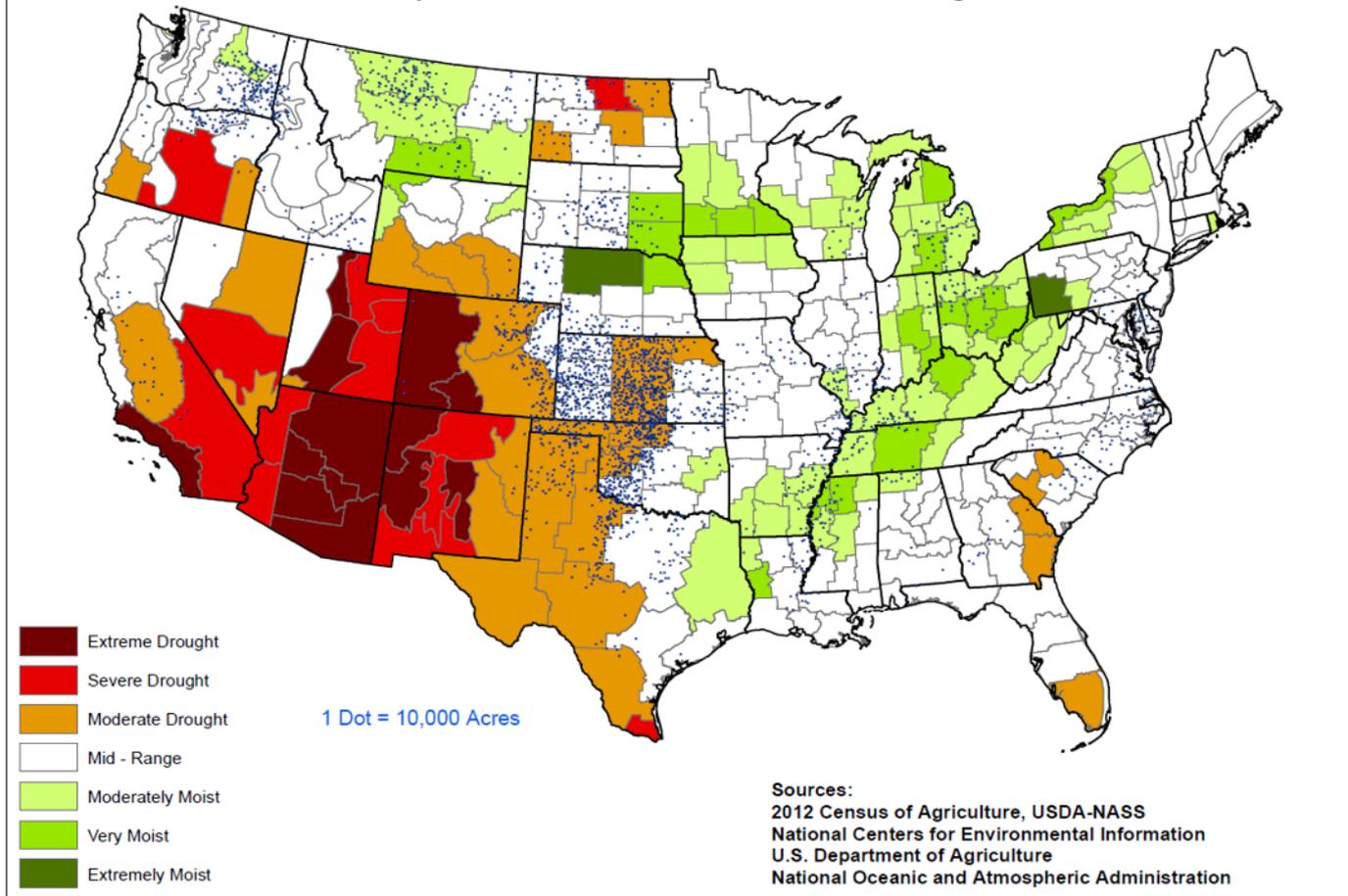
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## U.S. Drought Intensity for May 1, 2018 Compared with Winter Wheat Acreage

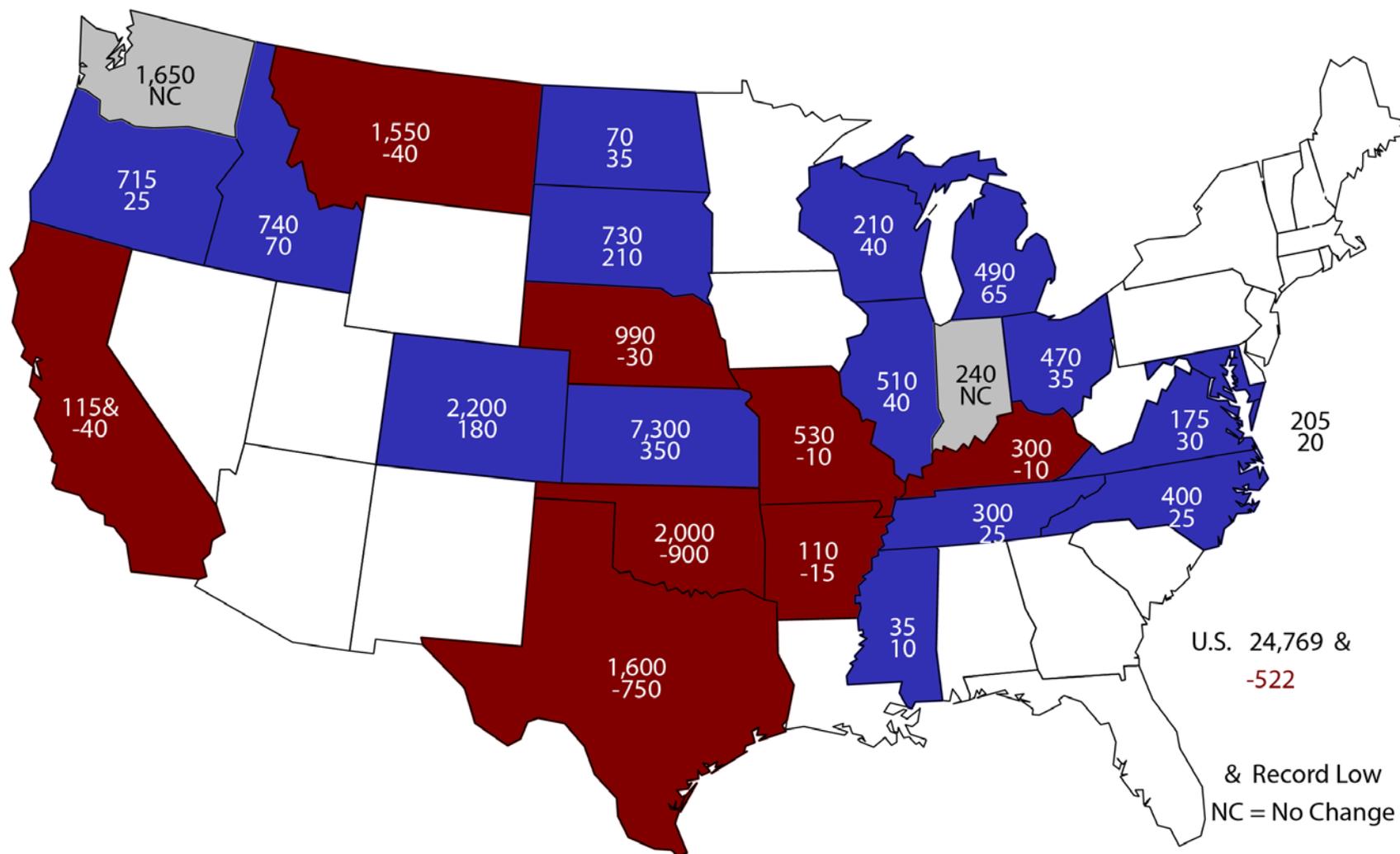


## Palmer Drought Index for April 1 through April 28, 2018 Compared with Winter Wheat Acreage



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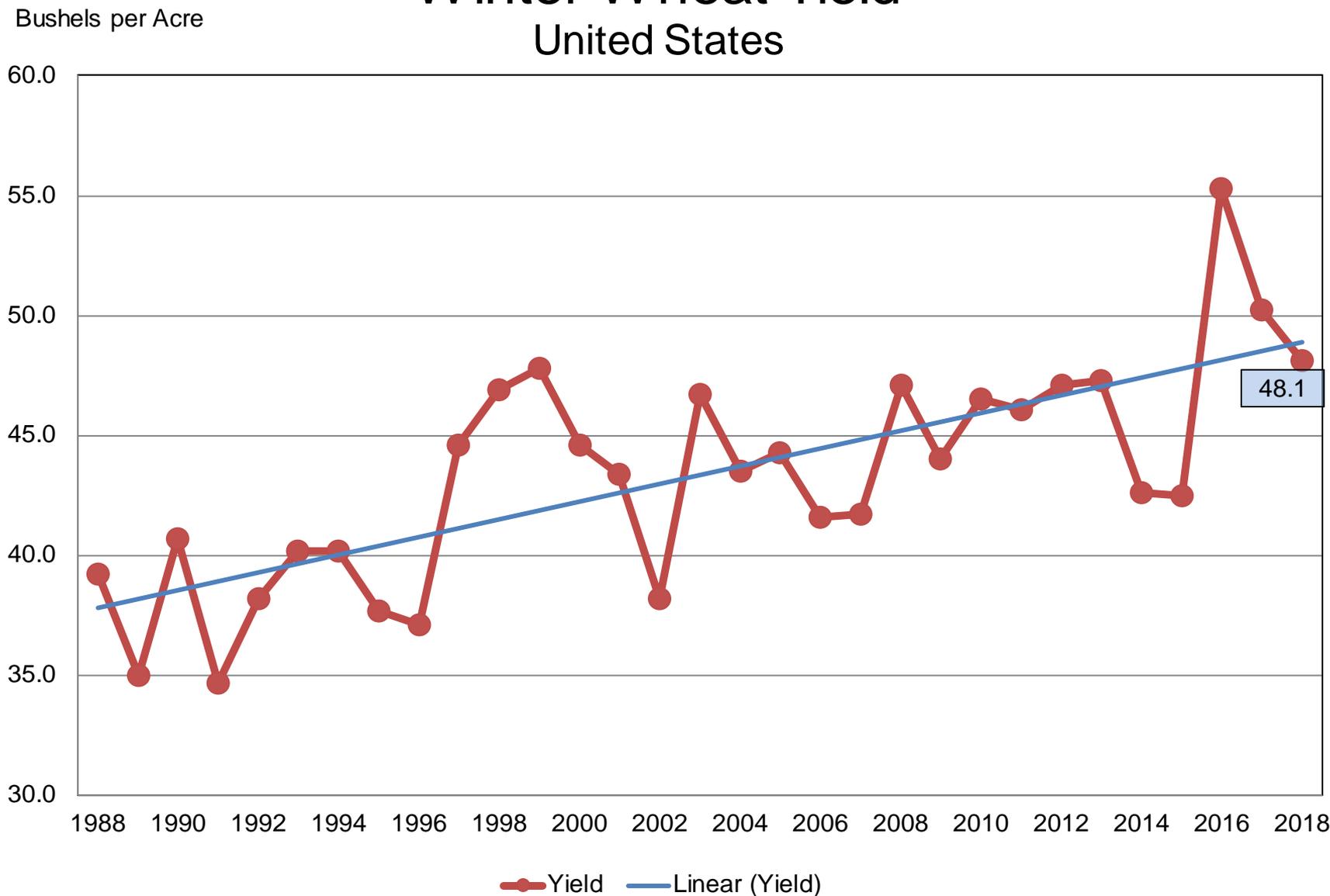
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U.S. 24,769 & -522

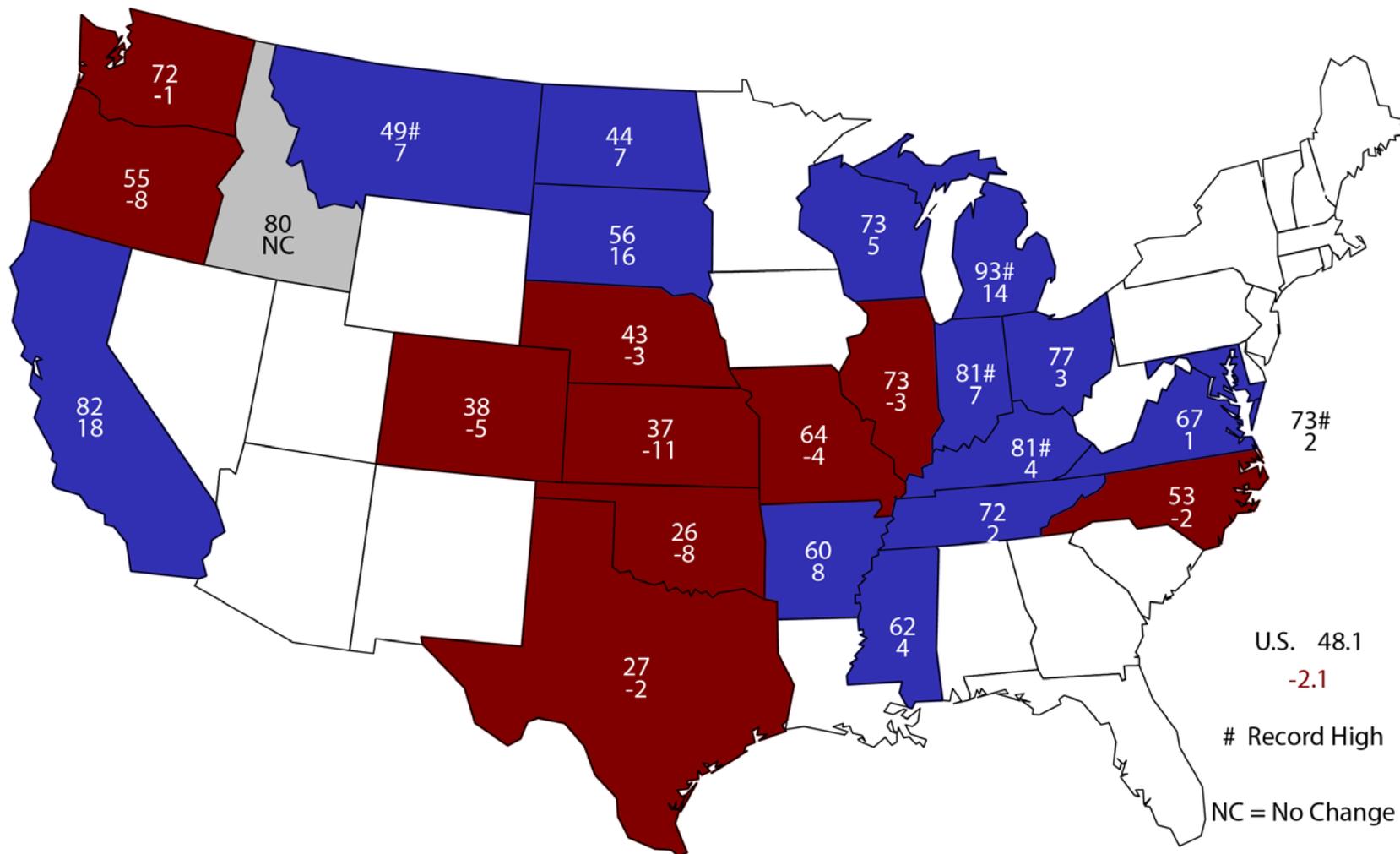
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# Winter Wheat Yield United States



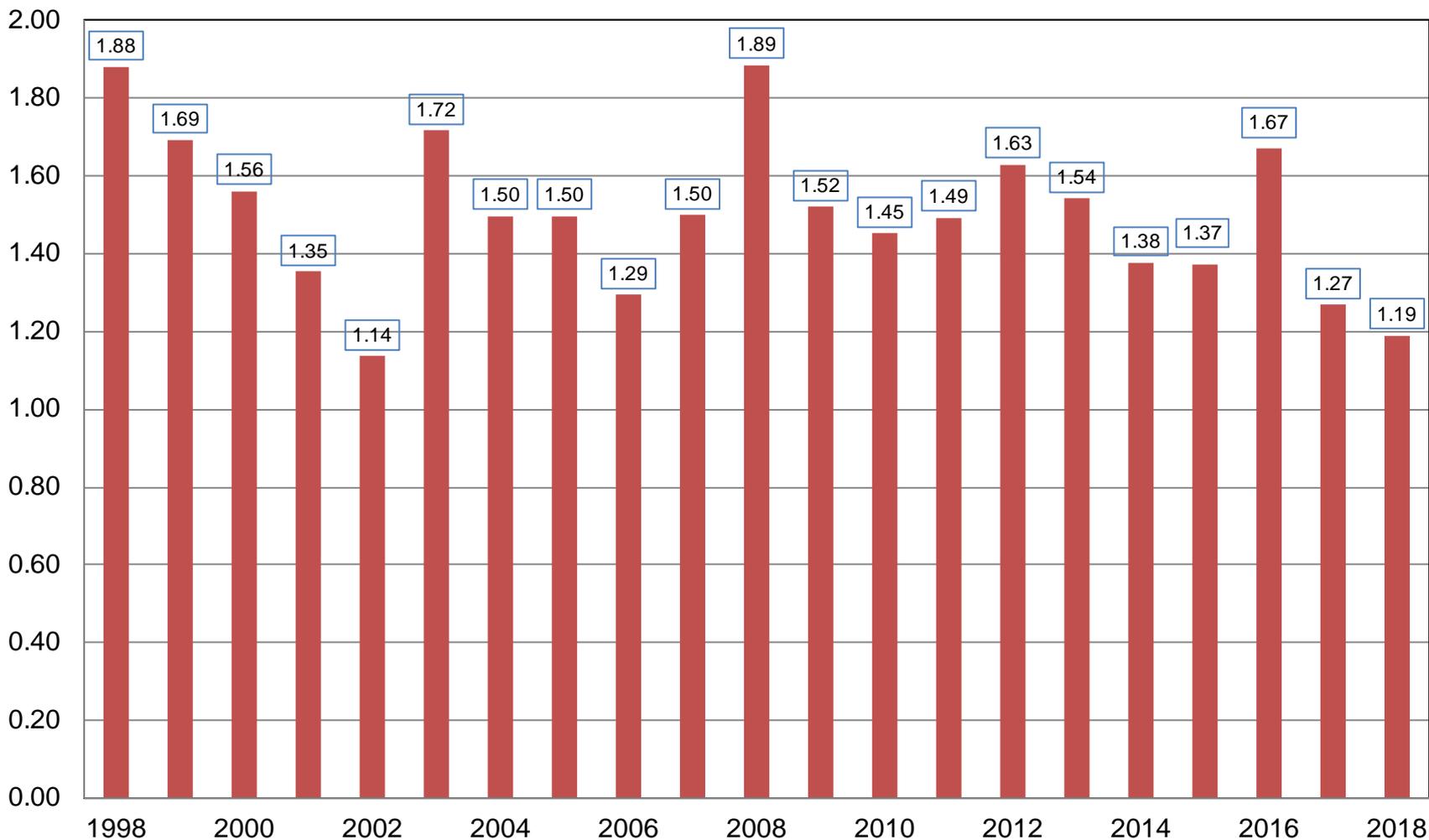
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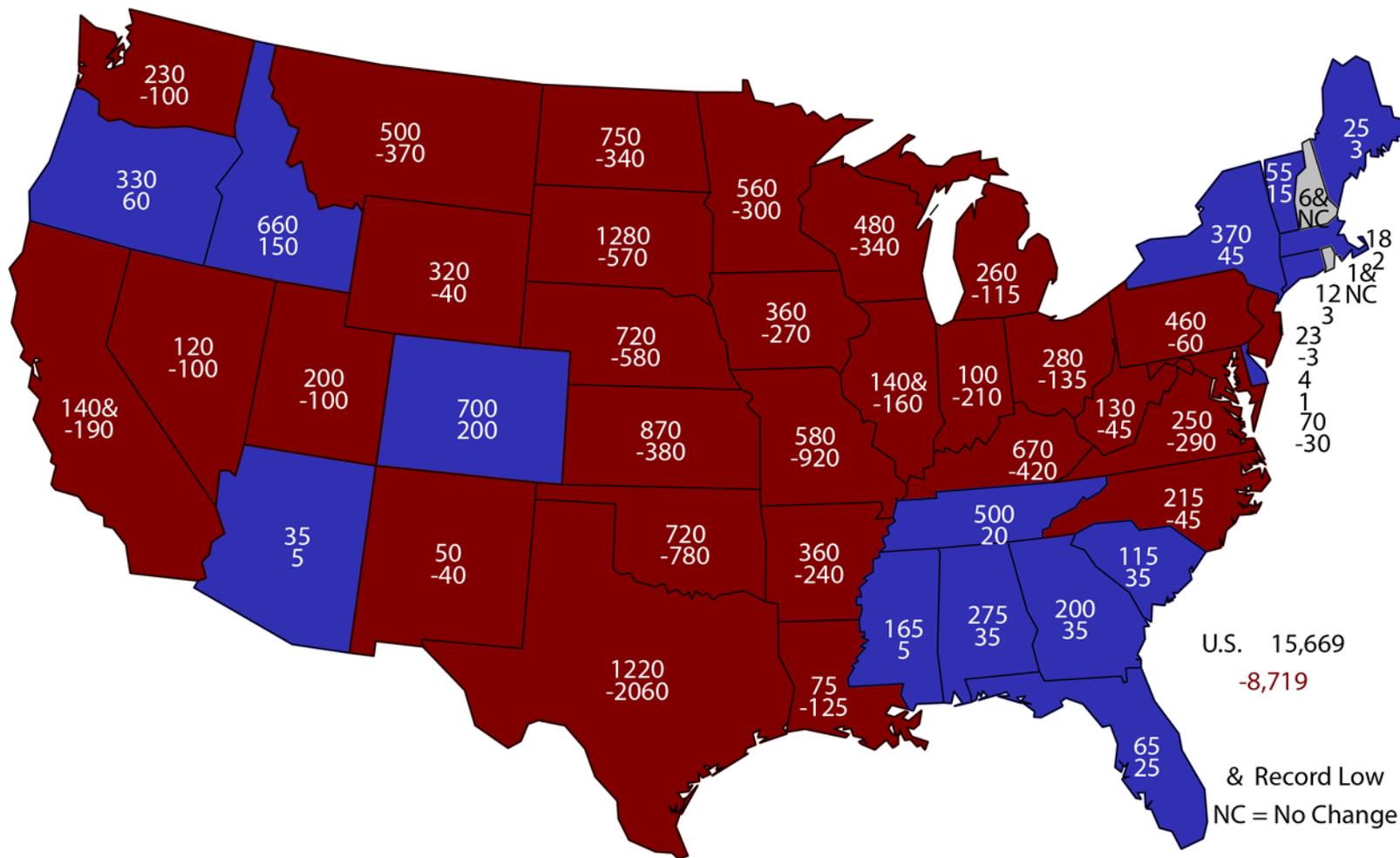
# Winter Wheat Production United States

Billion Bushels



# May 1, 2018 Hay Stocks

(000) Tons and Change From Previous Year



U.S. 15,669  
 -8,719  
 & Record Low  
 NC = No Change

# **Crop Weather Report**

## **Week Ending May 13, 2018**

- Topsoil and subsoil moisture conditions were better than a year ago and the five year average.
- Producers are making progress seeding their spring crops. Most areas of the state are behind last year and the five year average

# Topsoil Moisture

## Week Ending May 13, 2018

	This week	Last week	Last year	5-yr avg.
Very short	2	4	4	8
Short	11	16	18	20
Adequate	70	61	74	65
Surplus	17	19	4	7

# Subsoil Moisture

## Week Ending May 13, 2018

	This week	Last week	Last year	5-yr avg.
Very short	8	11	2	8
Short	15	19	15	22
Adequate	56	54	78	64
Surplus	21	16	5	6

# Winter Wheat Condition

## Week Ending May 13, 2018

	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
This week	3	9	30	26	31
Last week	6	10	30	23	31
Last year	1	3	35	47	14
5-yr avg.	2	6	32	45	15

# Seeding Completed

## Week Ending May 13, 2018

	This week	Last week	Last year	5-yr avg.
Spring Wheat	48	24	73	73
Durum Wheat	39	11	60	53
Barley	58	37	77	83
Oats	32	14	54	62
Dry Peas	62	33	87	80
Lentils	55	22	85	67
Flaxseed	23	3	38	42
Canola	22	6	34	59

# Seeding Completed

## Week Ending May 13, 2018

	This week	Last week	Last year	5-yr avg.
Corn	22	6	43	53
Potatoes	7	--	31	28
Sugar Beets	64	43	90	79

# EmergEd

## Week Ending May 13, 2018

	This week	Last week	Last year	5-yr avg.
Spring Wheat	4	--	38	33
Durum Wheat	1	--	12	11
Barley	7	--	42	48
Oats	1	--	32	27
Dry Peas	13	1	45	31
Sugar Beets	2	--	22	27

# **Livestock Grazing**

## **Week Ending May 13, 2018**

- 61 percent of Cattle and Calves have been moved to summer ranges, ahead of last years 45 percent and the five-year average of 48 percent.
- 45 percent of Sheep and Lambs have been moved to summer ranges, behind last years 53 percent and the five-year average of 51 percent.
- 38 percent of cattle & calves and 38 percent of sheep & lambs were receiving supplemental feed

# Range & Pasture Feed Condition

## Week Ending May 13, 2018

	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
This week	3	9	30	26	31
Last week	6	10	30	23	31
Last year	1	3	35	47	14
5-yr avg.	2	6	32	45	15

# **Calving & Lambing Completed Week Ending May 13, 2018**

- 95 percent of cows have calved, the same as last year and the five-year average of 96 percent.
- 87 percent of ewes have lambed, compared to 94 percent last year and 90 percent for the five-year average.

# Surveys

- June Acreage Surveys
- June Hogs
- June Grain Stocks
- Census of Agriculture

# June Releases

- June Hog Report released on June 28
- June Acreage and June Stocks Reports released on June 29

# Summary

## Week ending May 18, 2015

- Soil moisture conditions are better in most of the state are better than both last year and the five year average
- 4.7 days were suitable for field work during the week, compared to 6.4 days last year and 5.3 days for the five-year average
- Spring planting of most crops is behind both last year and the five year average

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