

Field Crops

Hay: Arizona's alfalfa yield again led the nation at 8.0 tons per acre, down 0.3 tons from the 2000 crop. California was the next closest state, at 7.2 tons per acre. Nationally, alfalfa yields averaged 3.4 tons per acre. Harvested acres in Arizona, at 215,000, were up 10,000 from a year earlier and the total production of 1.72 million tons was up 1 percent. Acreage of other hay cut was up 1,000 acres, for a total of 43,000 acres.

Preliminary marketing year average prices for alfalfa increased to \$99.00 per ton, from \$94.00 the previous year. Prices for other hay during the marketing year averaged \$91.50, an increase of \$4.00 from the previous year.

Cotton: Upland, at 295,000 planted acres, was up 15,000 acres, while American-Pima, at 7,800 acres, was up 2,800 acres. Yields were: short staple - 1,142 pounds, down 224 pounds, and long staple - 960 pounds, up 255 pounds. National averages were: short staple - 687 pounds and long staple - 1,257 pounds.

Prices were down for both types from a year earlier. Upland, at \$0.288 per pound, was down \$0.109 and American-Pima, at \$0.947 per pound, was down \$0.020. U.S. prices were \$0.324 for Upland, up \$0.174 per pound and \$0.932 for American-Pima, down \$0.071 per pound.

Corn: Acreage was decreased to 55,000 acres planted during 2001. Of the 55,000 acres, 28,000 were harvested for grain and 26,000 for silage. Growers set a state record yield of 11,650 pounds per acre and again led the nation in yield per acre. Prices received for grain corn in Arizona decreased to \$98.20 per ton, down \$1.10 from the previous year.

Wheat: Acreage planted to Durum Wheat in Arizona increased to 88,000. Average yields, at 5,460 pounds per acre, were down 240 pounds from the 2000 crop. The average price received in Arizona, at \$126.70 per ton, was up \$10.00 from last year. Nationally, the price was up \$11.30 to \$100.00 per ton.

Winter wheat planted acreage in Arizona, at 6,000 acres, was down 1,000 acres from the previous year. Yield averaged 6,000 pounds per acre, equal to a year earlier. The national average yield was 2,610 pounds. Prices averaged \$95.00 per ton in Arizona and \$91.70 nationally.

Barley: Acreage in Arizona increased to 42,000 acres, up 2,000 acres from the previous year. Of those 42,000 acres, 40,000 acres were harvested for grain, yielding a national leading 5,280 pounds per acre, netting a production of 105,600 tons. North Dakota was the top producer, with 1.91 million tons.

The marketing year average price for Arizona's crop, at \$100.00 per ton, was \$0.80 below a year earlier. Nationally, barley prices averaged \$93.70 a ton.

Sorghum: Planted acreage in the state was 12,000, harvested for grain and silage each had 6,000 acres. Average yield for grain, at 4,480 pounds per acre, equals a year ago. Annual average price received for grain decreased to \$80.40, from last year's \$88.90 per ton.

**Arizona Field Crop Value of Production
2001 Season**

