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CROP PRODUCTION – MAY 1, 2024

ARIZONA HIGHLIGHTS

Durum wheat production in Arizona, based on conditions as of May 1, 2024, is forecast at 6.08 million bushels, according to the May 1 Agricultural Yield Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. This forecast is 59 percent above last year's realized production of 3.81 million bushels. Area for harvest, forecast at 59,000 acres, is up 22,000 acres, or 59 percent from a year ago. Average yield is forecast at 103.0 bushels per acre, unchanged from last year's yield.

As of April 28, Arizona's Durum wheat crop condition was rated 9 percent fair, 27 percent good, and 64 percent excellent, compared with 1 percent fair, 41 percent good, and 58 percent excellent last year. Producers had harvested 41 percent of the crop.

Hay stocks on Arizona farms and ranches as of May 1, 2024, totaled 50,000 tons, an increase of 150 percent from stocks of 20,000 tons on hand last year. Hay production for 2023 totaled 2.60 million tons, 2 percent higher than production in 2022. Disappearance from December 1, 2023 – May 1, 2024, was 410,000 tons, compared with 240,000 tons during the same period a year earlier.

Final **all cotton** production in Arizona for 2023 totaled 238,000 480-lb bales, 23 percent below 2022. Area of all cotton harvested, at 91,000 acres, was down 9,400 acres from last year. The all cotton yield totaled 1,255 pounds per acre, down 218 pounds from 2022. **Upland cotton** planted area was estimated at 76,000 acres for 2023, with 75,000 acres harvested. Upland cotton production totaled 208,000 480-lb bales, down 26 percent from the 2022 crop. Yield was estimated at 1,331 pounds per acre, down 232 pounds from 2022. **American Pima** cotton planted area was estimated at 16,000 acres for 2023, with 16,000 acres harvested. Arizona's 2023 American Pima production was estimated at 30,000 480-lb bales, with an average yield of 900 pounds per acre.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Production of **Durum wheat** in Arizona and California is forecast at a collective 7.73 million bushels, up 34 percent from last year. Acreage intended for harvest in these two States is up 39 percent from 2023.

All hay stored on United States farms as of May 1, 2024, totaled 21.0 million tons, up 47 percent from May 1, 2023. Disappearance from December 1, 2023 – May 1, 2024, totaled 55.7 million tons, down 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

All cotton production is estimated at 12.1 million 480-pound bales, 17 percent lower than the 2022 crop. The United States yield for all cotton is estimated at 899 pounds per acre, down 54 pounds from the previous year. **Upland cotton** production is estimated at 11.8 million 480-pound bales, down 16 percent from the 2022 crop. The United States yield for upland cotton is estimated at 895 pounds per acre, down 50 pounds from 2022. **American Pima** production is estimated at 316,000 480-pounds bales, down 33 percent from 2022. The United States yield is estimated at 1,101 pounds per acre, down 180 pounds from the previous season.

For a full copy of the *Crop Production* report, please visit www.nass.usda.gov.