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ANNUAL CROP SUMMARY - 2022

WYOMING HIGHLIGHTS

The 2022 **corn for grain** crop is estimated at 8.57 million bushels, 18 percent below last year's production of 10.43 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 153.0 bushels per acre is 21.0 bushels per acre above the yield achieved last year. Area harvested for grain in 2022, at 56,000 acres, is 23,000 acres below last year. Acreage cut for **corn silage** is estimated at 33,000 acres, up 21,000 acres from last year, with production estimated at 792,000 tons, compared with 276,000 tons produced last year, and the largest corn silage production in Wyoming since 2004 when 792,000 tons were also produced.

Wyoming's **barley** seeded area, at 77,000 acres, is down 7,000 acres from last year. Harvested area, at 58,000 acres, is down 14,000 acres from 2021. Barley yield, at 93.0 bushels per acre, is up 2.0 bushels per acre from last year. Barley production in 2022 is estimated at 5.39 million bushels, down 18 percent from the previous year and the lowest production since 2007.

Winter wheat production in Wyoming, estimated at 1.62 million bushels, is down 47 percent from 2021 and the lowest production since 1944. Winter wheat producers seeded 115,000 acres in the fall of 2021 for harvest in 2022, unchanged from acres seeded for the previous year's crop and the lowest since 112,000 acres were seeded in 1938. Acreage harvested for grain were unchanged from last year at 95,000 acres in 2022. Winter wheat yield, at 17.0 bushels per acre, is down 15.0 bushels per acre from last year, and is the lowest yield since 12.0 bushels per acre in 1965.

All hay production for 2022 is estimated at 2.38 million tons, up 21 percent from the 2021 total. **Alfalfa hay** production is estimated at 1.60 million tons from 550,000 acres harvested, up 279,000 tons from 2021. Average yield for the 2022 crop is 2.90 tons per acre, 0.10 ton per acre above last year. **All other hay** production totaled 784,000 tons from 560,000 acres harvested, up 126,000 tons from 2021. The average yield of 1.40 tons per acre is unchanged from last year. New **seedings of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** in Wyoming are estimated at 35,000 acres, up 17 percent from 2021.

As of December 1, producers in Wyoming were storing 1.30 million tons of **all hay**, up 13 percent from the 1.15 million tons stored last year.

The state's **sugarbeet** crop of 812,000 tons for 2022 is down 10 percent from the 903,000 tons produced in 2021. Producers harvested 27,900 acres in 2022, down 2,700 acres from 2021. Average yield is estimated at 29.1 tons per acre, 0.4 ton per acre below 2021.

Dry edible bean production is set at 319,000 hundredweight, 16 percent below the 2021 crop of 381,000 hundredweight. Average yield is estimated at 2,130 pounds per acre, 280 pounds per acre below last year. Harvested area, at 15,000 acres, is 800 acres less than last year. **Pinto bean** production in 2022 is 271,000 hundredweight, down 14 percent from last year.

Winter wheat seedings last fall for harvest in 2023 are estimated at 120,000 acres, up 4 percent from 2022.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Corn for grain production in 2022 was estimated at 13.7 billion bushels, down 9 percent from the 2021 estimate. The average yield in the United States was estimated at 173.3 bushels per acre, 3.4 bushels below the 2021 record high yield of 176.7 bushels per acre. Area harvested for grain was estimated at 79.2 million acres, down 7 percent from the 2021 estimate. **Corn silage** production was estimated at 129 million tons for 2022, down 1 percent from the 2021 estimate. The United States silage yield was estimated at 18.7 tons per acre, down 1.4 tons from 2021.

Barley production was estimated at 174 million bushels, up 45 percent from the revised 2021 total of 120 million bushels. The average yield, at 71.7 bushels per acre, was up 11.4 bushel from the previous year. Producers seeded 2.95 million acres in 2022, up 9 percent from 2021. Harvested area, at 2.43 million acres, was up 22 percent from 2021.

All wheat production totaled 1.65 billion bushels in 2022, up less than 1 percent from the 2021 total of 1.65 billion bushels. Area harvested for grain totaled 35.5 million acres, down 4 percent from the previous year. The United States yield was estimated at 46.5 bushels per acre, up 2.2 bushels from the previous year. The levels of production and changes from 2021 by type were: winter wheat, 1.10 billion bushels, down 14 percent; other spring wheat, 482 million bushels, up 46 percent; and Durum wheat, 64.0 million bushels, up 70 percent. **Winter wheat** production for 2022 totaled 1.10 billion bushels, down 14 percent from the 2021 total of 1.28 billion bushels. The United States yield, at 47.0 bushels per acre, was down 3.2 bushels from 2021. Area harvested for grain was estimated at 23.5 million acres, down 8 percent from the previous year.

Production of **all dry hay** for 2022 was estimated at 112.8 million tons, down 6 percent from the 2021 total. Area harvested was estimated at 49.5 million acres, down 2 percent from 2021. The average yield, at 2.28 tons per acre, was down 0.09 ton from 2021. Production of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** in 2022 was estimated at 48.0 million tons, down 3 percent from the 2021 total. Harvested area, at 14.9 million acres, was 2 percent below 2021. Average yield was estimated at 3.22 tons per acre, down 0.01 ton from 2021. Production of **all other hay** in 2022 totaled 64.8 million tons, down 9 percent from the 2021 total. Harvested area, at 34.6 million acres, was down 2 percent from 2021. Average yield was estimated at 1.87 tons per acre, down 0.13 ton from 2021. **New seedings of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** totaled 1.68 million acres during 2022, up 2 percent from 2021. 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, 2022, totaled 71.9 million tons, down 9 percent from December 1, 2021, which is the lowest December 1 stocks since 1954. Disappearance from May 1, 2022 - December 1, 2022, totaled 57.7 million tons, down 3 percent from the same period in 2021.

Sugarbeet production for 2022 was estimated at 32.6 million tons, down 11 percent from the previous year's revised production. Growers in the 11 major sugarbeet-producing States planted 1.16 million acres, down slightly from the 2021 revised area. Harvested area, at 1.14 million acres, was up 3 percent from the previous year. Estimated yield, at 28.6 tons per acre, was down 4.6 tons from last year.

United States **dry edible bean** production was estimated at 25.8 million cwt for 2022, up 14 percent from the previous year. Planted area was estimated at 1.25 million acres, down 10 percent from 2021. Harvested area was estimated at 1.22 million acres, down 8 percent from the previous year. The average United States yield for dry edible beans for the 2022 season is 2,113 pounds per acre, up 411 pounds from 2021.

Winter wheat seeded area for 2023 is expected to total 37.0 million acres, up 11 percent from 2022. Approximate class acreage breakdowns are: Hard Red Winter, 25.3 million; Soft Red Winter, 7.90 million; and White Winter, 3.73 million.

For a full copy of the *Crop Production 2022 Summary* report, please visit www.nass.usda.gov.