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SMALL GRAINS – SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

COLORADO HIGHLIGHTS

Barley production in Colorado, estimated at 5.66 million bushels, is down 17 percent from the 6.81-million-bushel crop produced in 2023, according to the September 1 Agricultural Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Producers seeded 56,000 acres, up from the 55,000 acres seeded for the previous year's crop. Area harvested for grain, estimated at 39,000 acres, decreased 13,000 acres, or 25 percent, from last year. Barley yield, at 145.0 bushels per acre, is up 14.0 bushels from 2023.

Winter wheat production in Colorado, estimated at 64.40 million bushels, is down 9 percent from the 70.93-million-bushel crop produced in 2023. Producers seeded 2.10 million acres, down from the 2.30 million acres seeded for the previous year's crop. Area harvested for grain, estimated at 1.84 million acres, increased 110,000 acres, or 6 percent, from last year. Winter wheat yield, at 35.0 bushels per acre, is down 6.0 bushels from a year ago.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

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.

Winter wheat production for 2024 totaled 1.35 billion bushels, up 9 percent from the 2023 total of 1.24 billion bushels in comparable States. The United States yield, at 51.7 bushels per acre, was up 1.1 bushels from 2023 in comparable States. Area harvested for grain was estimated at 26.1 million acres, up 6 percent from 2023 in comparable States. Compared with 2023, harvested acreage was up 17 percent in the major Hard Red Winter (HRW) growing States, the primary winter wheat-producing area. HRW production totaled 770 million bushels, up 29 percent from 2023. In the Soft Red Winter (SRW) growing area, harvested acreage decreased 20 percent from 2023 in comparable States. SRW production totaled 342 million bushels, down 23 percent from 2023 in comparable States. White winter wheat production totaled 236 million bushels, up 20 percent from 2023. Harvested acreage was up 2 percent from 2023.

For a full copy of the *Small Grains Summary* report, please visit www.nass.usda.gov.