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ARIZONA HIGHLIGHTS

Beginning this year, the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) reviewed all available data during preparation for the August *Crop Production* report. These data included survey data and the latest information from USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) and Risk Management Agency (RMA), for planted and harvested acreage for barley, corn, cotton, dry edible beans, oats, peanuts, rice, sorghum, soybeans, sugarbeets, Durum wheat, other spring wheat, and winter wheat. As such, **corn** planted area in Arizona is estimated at 70,000 acres, down 26 percent, or 25,000 acres, from the June *Acreage* report and down 35,000 acres from 2023. Harvested area, forecast at 18,000 acres, is down 6,000 acres from June and down 20,000 acres from last year. **Barley** planted area is estimated at 14,000 acres, down 7 percent, or 1,000 acres, from the June *Acreage* report, and down 3,000 acres from last year. Area intended for harvest, at 11,000 acres, is down 1,000 acres from June and down 4,000 acres from last year.

Based on August 1 conditions, **Durum wheat** production is forecast at 6.31 million bushels, according to the August 1 Agricultural Yield Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. This is unchanged from the July 1 forecast but up 66 percent from the 3.81-million-bushel crop produced last year. Planted area is estimated at 60,000 acres, unchanged from the June *Acreage* report, but up 22,000 acres from last year. Area intended for harvest, at 59,000 acres, is unchanged from June, but up 22,000 acres from last year. As of August 1, the average yield is forecast at 107.0 bushels per acre, unchanged from July 1 but 4.0 bushels above last year's final yield.

Arizona farmers and ranchers expect to harvest 300,000 acres of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures dry hay** this year, up 20,000 acres from 2023. Alfalfa production is forecast at 2.52 million tons, up 8 percent from the 2.32 million tons produced last year. Alfalfa hay yield is expected to average 8.40 tons per acre, compared with last year's yield of 8.30 tons per acre.

All cotton production in Arizona is expected to total 331,000 480-lb bales, an increase of 7 percent from 2023. **Upland cotton** planted area is estimated at 95,000 acres, down 5 percent, or 5,000 acres, from the June *Acreage* report, but up 19,000 acres from last year. Area intended for harvest, at 94,000 acres, is up 19,000 acres from last year. Upland yield is forecast at 1,557 pounds per acre, up 226 pounds from last year. As of August 4, the upland cotton crop was rated 56 percent good and 44 percent excellent. Bolls had opened across 57 percent of crop, compared with 34 percent last year and a five-year average of 23 percent. **Pima cotton** planted area is estimated at 14,000 acres, up 17 percent, or 2,000 acres, from the June *Acreage* report, but down 2,000 acres from last year. Area intended for harvest, at 14,000 acres, is down 2,000 acres from last year. As of August 1, producers expect to harvest 26,000 480-lb bales of Pima cotton, compared with 30,000 bales last year. Pima yield is forecast at 891 pounds per acre, down 9 pounds from last year.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Corn acreage updates were made based on a thorough review of all available data. Total planted area, at 90.7 million acres, is down 1 percent from the previous estimate and down 4 percent from 2023. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 82.7 million acres, down 1 percent from the previous forecast and down 4 percent from last year. Production for grain is forecast at 15.1 billion bushels, which if realized would be the third highest production for grain on record for the United States. Based on conditions as of August 1, the yield is forecast at a record high 183.1 bushels per acre, up 5.8 bushels from last year's final estimate of 177.3 bushels.

Barley production is forecast at 149 million bushels, down 20 percent from 2023. Acreage updates were made following a thorough review of all available data. Based on conditions as of August 1, the average yield for the United States is forecast at 79.1 bushels per acre, up 6.7 bushels from last year. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 1.88 million acres, down 7 percent from the *Acreage* report released on June 28, 2024, and down 26 percent from last year.

All wheat production for grain is forecast at 1.98 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the previous forecast but up 9 percent from 2023. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 52.2 bushels per harvested acre, up 0.4 bushel from the previous forecast

and up 3.6 bushels from 2023. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 37.9 million acres, down 2 percent from the previous forecast but up 2 percent from 2023.

Durum wheat acreage updates were made based on a thorough review of all available data. Total planted area, at 2.09 million acres, is down 4 percent from the *Acreage* report released on June 28, 2024, but up 24 percent from 2023. Area expected to be harvested for grain or seed totals 2.02 million acres, down 4 percent from the *Acreage* report, but up 27 percent from 2023 in comparable States. Production is forecast at 76.9 million bushels, down 14 percent from the previous forecast, but up 31 percent from 2023 in comparable States. The United States yield is forecast at 38.1 bushels per acre, down 4.6 bushels from the previous forecast, but up 1.3 bushels from last year's average yield in comparable States.

Production of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixture dry hay** for 2024 is forecast at 52.4 million tons, up 5 percent from 2023. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 3.35 tons per acre, up 0.16 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 15.6 million acres, unchanged from the *Acreage* report, but down slightly from 2023. Production of **other hay** is forecast at 74.5 million tons, up 8 percent from 2023. Based on August 1 conditions, the United States yield is expected to average 2.07 tons per acre, up 0.22 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 35.9 million acres, unchanged from the *Acreage* report, but down 3 percent from 2023.

All cotton production is forecast at 15.1 million 480-pound bales, up 25 percent from 2023. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average 840 pounds per harvested acre, down 59 pounds from 2023. **Upland cotton** production is forecast at 14.6 million 480-pound bales, up 24 percent from 2023. **Pima cotton** production is forecast at 553,000 bales, up 75 percent from 2023. All cotton area harvested is forecast at 8.63 million acres, up 34 percent from 2023. Acreage updates were made in based on a thorough review of all available data. All cotton planted area totaled 11.2 million acres, down 4 percent from the previous forecast but up 9 percent from 2023. Area planted to Upland cotton is estimated at 11.0 million acres, down 4 percent from the previous estimate but up 9 percent from 2023. Upland harvested area for the Nation is expected to total 8.44 million acres, up 34 percent from last year. Pima cotton planted area is estimated at 199,000 acres, up 9 percent from the previous forecast and up 35 percent from 2023. Expected Pima harvested area at 192,000 acres is up 39 percent from last year.

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