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2012 Montana Annual Crop Summary
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Montana producers planted 105,000 acres of corn for all purposes in 2012, up from 77,000 acres in 2011, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Montana Field Office. There were 102,000 acres of corn harvested for all purposes in 2012, up from 74,000 acres harvested in 2011. Corn harvested for grain, at 60,000 acres, was up 24,000 acres from 2011. The average yield was 110.0 bushels per acre, 20 bushels lower than last year's 130.0 bushels. Grain production increased 41 percent from a year ago to 6.60 million bushels. Corn for silage harvested acres, at 42,000 acres, was up from 38,000 acres last year. Corn silage yield was 20.0 tons per acre, down 1.0 ton per acre from a year ago. The total corn for silage production was 840,000 tons, up 5 percent from a year ago.

Sugar beet producers in Montana planted 46,600 acres in 2012, up 1,600 acres from the previous year. Harvested acreage amounted to 45,800 acres, up 2,800 acres from 2011. Yield increased 2.4 tons per acre from last year to average 28.2 tons per acre. Total production was 1,292,000 tons, up 17 percent from the previous year. Fall potato production in Montana totaled 3.74 million cwt, down 1 percent from last year. Producers harvested 11,700 acres, 200 acres more than 2011. Potato yields were 10 cwt lower than last year at 320.0 cwt per acre.

All hay harvested in Montana was down 500,000 acres from last year to 2.20 million acres. All hay production was 4.12 million tons, down 26 percent from a year ago. Alfalfa hay harvested acreage was 1.5 million acres, down 25 percent from last year. The average yield was 2.0 tons per acre, down 0.20 ton per acre from the previous year. Alfalfa hay production was 3.0 million tons, down 32 percent from last year. New seedings of alfalfa hay were 85,000 acres, compared to 80,000 acres in 2011. Other hay harvested acreage was 700,000 acres, unchanged from 2011. The average yield was 1.60 tons per acre, down 0.10 ton per acre from last year. Other hay production was 1.12 million tons, down 6 percent from last year. Montana hay stocks were 3.80 million tons on December 1, down 22 percent from last year.

Montana's dry bean growers produced 466,000 cwt in 2012, up 73 percent from last year. Producers planted 32,000 acres of beans this year, 17,000 acres more than last year. Growers harvested 31,100 acres with a yield of 1,500 lbs per acre, compared with last year's 14,800 acres harvested and the average yield of 1,820 lbs per acre. Pinto bean production in 2012 was 213,000 cwt, which is 64 percent above last year. Planted acreage was 9,000, up 4,000 acres from last year. Harvested acreage, at 8,500 acres, is 3,500 acres above the previous year. The pinto bean yield was 2,500 lbs per acre, down 100 pounds per acre from last year. All garbanzo bean production, at 253,000 cwt, compares to 119,000 cwt in 2011. Planted acreage was 23,000 acres, up from 9,000 planted acres last year. Harvested area was 22,600 acres, compared with 8,900 acres last year. The yield was 1,120 pounds per acre, down from last year's 1,340 pounds per acre.

Dry edible pea production for 2012 in Montana was 4.4 million cwt, up 66 percent from a year ago. Dry pea yield for 2012 was 15.0 cwt per acre, unchanged from 2011. Planted and harvested acreages were 315,000 and 293,000 acres, respectively. Last year, growers planted 190,000 acres and harvested 177,000 acres of dry peas. Austrian winter pea production in 2012 was 69,000 cwt, down 4 percent from last year. Planted acreage was 11,000 acres, 1,000 acres above a year ago. Harvested acreage, at 6,900, was up 900 acres from 2011. The yield was 10.0 cwt per acre in 2012, compared with 12.0 cwt a year ago.

Montana's 2012 lentil production was 2.1 million cwt, compared to 2.7 million cwt a year ago. Planted area was 205,000 acres, with harvested acres at 195,000 acres, compared with last year's 260,000 acres planted and 247,000 acres harvested. Lentil yield for 2012 was 11.0 cwt per acre, unchanged from 2011.

Montana's flaxseed production in 2012 was 117,000 bushels, down from 208,000 bushels a year ago. Growers planted 18,000 acres and harvested 13,000 acres in 2012, compared with 17,000 acres planted and 16,000 acres harvested in 2011. The average yield for 2012 was 9.0 bushels per acre, down 4 bushels per acre from a year ago.

Production of mustard seed for 2012 was 12.0 million pounds, compared with 5.0 million in 2011. Planted acres were 25,000, up 14,000 from last year. Harvested acres were 24,500, compared with 10,300 acres in 2011. Mustard seed yields averaged 490 pounds per acre in 2012, unchanged from last year.

Montana canola growers planted 51,000 acres in 2012, up 20,000 acres from 2011. Harvested acreage was 49,500 acres, up 19,000 acres from last year. The 2012 canola yield was 1,240 pounds per acre, down 130 pounds per acre from a year ago. Canola production totaled 61.4 million pounds, up from 41.8 million pounds in 2011.

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Growers produced 18.6 million pounds of safflower, up from 11.7 million pounds produced last year. Safflower planted acres for 2012 totaled 27,000, with 25,800 acres harvested. Last year there were 14,000 acres planted with 13,800 acres harvested. Yield was 720 pounds per acre, down from 850 pounds per acre in 2011.

Winter Wheat Seedings 2013 Crop Year

Montana producers seeded 2.10 million acres of winter wheat last fall for the 2013 crop year, down 200,000 acres or 9 percent below the 2012 winter wheat planting of 2.30 million acres.

Winter wheat conditions in Montana at the end of December were rated 2 percent very poor, 6 percent poor, 52 percent fair, 38 percent good, and 2 percent excellent, compared with 2 percent very poor, 7 percent poor, 61 percent fair, 26 percent good, and 4 percent excellent a year ago. Protectiveness of snow cover at the end of December was rated 7 percent very poor, 21 percent poor, 49 percent fair, 19 percent good, and 4 percent excellent. Wind damage was rated 95 percent none to light, the same as last year, while freeze and drought damage was 95 percent none to light, compared with 100 percent last year.

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Crop	Unit	Planted		Harvested		Yield		Production	
		2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
Montana		1,000 Acres		1,000 Acres				1,000 Units	
Winter Wheat	Bu	2,250.0	2,300.0	2,190.0	2,170.0	41.0	39.0	89,790	84,630
Durum Wheat	Bu	400.0	520.0	385.0	515.0	28.0	28.0	10,780	14,420
Spring Wheat	Bu	2,450.0	2,950.0	2,400	2.900.0	31.0	33.0	74,400	95,700
All Wheat	Bu	5,100.0	5,770.0	4,975.0	5,585.0	35.2	34.9	174,970	194,750
Barley	Bu	700.0	900.0	620.0	790.0	50.0	53.0	31,000	41,870
Oats	Bu	45.0	45.0	20.0	18.0	50.0	45.0	1,000	810
Corn for Grain 1/	Bu	77.0	105.0	36.0	60.0	130.0	110.0	4,680	6,600
Sugar Beets	Ton	45.0	46.6	43.0	45.8	25.9	28.2	1,114	1,292
Potatoes, Fall	Cwt	11.7	12.0	11.5	11.7	330	320	3,795	3,744
Dry Beans	Cwt	15.0	32.0	14.8	31.1	18.2	15.0	270	466
Pinto Beans	Cwt	5.0	9.0	5.0	8.5	26.0	25.0	130	213
Garbanzo Beans	Cwt	9.0	23.0	8.9	22.6	13.4	11.2	119	253
Other Dry Beans	Cwt	1.0	--	0.9	--	23.0	--	21	--
Dry Peas	Cwt	190.0	315.0	177.0	293	15.0	15.0	2,655	4,395
Austrian Winter Peas	Cwt	10.0	11.0	6.0	6.9	12.0	10.0	72	69
Lentils	Cwt	260.0	205.0	247.0	195.0	11.0	11.0	2,717	2,145
Canola	Lbs	31.0	51.0	30.5	49.5	13.7	12.4	41,785	61,380
Flaxseed	Bu	17.0	18.0	16.0	13.0	13.0	9.0	208	117
Mustard	Lbs	11.0	25.0	10.3	24.5	490.0	490	5,047	12,005
Safflower	Lbs	14.0	27.0	13.8	25.8	850.0	720.0	11,730	18,576
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	--	--	2,000.0	1500	2.2	2.0	4,400	3,000
All Other Hay	Ton	--	--	700.0	700.0	1.7	1.6	1,190	1,120
All Hay	Ton	--	--	2,700.0	2,200.0	2.07	1.87	5,590	4,120
United States		1,000 Acres		1,000 Acres				1,000 Units	
Winter Wheat	Bu	40,646.0	41,324.0	32,314.0	34,834.0	46.2	47.2	1,493,677	1,645,202
Durum Wheat	Bu	1,369.0	2,123.0	1,312.0	2,102.0	38.5	39.0	50,482	81,956
Spring Wheat	Bu	12,394.0	12,289.0	12,079.0	12,055.0	37.7	45.0	455,188	541,959
All Wheat	Bu	54,409.0	55,736.0	45,705.0	48,991.0	43.7	46.3	1,999,347	2,269,117
Barley	Bu	2,559.0	3,637.0	2,239.0	3,244.0	69.6	67.9	155,780	220,284
Oats	Bu	2,496.0	2,760.0	939.0	1,045.0	57.1	61.3	53,649	64,024
Corn for Grain 1/	Bu	91,936.0	97,155.0	83,989.0	87,375.0	147.2	123.4	12,359,612	10,780,296
Sugar Beets	Ton	1,232.8	1,230.1	1,213.2	1,204.2	23.8	29.3	28,896	35,236
Potatoes, Fall	Cwt	1,099.2	1,148.3	1,077.0	1,132.7	399.0	412.0	429,647	467,126
Dry Beans	Cwt	1,217.9	1,742.5	1,167.9	1,690.4	1,703*	1,889*	19,890	31,925
Pinto Beans	Cwt	386.7	729.7	366.8	703.4	1,601*	1,924*	5,874	13,534
Garbanzo Beans	Cwt	135.8	207.9	134.5	206.3	1,637*	1,610*	2,202	3,321
Other Dry Beans	Cwt	50.5	48.0	48.9	46.0	1,785*	1,867*	873	859
Dry Peas	Cwt	362.0	649.0	342.8	621.0	1,641*	1,751*	5,625	10,872
Austrian Winter Peas	Cwt	18.0	19.0	12.3	13.7	1,463*	1,219*	180	167
Lentils	Cwt	428.0	463.0	411.0	450.0	1,151*	1,178*	4,732	5,302
Canola	Lbs	1,071.5	1,765.0	1,043.0	1,729.0	1,475	1,416	1,538,010	2,447,410
Flaxseed	Bu	178.0	344.0	173.0	336.0	16.1	17.1	2,791	5,762
Mustard	Lbs	23.2	51.1	21.8	49.7	718	602	15,644	29,930
Safflower	Lbs	130.7	169.8	127.3	160.1	1,333.0	1,121.0	169,671	179,424
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	--	--	19,213.0	17,292	3.40	3.01	65,332	52,049
All Other Hay	Ton	--	--	36,440	38,968	1.81	1.74	65,884	67,829
All Hay	Ton	--	--	55,653	56,260	2.36	2.13	131,216	119,878

1/ Planted for all purposes. – Not published. *Lbs