

## **Harvest at 38 Million Tons**

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Russia's wheat harvest this year totaled 38 million tons, the lowest in the past 10 years, and prices for grain, flour and cereals continue to rise, the Institute for Agricultural Market Studies said, Interfax reported.

Farmers harvested 56.2 million tons of wheat last year. Sources at the institute said the decrease happened primarily because less wheat had been harvested in the country's south and in Siberia.

Preliminary data indicate that the gross winter wheat harvest in the Southern and North Caucasus federal districts amounted to 14.5 million tons this year, versus 22.6 million tons last year.

In Siberia, there was a record-low harvest of spring wheat this year. Because of the drought, it was down almost 50 percent, at 5.4 million tons. *(MT)* 

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