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UTAH 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 Utah is estimated at 75,000 acres, unchanged from the June *Acreage* report and unchanged from 2023. Harvested area, forecast at 34,000 acres, is unchanged from June but up 7,000 acres from last year. **Barley** planted area in Utah is estimated at 14,000 acres, down 18 percent, or 3,000 acres, from the June *Acreage* report and down 2,000 acres from 2023. Harvested area, forecast at 9,000 acres, is down 2,000 acres from June and down 5,000 acres from last year. **Winter wheat** planted area in Utah is estimated at 105,000 acres, unchanged from the June *Acreage* report and unchanged from 2023. Harvested area, forecast at 90,000 acres, is unchanged from June but up 3,000 acres from last year.

Based on August 1 conditions, **alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures dry hay** production in Utah is forecast at 1.91 million tons, according to the August 1 Agricultural Yield Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. This forecast is down 3 percent from the 1.96 million tons produced in 2023. Farmers and ranchers expect to harvest 515,000 acres of alfalfa hay this year, up from the 490,000 acres harvested last year. Alfalfa hay yield is expected to average 3.70 tons per acre, compared with last year's yield of 4.00 tons per acre.

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.

Winter wheat acreage updates were made based on a thorough review of all available data. Total planted area, at 33.5 million acres, is down 1 percent from the *Acreage* report released on June 28, 2024, and down 9 percent from 2023. Area expected to be harvested for grain or seed totals 25.6 million acres, down 1 percent from the *Acreage* report but up 4 percent from last year in comparable States. Production is forecast at 1.36 billion bushels, up 1 percent from the previous forecast and up 9 percent from 2023 in comparable States. Based on August 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 53.2 bushels per acre, up 1.2 bushels from last month and up 2.7 bushels from last year's average yield in comparable States.

Hard Red Winter production, at 776 million bushels, is up 2 percent from last month. Soft Red Winter, at 342 million bushels, is down less than 1 percent from the July forecast. White Winter, at 243 million bushels, is up 4 percent from last month. Of the White Winter production, 19.3 million bushels are Hard White and 224 million bushels are Soft White.

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.

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