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UTAH HIGHLIGHTS

Production of the 2024 **corn for grain** crop in Utah is estimated at 4.01 million bushels, down 20 percent, or 987,000 bushels, from last year's production of 5.00 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 167.0 bushels per acre is 18.0 bushels below last year. Planted area totaled 70,000 acres, compared with 75,000 acres last year. Area harvested for grain in 2024, at 24,000 acres, is 3,000 acres below last year. Area harvested for **corn silage** is estimated at 44,000 acres, down 2,000 acres, or 4 percent, from last year, with production estimated at 1.01 million tons, compared with 1.15 million tons produced last year.

Barley production in Utah, estimated at 990,000 bushels, is down 3 percent from the 1.02-million-bushel crop produced last year. Producers seeded a record low 14,000 acres, down from the 16,000 acres seeded for the previous year's crop. Area harvested for grain, estimated at 11,000 acres, decreased 3,000 acres, or 21 percent, from last year. Barley yield, at 90.0 bushels per acre, is up 17.0 bushels from 2023.

Winter wheat production in Utah, estimated at 4.41 million bushels, is down 4 percent from the 4.61-million-bushel crop produced last year. Producers seeded 105,000 acres, unchanged from a year ago. Area harvested for grain, estimated at 90,000 acres, increased 3,000 acres, or 3 percent, from last year. Winter wheat yield, at 49.0 bushels per acre, is down 4.0 bushels from a year ago.

All dry hay production in Utah for 2024 is estimated at 2.62 million tons, up 5 percent from the 2023 total production of 2.49 million tons. **Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures dry hay** production is estimated at 2.08 million tons from 520,000 acres harvested, up 120,000 tons from 2023. Average yield for the 2024 crop is 4.00 tons per acre, unchanged from last year. **All other dry hay** production totaled 540,000 tons from 180,000 acres harvested, up 13,000 tons from 2023. The average yield of 3.00 tons per acre is 0.10 ton below last year. New **seedings of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** in Utah are estimated at 60,000 acres, unchanged from 2023.

As of December 1, producers in Utah were storing 1.35 million tons of **all dry hay** on farms, down less than 1 percent from the 1.36 million tons stored last year.

Production of **safflower** in Utah for 2024 totaled 8.58 million pounds, compared with 10.89 million pounds in 2023. Planted area is estimated at 15,000 acres, down 2,500 acres from last year. Harvested area, at 13,000 acres, is 3,500 acres below the 16,500 acres harvested in 2023. Safflower yield averaged 660 pounds per acre in 2024, unchanged from last year.

Winter wheat seedings in Utah for the 2025 crop year are estimated at 105,000 acres, unchanged from the final seeded 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.

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. 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.

Production of **safflower** in 2024, at a record low 130 million pounds, was down 8 percent from 2023 in comparable States. Growers planted a record low 116,600 acres in 2024, a decline of 18 percent from the previous year in comparable States. Montana showed the largest decline compared with last year, down 21,000 acres. Harvested area for the Nation, at a record low 108,000 acres, was down 22 percent from 2023 in comparable States. The average yield for the Nation, at 1,200 pounds per acre, increased 194 pounds from the 2023 average yield per acre in comparable States.

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.