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WYOMING 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 Wyoming is estimated at 90,000 acres, up 20 percent, or 15,000 acres, from the June *Acreage* report and up 5,000 acres from 2023. Harvested area, forecast at 61,000 acres, is up 10,000 acres from June and up 4,000 acres from last year. **Winter wheat** planted area in Wyoming is estimated at 110,000 acres, up 5 percent, or 5,000 acres, from the June *Acreage* report but down 5,000 acres from 2023. Harvested area, forecast at 80,000 acres, is up 5,000 acres from June but down 10,000 acres from last year.

Based on August 1 conditions, **barley** production in Wyoming is forecast at 5.77 million bushels, 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 2 percent from the July 1 forecast and down 4 percent from the 6.03-million-bushel crop produced in 2023. Planted area is estimated at 75,000 acres, down 7 percent, or 5,000 acres, from the June *Acreage* report, and down 8,000 acres from last year. Area intended for harvest, at 56,000 acres, is down 4,000 acres from June and down 2,000 acres from last year. Average yield, forecast at 103.0 bushels per acre, is up 5.0 bushels from July 1 but down 1.0 bushel from last year. As of August 4, the barley crop condition was rated 4 percent very poor, 3 percent poor, 1 percent fair, 69 percent good, and 23 percent excellent, compared with 15 percent fair and 85 percent good last year. Producers had harvested 47 percent of the crop, compared with 15 percent last year and a 5-year average of 24 percent.

Wyoming farmers and ranchers expect to harvest 555,000 acres of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures dry hay** this year, down 35,000 acres from 2023. Alfalfa production is forecast at 1.61 million tons, down 9 percent from the 1.77 million tons produced last year. Alfalfa hay yields are expected to average 2.90 tons per acre, down 0.10 ton from 2023. Growers expect to harvest 520,000 acres of **other dry hay** in 2024, up 20,000 acres from last year. Other hay production is forecast at 780,000 tons, up less than 1 percent from the 775,000 tons produced a year ago. Other dry hay yields are expected to average 1.50 tons per acre, down 0.05 ton from a year ago.

Sugarbeet production is forecast at 963,000 tons, up 14 percent from the 847,000 tons produced in 2023. Planted area is estimated at 33,000 acres, up 3 percent, or 1,000 acres, from the June *Acreage* report, and up 4,000 acres from last year. Growers expect to harvest 32,000 acres this year, up 500 acres from June and up 3,200 acres from 2023. Yields are expected to average 30.1 tons per acre, up from 29.4 tons a year ago. As of August 4, the sugarbeet crop was rated 1 percent poor, 1 percent fair, and 98 percent good.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Production of **sugarbeets** for the 2024 crop year is forecast at 35.7 million tons, up 1 percent from last year. Acreage updates were made based on a thorough review of all available data. Total planted area, at 1.11 million acres, is down slightly from the previous estimate and down 3 percent from 2023. Producers expect to harvest 1.09 million acres, down 4 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 32.9 tons per acre, up 1.7 tons from last year.

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