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CROP PRODUCTION – OCTOBER 1, 2024

WYOMING HIGHLIGHTS

Based on October 1 conditions, **alfalfa and alfalfa mixture dry hay** production in Wyoming is forecast at 1.33 million tons, according to the October 1 Agricultural Yield Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. This forecast is down 17 percent from the August 1 forecast and down 25 percent from last year's 1.77-million-ton crop. Farmers and ranchers expect to harvest 555,000 acres of alfalfa hay, a decrease of 35,000 acres from 2023. Alfalfa hay yield is expected to average 2.40 tons per acre, down 0.5 ton from the August 1 forecast and down 0.6 ton from the final 2023 yield. Producers expect to harvest 520,000 acres of **other hay** in 2024, up 20,000 acres from last year. Other hay production is forecast at 936,000 tons, up 20 percent from the August 1 forecast and up 21 percent from the 775,000 tons produced last year. Other hay yield is expected to average 1.80 tons per acre, up 0.3 ton from the August 1 forecast and up 0.25 ton from the final 2023 yield.

Sugarbeet production in Wyoming is forecast at 1.01 million tons, up 6 percent from the September 1 forecast and up 19 percent from the 847,000 tons produced in 2023. Harvested area, forecast at 31,000 acres, is unchanged from last month but up 2,200 acres from last year. Yields are expected to average 32.6 tons per acre, up 1.7 tons from the September 1 forecast and up from last year's yield of 29.4 tons per acre. As of September 29, the sugarbeet crop was rated 1 percent poor, 2 percent fair, and 97 percent good. Producers had harvested 39 percent of the crop, compared with 25 percent last year and a 5-year average of 22 percent.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Production of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixture dry hay** for 2024 is forecast at 54.0 million tons, up 3 percent from the August forecast and up 8 percent from 2023. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 3.45 tons per acre, up 0.10 ton from the August forecast and up 0.26 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 15.6 million acres, unchanged from the *Acreage* report but down slightly from 2023. Record high yields are forecast for California, Oregon, and Texas. Production of **other hay** is forecast at 72.9 million tons, down 2 percent from the August forecast but up 6 percent from 2023. Based on October 1 conditions, the United States yield is expected to average 2.03 tons per acre, down 0.04 ton from the August forecast but up 0.18 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 35.6 million tons, up 1 percent from last month and up 1 percent from last year. Producers expect to harvest 1.08 million acres, unchanged from last month but down 5 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 33.1 tons per acre, up 0.2 ton from last month and up 1.9 tons from last year.

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