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ANNUAL CROP SUMMARY – 2024

ARIZONA HIGHLIGHTS

Production of the 2024 **corn for grain** crop in Arizona is estimated at 4.28 million bushels, down 45 percent, or 3.55 million bushels, from last year's 7.83-million-bushel crop, according to the December 1 Agricultural Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The average yield of 225.0 bushels per acre is 19.0 bushels above last year. Planted area totaled 70,000 acres, compared with 105,000 acres last year. Area harvested for grain in 2024, at 19,000 acres, is 19,000 acres below last year. Area harvested for **corn silage** is estimated at 50,000 acres, down 16,000 acres, or 24 percent, from last year, with production estimated at 1.35 million tons, compared with 1.78 million tons produced last year.

Barley production in Arizona, estimated at 1.22 million bushels, is down 38 percent from the 1.98-million-bushel crop produced in 2023. Producers seeded 13,000 acres for harvest in 2024, down from 17,000 acres seeded for the previous year's crop. Area harvested for grain, estimated at 12,000 acres, decreased 3,000 acres, or 20 percent, from last year. Barley yield, at 102.0 bushels per acre, is down 30.0 bushels from 2023.

Durum wheat production in Arizona, estimated at 6.32 million bushels, is up 66 percent from the 3.81-million-bushel crop produced in 2023. Producers seeded 59,000 acres for harvest in 2024, up from 38,000 acres seeded for the previous year's crop. Area harvested for grain, estimated at 58,000 acres, increased 21,000 acres, or 57 percent, from a year earlier. Durum wheat yield, at 109.0 bushels per acre, is up 6.0 bushels from 2023.

All dry hay production in Arizona for 2024 is estimated at 2.14 million tons, down 18 percent from the 2023 total production of 2.60 million tons. **Alfalfa and alfalfa mixture dry hay** production is estimated at 1.97 million tons from 270,000 acres harvested, down 353,000 tons from 2023. Average yield for the 2024 crop is 7.30 tons per acre, 1.0 ton below last year. **All other dry hay** production totaled 172,000 tons from 40,000 acres harvested, down 108,000 tons from 2023. The average yield of 4.30 tons per acre is unchanged from last year. New **seedings of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** in Arizona are estimated at 40,000 acres, down 20,000 acres from 2023.

As of December 1, producers in Arizona were storing 325,000 tons of **all dry hay** on farms, down 29 percent from the 460,000 tons stored last year.

Based on January 1 conditions, **all cotton** production in Arizona is expected to total 280,000 480-lb bales, 18 percent above the 238,000 480-lb bales produced in 2023. Area of all cotton harvested, at 109,000 acres, is up 18,000 acres from last year. The all cotton yield is forecast at 1,233 pounds per acre, down 22 pounds from 2023. **Upland cotton** planted area is estimated at 96,000 acres for 2024, with 95,000 acres expected to be harvested. Upland cotton production is expected to total 250,000 bales, up 20 percent from the 2023 crop. Yield is estimated at 1,263 pounds per acre, down 68 pounds from last year. **American Pima cotton** planted area is estimated at 14,000 acres for 2024, with 14,000 acres expected to be harvested. Arizona's 2024 American Pima production is forecast at 30,000 bales with an average yield of 1,029 pounds per acre.

Durum wheat seedings in Arizona for the 2025 crop year are estimated at 55,000 acres, down 4,000 acres from the final planted area realized in 2024.

Arizona's 2024-2025 **lemon** production is forecast at 900,000 boxes, down 5 percent from the 950,000 boxes produced last season.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Corn for grain production in the United States was estimated at 14.9 billion bushels, down 3 percent from the 2023 estimate. The average yield in the United States was estimated at a record high 179.3 bushels per acre, 2.0 bushels above the 2023 yield of 177.3 bushels per acre. Corn planted area, at 90.6 million acres, was down 4 percent from the 2023 estimate. Area harvested for grain was estimated at 82.9 million acres, down 4 percent from the 2023 estimate. **Corn silage** production was estimated at 123 million tons for

2024, down 5 percent from the 2023 estimate. The United States silage yield was estimated at 20.2 tons per acre, up 0.1 ton from 2023. Area harvested for silage was estimated at 6.10 million acres, down 6 percent from the 2023 estimate.

Barley production was estimated at 144 million bushels, down 23 percent from the 2023 total of 186 million bushels. The United States average yield, at 76.7 bushels per acre, was up 4.4 bushels from the previous year. Producers seeded 2.37 million acres in 2024, down 24 percent from 2023. Harvested area, at 1.88 million acres, was down 27 percent from 2023.

All wheat production totaled 1.97 billion bushels in 2024, up 9 percent from the 2023 total of 1.80 billion bushels. Area harvested for grain totaled 38.5 million acres, up 4 percent from the previous year. The average yield in the United States was estimated at 51.2 bushels per acre, up 2.5 bushels from the previous year. The levels of production and changes from 2023 by type were: winter wheat, 1.35 billion bushels, up 9 percent; other spring wheat, 542 million bushels, up 8 percent; and Durum wheat, 80.1 million bushels, up 35 percent. **Durum wheat** production for 2024 was estimated at 80.1 million bushels, up 36 percent from the 2023 total of 58.7 million bushels in comparable States. Area harvested for grain totaled 2.04 million acres, up 28 percent from 2023 in comparable States. The United States yield was estimated at 39.3 bushels per acre, up 2.5 bushels from the 2023 yield in comparable States.

Production of all dry hay for 2023 was estimated at 122 million tons, up 3 percent from the 2023 total. Area harvested was estimated at 49.4 million acres, down 6 percent from 2023. The average yield, at 2.48 tons per acre, was up 0.23 ton from 2023. Production of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures hay** in 2024 was estimated at 49.8 million tons, up slightly from the 2023 total. Harvested area, at 14.6 million acres, is down 6 percent from 2023. Average yield estimated at 3.41 tons per acre, is up 0.22 ton from 2023. Production of **all other hay** in 2024 totaled 72.6 million tons, up 6 percent from the 2023 total. Harvested area, at 34.8 million acres, is down 6 percent from 2023. Average yield was estimated at a record high 2.09 tons per acre, up 0.24 ton from 2023. Growers seeded 1.85 million acres of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures during 2024, up 6 percent from 2023. New seedings of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures are normally harvested for the first time in the year following planting.

All hay stored on United States farms as of December 1, 2024, totaled 81.5 million tons, up 6 percent from December 1, 2023. Disappearance from May 1, 2024 - December 1, 2024, totaled 61.9 million tons, up 10 percent from the same period in 2023.

All cotton production is estimated at 14.4 million 480-pound bales, up 19 percent from 2023. The United States yield is estimated at 836 pounds per acre, down 63 pounds from last year. Harvested area, at 8.27 million acres, is up 28 percent from last year. **Upland cotton** production was forecasted at 13.9 million 480-pound bales, up 19 percent from the previous year. The United States yield for upland cotton is forecasted at 829 pounds per acre, down 66 pounds from 2023. Upland planted area, forecasted at 11.0 million acres, was up 9 percent from the previous year. Harvested area, at 8.07 million acres, was up 28 percent from the previous year. **American Pima** producers planted 207,000 acres in 2024, up 41 percent from 2023. Harvested area, at 200,700 acres, was up 46 percent from the previous year. Production was forecasted at 468,000 480-pound bales, up 48 percent from 2023. The United States yield was forecasted at 1,119 pounds per acre, up 18 pounds from the previous year.

Durum wheat seedings in Arizona and California for 2025 harvest are estimated at a combined 75,000 acres, down 11 percent from 2024 but 34 percent above 2023.

The 2024-2025 United States **lemon crop** is forecast at 1.10 million tons, up less than 1 percent from the previous forecast and up 5 percent from last season's final utilization in comparable States.

For a full copy of the *Crop Production 2024 Summary* report, please visit www.nass.usda.gov.