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October 1, 2007 Crop Production

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**Alfalfa hay** production in Montana is estimated to be 3.47 million tons, up 6 percent from the previous year, according to USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Montana Field Office. Alfalfa hay yield decreased from the August forecast of 2.20 tons per acre to 2.10 tons. Harvested area, at 1.65 million acres, remained unchanged from August, but is up 100,000 acres from 2006. **Other hay** yield is down 0.1 ton per acre from August's forecast to 1.50 tons per acre, but unchanged from last year. Other hay production is expected to be 1.35 million tons, up 27 percent from 2006. Other hay harvested area is unchanged from August at 0.9 million acres, but is up 190,000 acres from 2006. All hay production is estimated to be 4.82 million tons, up 11 percent from last year. All hay yield is estimated to be 1.89 tons per acre, down 0.02 ton per acre from last year.

Montana's **sugar beet** production is forecast at 1.22 million tons for 2007, unchanged from the September forecast, but 7 percent below 2006. Forecasted yield, at 26.0 tons per acre, is also unchanged from September, but down 1.0 ton per acre from last year. Harvested acreage, at 47,000 acres, is unchanged from September, but down 1,500 acres from last year.

Montana **canola** producers expect to harvest 7,700 acres in 2007, compared with 9,800 in 2006. Yield is expected to be 1,600 pounds per acre, up 43 percent from last year. Production is expected to total 12.3 million pounds, compared with 11.0 million pounds last year.

In the United States, **alfalfa hay** production is forecast at 72.3 million tons, up 3 percent from the August forecast and up 1 percent from last year. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 3.37 tons per acre, up 0.11 ton from August and up 0.02 ton from 2006. Harvested area is forecast at 21.5 million acres, unchanged from August but slightly above the previous year's acreage.

U.S. **other hay** production is forecast at 75.6 million tons, up slightly from the August forecast and up 8 percent from 2006. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 1.87 tons, the same as the August forecast but up 0.09 ton from last year. Harvested area, at 40.3 million acres, is unchanged from August but up 2 percent from the previous year.

**Sugar beet** production in the U.S. is forecast at 30.4 million tons, 1 percent above the September forecast but 11 percent below last year's production of 34.1 million tons. Growers expect to harvest 1.24 million acres, unchanged from September but down 5 percent from last year. The yield is forecast at 24.5 tons per acre, up 0.3 ton from last month but down 1.6 tons from the 2006 record high yield.

The first U.S. **canola** production forecast for 2007 is 1.50 billion pounds, up 8 percent from 2006. Area planted, at 1.18 million acres, is up 2 percent from the June estimate and up 13 percent from last year. Canola farmers expect to harvest 1.14 million acres, up 2 percent from June and up 12 percent from 2006. The October yield forecast, at 1,312 pounds per acre, is 54 pounds below last year's yield. North Dakota's yield, at 1,310 pounds per acre, is down 60 pounds from last year.

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**October 1, 2007 Crop Production Forecast, Montana and U.S.**

Crop	Unit	Acres Planted		Acres Harvested		Yield		Production	
		2006	2007 1/	2006	2007 1/	2006	2007 1/	2006	2007 1/
		(000) Acres		(000) Acres				(000) Units	
Winter Wheat	Bu	1,950.0	2,240.0	1,920.0	2,190.0	43.0	38.0	82,560	83,220
Durum Wheat	Bu	400.0	480.0	395.0	475.0	17.0	24.0	6,715	11,400
Spring Wheat	Bu	2,950.0	2,450.0	2,900.0	2,400.0	22.0	23.0	63,800	55,200
All Wheat	Bu	5,300.0	5,170.0	5,215.0	5,065.0	29.4	29.6	153,075	149,820
Barley	Bu	770.0	900.0	620.0	720.0	50.0	44.0	31,000	31,680
Oats	Bu	70.0	75.0	24.0	35.0	46.0	52.0	1,104	1,820
Corn for Grain 2/	Bu	65.0	82.0	18.0	22.0	146.0	4/	2,628	4/
Sugar Beets	Tons	53.6	47.5	48.5	47.0	27.0	26.0	1,310	1,222
Fall Potatoes	Cwt	10.6	10.8	10.5	10.7	335.0	3/	3,518	3/
Dry Beans	Cwt	19.5	18.0	18.6	17.0	16.4	18.0	305	306
Dry Peas	Cwt	210.0	265.0	191.0	240.0	10.8	3/	2,063	3/
Lentils	Cwt	142.0	85.0	134.0	80.0	6.0	3/	804	3/
Aus. Winter Peas	Cwt	32.0	18.0	12.0	10.0	9.2	3/	110	3/
Canola	Lbs	10.0	8.0	9.8	7.7	1,120.0	1,600.0	10,976	12,320
Flaxseed	Bu	35.0	30.0	33.0	29.0	9.0	4/	297	4/
Safflower	Lbs	39.0	53.0	37.0	50.0	750.0	4/	27,750	4/
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	--	--	1,550.0	1,650.0	2.10	2.10	3,255	3,465
All Other Hay	Ton	--	--	710.0	900.0	1.50	1.50	1,065	1,350
All Hay	Ton	--	--	2,260.0	2,550.0	1.91	1.89	4,320	4,815
<b>UNITED STATES</b>		<b>(000) Acres</b>		<b>(000) Acres</b>				<b>(000) Units</b>	
Winter Wheat	Bu	40,575.0	44,987.0	31,117.0	35,952.0	41.7	42.2	1,298,081	1,515,989
Durum Wheat	Bu	1,870.0	2,149.0	1,815.0	2,112.0	29.5	33.9	53,475	71,686
Spring Wheat	Bu	14,899.0	13,297.0	13,878.0	12,947.0	33.2	37.0	460,480	479,047
All Wheat	Bu	57,344.0	60,433.0	46,810.0	51,011.0	38.7	40.5	1,812,036	2,066,722
Barley	Bu	3,452.0	4,020.0	2,951.0	3,508.0	61.0	60.4	180,165	211,825
Oats	Bu	4,168.0	3,760.0	1,566.0	1,505.0	59.8	60.9	93,638	91,599
Corn for Grain 2/	Bu	78,327.0	93,616.0	70,648.0	86,071.0	149.1	154.7	10,534,868	13,318,102
Sugar Beets	Ton	1,366.2	1,263.0	1,303.6	1,241.4	26.1	24.5	34,064	30,382
Fall Potatoes	Cwt	978.9	1,009.2	976.2	996.2	402.0	3/	391,978	3/
Dry Beans	Cwt	1,629.8	1,527.3	1,537.6	1,462.5	15.8	17.3	24,247	25,264
Dry Peas	Cwt	925.5	880.5	884.1	834.3	15.0	3/	13,203	3/
Lentils	Cwt	429.0	305.0	407.0	293.0	8.0	3/	3,244	3/
Aus. Winter Peas	Cwt	46.0	27.0	22.5	17.0	11.5	3/	259	3/
Canola	Lbs	1,044.0	1,183.0	1,021.0	1,144.0	1,366.0	1,312.0	1,394,332	1,501,341
Flaxseed	Bu	813.0	465.0	767.0	453.0	14.4	4/	11,019	4/
Safflower	Lbs	189.0	170.0	179.0	162.5	1,069.0	4/	191,405	4/
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	--	--	21,384.0	21,451.0	3.35	3.37	71,666	72,347
All Other Hay	Ton	--	--	39,423.0	40,338.0	1.78	1.87	70,000	75,617
All Hay	Ton	--	--	60,807.0	61,789.0	2.33	2.39	141,666	147,964

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Planted for all purposes. 3/ Forecast available November 9, 2007. 4/ Available January 11, 2008. -- Not published.