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ANNUAL CROP SUMMARY – 2024

NEW MEXICO HIGHLIGHTS

Production of the 2024 **corn for grain** crop in New Mexico is estimated at 7.38 million bushels, up 1 percent, or 94,000 bushels, from last year's production of 7.29 million bushels, 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 157.0 bushels per acre is 2.0 bushels above last year. Planted area totaled 100,000 acres, compared with 125,000 acres last year. Area harvested for grain in 2024, at 47,000 acres, is unchanged from last year. Area harvested for **corn silage** is estimated at 49,000 acres, down 20,000 acres, or 29 percent, from last year, with production estimated at 1.08 million tons, compared with 1.45 million tons produced last year.

Winter wheat production in New Mexico, estimated at 1.74 million bushels, is up 86 percent from 2023. Producers seeded 370,000 acres, down from the 405,000 acres seeded for the previous year's crop. Area harvested for grain, estimated at 145,000 acres, increased 60,000 acres, or 71 percent, from last year. Winter wheat yield, at 12.0 bushels per acre, is up 1.0 bushel from a year ago.

All dry hay production in New Mexico for 2024 is estimated at 978,000 tons, up 3 percent from the 2023 total production of 953,000 tons. **Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures dry hay** production is estimated at 750,000 tons from 150,000 acres harvested, up 6,000 tons from 2023. Average yield for the 2024 crop is 5.00 tons per acre, up 0.20 ton from last year. **All other dry hay** production totaled 228,000 tons from 120,000 acres harvested, up 19,000 tons from 2023. This represents the largest all other hay production in New Mexico since 2007, and the largest harvested area of all other hay on record. The average yield of 1.90 tons per acre is unchanged from last year. New **seedings of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** in New Mexico are estimated at 10,000 acres, down 10,000 acres from 2023.

As of December 1, producers in New Mexico were storing 680,000 tons of **all dry hay** on farms, up 172 percent from the 250,000 tons stored last year.

Based on January 1 conditions, **all cotton** production in New Mexico is expected to total 52,000 480-lb bales, 2 percent above the 51,000 480-lb bales produced in 2023. Area of all cotton harvested, at 44,700 acres, is up 10,900 acres from last year. The all cotton yield is forecast at 558 pounds per acre, down 166 pounds from 2023. **Upland cotton** planted area is estimated at 41,000 acres for 2024, with 30,000 acres expected to be harvested. Upland cotton production is expected to total 31,000 bales, up 35 percent from the 2023 crop. Yield is estimated at 496 pounds per acre, down 153 pounds from last year. **American Pima cotton** planted area is estimated at 15,000 acres for 2024, with 14,700 acres expected to be harvested. Arizona's 2024 American Pima production is forecast at 21,000 bales with an average yield of 686 pounds per acre.

Winter wheat seedings in New Mexico for the 2025 crop year are estimated at 355,000 acres, down 15,000 acres from the final planted area realized in 2024.

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.

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. Record high yields were estimated in Missouri, South Dakota, and Wisconsin for 2024. 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.

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.

Winter wheat seeded area for harvest in 2025 is estimated at 34.1 million acres, up 2 percent from 2024 but down 7 percent from 2023. Hard Red Winter (HRW) wheat seeded area is expected to total 24.0 million acres, up 1 percent from 2024. Soft Red Winter (SRW) wheat seeded area totals 6.44 million acres, up 6 percent from last year. White Winter wheat seeded area totals 3.64 million acres, up 3 percent from 2024.

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