

## Field Crops

**Hay:** Arizona's alfalfa yield again led the nation at 8.1 tons per acre, up 0.1 tons from the 2001 crop. California was the next closest state, at 7.1 tons per acre. Nationally, alfalfa yields averaged 3.2 tons per acre. Harvested acres, at 230,000, were up 15,000 from a year earlier and the total production of 1.86 million tons was up 8 percent. Acreage of other hay cut was up 2,000 acres, for a total of 45,000 acres.

Preliminary marketing year average prices for alfalfa increased to \$100.00 per ton, from \$99.00 the previous year. Prices for other hay during the marketing year averaged \$93.50, an increase of \$2.00 from the previous year.

**Cotton:** Upland, at 215,000 planted acres, was down 80,000 acres, while American-Pima, at 8,300 acres planted, was up 500 acres. Yields were: short staple - 1,381 pounds, up 239 pounds, and long staple - 1,013 pounds, up 85 pounds. National averages were: short staple - 651 pounds and long staple - 1,342 pounds.

The average price for Upland, at \$0.489 per pound, was up \$0.205, but American-Pima, at \$0.828 per pound, was down \$0.020. U.S. prices were \$0.405 for Upland, up \$0.107 per pound and \$0.846 for American-Pima, down \$0.010 per pound.

**Corn:** Acreage was increased to 60,000 acres planted during 2002. Of the 60,000 acres, 28,000 were harvested for grain and 31,000 for silage. The average yield for grain, at 10,360 pounds per acre, was down 1,290 pounds from a year ago. Prices received for corn for grain increased to \$110.70 per ton, up \$11.10 from the previous year.

**Wheat:** Acreage planted to Durum Wheat increased 1,000 acres to 89,000. Average yield, at 5,700 pounds per acre, was up 240 pounds from the 2001 crop. The average price received, at \$133.30 per ton, was up \$1.60 from last year. Nationally, the price was up \$32.30, to \$135.00 per ton.

Winter wheat planted acreage, at 10,000 acres, was up 4,000 acres from the previous year. Yield averaged 6,000 pounds per acre, equal to a year earlier. The national average yield was 2,310 pounds. Prices averaged \$130.00 per ton in Arizona and \$115.00 nationally.

**Barley:** Planted acreage increased to 46,000 acres, up 4,000 acres from the previous year. Of those 46,000 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 1.37 million tons.

The marketing year average price, at \$125.00 per ton, was up \$25.00 from a year earlier. Nationally, barley prices averaged \$112.50 a ton.

**Sorghum:** Planted acreage in the state was 15,000, with 6,000 acres harvested for grain and 9,000 acres for silage. Average yield for grain, at 4,480 pounds per acre, equals a year ago. Annual average price received for grain increased to \$88.30, up from last year's \$80.20 per ton.

**Field Crop Value of Production**  
2002 Season  
(Million Dollars)

