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## **ANNUAL CROP SUMMARY - 2024**

## WYOMING HIGHLIGHTS

Production of the 2023 **corn for grain** crop in Wyoming is estimated at 9.03 million bushels, up 5 percent, or 459,000 bushels, from last year's production of 8.57 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 unchanged from last year. Planted area totaled 85,000 acres, compared with 95,000 acres last year. Area harvested for grain in 2023, at 57,000 acres, is 1,000 acres above last year. Area harvested for **corn silage** is estimated at 23,000 acres, down 10,000 acres, or 30 percent, from last year, with production estimated at 529,000 tons, compared with 792,000 tons produced last year.

Wyoming **barley** producers seeded 83,000 acres in 2023, up 5,000 acres or 6 percent from last year. Harvested area, at 58,000 acres, is down 1,000 acres from 2022. Barley yield, at 104.0 bushels per acre, is up 11.0 bushels from last year. Barley production is estimated at 6.03 million bushels, up 10 percent from the 5.49-million-bushel crop produced in 2022.

**Winter wheat** production in Wyoming, estimated at 2.70 million bushels, is up 67 percent from the 1.62-million-bushel crop produced in 2022, according to the September 1 Agricultural Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Producers seeded 115,000 acres in the fall of 2022 for harvest in 2023, unchanged from previous year's crop. Area harvested for grain decreased 5,000 acres from last year to 90,000 acres in 2023. Winter wheat yield, at 30.0 bushels per acre, is up 13.0 bushels from last year.

All dry hay production in Wyoming for 2023 is estimated at 2.55 million tons, up 6 percent from the 2022 total production of 2.39 million tons. Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures dry hay production is estimated at 1.77 million tons from 590,000 acres harvested, up 146,000 tons from 2022. Average yield for the 2023 crop is 3.00 tons per acre, 0.10 ton above last year. All other dry hay production totaled 775,000 tons from 500,000 acres harvested, up 5,000 tons from 2022. The average yield of 1.55 tons per acre is 0.15 ton above last year. New seedings of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures in Wyoming are estimated at 50,000 acres, up 15,000 acres from 2022.

As of December 1, producers in Wyoming were storing 1.49 million tons of **all dry hay** on farms, up 15 percent from the 1.30 million tons stored last year.

The state's 2023 **sugarbeet** crop totaled 847,000 tons, up 4 percent from the 812,000 tons produced last year. Planted area totaled 29,000 acres, compared with 29,300 acres last year. Producers harvested 28,800 acres in 2023, up from 27,900 acres in 2022. Average yield is estimated at 29.4 tons per acre, 0.3 ton above/below last year.

**Dry edible bean** production in Wyoming for 2023 is estimated at 299,000 hundredweight, unchanged from the total production realized last year. Average yield totaled 2,250 pounds per acre, up 110 pounds from 2022. Planted area totaled 14,000 acres, compared with 15,000 acres a year ago. Harvested area, at 13,300 acres, is 700 acres below last year. Both planted and harvested acreage are the lowest since 1925. Pinto bean production for 2023 equaled 251,000 hundredweight, down 4 percent from last year. This represents the lowest pinto bean production for the state since 1952.

**Winter wheat seedings** in Wyoming for the 2024 crop year are estimated at 105,000 acres, down 10,000 acres from the final planted area realized in 2023. If realized, the forecasted winter wheat seeded area would represent the smallest seeded area for the state since 1937.

## UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

**Corn for grain** production in 2023 was estimated at a record high 15.3 billion bushels, up 12 percent from the 2022 estimate. The average yield in the United States was estimated at a record high 177.3 bushels per acre, 3.9 bushels above the 2022 yield of 173.4 bushels per acre. Area harvested for grain was estimated at 86.5 million acres, up 10 percent from the 2022 estimate. **Corn silage** production was estimated at 130 million tons for 2023, up 1 percent from the 2022 estimate. The United States silage yield was estimated

at 20.1 tons per acre, up 1.4 tons from 2022. Area harvested for silage was estimated at 6.47 million acres, down 6 percent from the 2022 estimate.

**Barley** production was estimated at 185 million bushels, up 6 percent from the 2022 total of 175 million bushels. The average yield, at 72.4 bushels per acre, was up 0.8 bushel from the previous year. Producers seeded 3.10 million acres in 2023, up 5 percent from 2022. Harvested area, at 2.56 million acres, was up 4 percent from 2022.

All wheat production totaled 1.81 billion bushels in 2023, up 10 percent from the 2022 total of 1.65 billion bushels. Area harvested for grain totaled 37.3 million acres, up 5 percent from the previous year. The United States yield was estimated at 48.6 bushels per acre, up 2.1 bushels from the previous year. The levels of production and changes from 2022 by type were: winter wheat, 1.25 billion bushels, up 13 percent; other spring wheat, 505 million bushels, up 5 percent; and Durum wheat, 59.3 million bushels, down 7 percent. Winter wheat production for 2023 totaled 1.25 billion bushels, up 13 percent from the 2022 total of 1.10 billion bushels. The United States yield, at 50.6 bushels per acre, was up 3.6 bushels from 2022. Area harvested for grain was estimated at 24.7 million acres, up 5 percent from 2022. Compared with 2022, harvested acreage was up 2 percent in the major Hard Red Winter (HRW) growing States, the primary winter wheat-producing area. HRW production totaled 601 million bushels, up 13 percent from 2022. In the Soft Red Winter (SRW) growing area, planted and harvested acreage increased from 2022. Coupled with several States estimated record high yields, SRW production totaled 449 million bushels, up 34 percent from 2022. White winter wheat production totaled 198 million bushels, down 16 percent from 2022. Harvested acreage was down 3 percent from 2022.

Production of **all dry hay** for 2023 was estimated at 119 million tons, up 6 percent from the 2022 total. Area harvested was estimated at 52.8 million acres, up 8 percent from 2022. The average yield, at 2.25 tons per acre, was down 0.04 ton from 2022. Production of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures hay** in 2023 was estimated at 49.9 million tons, up 2 percent from the 2022 total. Harvested area, at 15.6 million acres, was 3 percent above 2022. Average yield was estimated at 3.19 tons per acre, down 0.03 ton from 2022. Production of **all other hay** in 2023 totaled 68.9 million tons, up 9 percent from the 2022 total. Harvested area, at 37.2 million acres, was up 11 percent from 2022. Average yield was estimated at 1.85 tons per acre, down 0.02 ton from 2022. Growers seeded 1.74 million acres of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** during 2023, up 4 percent from 2022. 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, 2023, totaled 76.7 million tons, down 7 percent from December 1, 2022. Disappearance from May 1, 2023 - December 1, 2023, totaled 56.4 million tons, down 1 percent from the same period in 2022.

**Sugarbeet** production for 2023 was estimated at 35.2 million tons, up 8 percent from the previous year's revised production. Growers in the 11 major sugarbeet-producing States planted 1.14 million acres, down 2 percent from 2022. Harvested area, at 1.13 million acres, was down 1 percent from the previous year. Estimated yield, at 31.2 tons per acre, was up 2.5 tons from last year.

United States **dry edible bean** production was estimated at 23.9 million cwt for 2023, down 7 percent from the previous year. Planted area was estimated at 1.18 million acres, down 5 percent from 2022. Harvested area was estimated at 1.16 million acres, down 5 percent from the previous year. The average United States yield for dry edible beans for the 2023 season is 2,067 pounds per acre, down 44 pounds from 2022.

Winter wheat seeded area for 2024 is expected to total 34.4 million acres, down 6 percent from 2023. Approximate class acreage breakdowns are: Hard Red Winter, 24.0 million; Soft Red Winter, 6.86 million; and White Winter, 3.54 million.

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