

HAY PRODUCTION THIRD LARGEST ON RECORD

All hay production, at 4.51 million tons, was down 5 percent from the 2001 record crop, but still the third largest since records began in 1909. Hay acreage, at 2,030,000, was down 3 percent from 2001. Other hay production, at 4.40 tons per acre, was 5 percent lower than 2001. Other hay producers harvested 2,000,000 acres, 100,000 acres less than a year earlier with a final yield of 2.2 tons per acre, the same as 2001. Total alfalfa production, at 114,000 tons, was down 17 percent from 2001. Alfalfa producers harvested 30,000 acres, 5,000 acres less than 2001 with a yield of 3.8 tons per acre, only 0.1 tons below the year earlier. Hay harvest got underway on schedule in a few areas of the State by the end of April, but quickly fell behind normal due to wet conditions in early May. Hay producers across the state experienced a wide range of difficulties as they struggled with excess rainfall to drought conditions throughout the harvest season. Growers seeded 6,000 acres of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures during 2002, unchanged from a year earlier.

2003 WINTER WHEAT ACREAGE DOWN 2 PERCENT

Total wheat acreage for 2003 is forecast at 460,000 acres, down 10,000 acres from the 2002 planted area. Winter wheat planting was underway by the first week of October with one-tenth of the acreage seeded. By mid-month, producers struggled to wrap-up fall seedings as wet weather limited the amount of acreage they were able to sow. Development progressed slightly behind the normal pace with a few reports of armyworms in some areas. Only about half of the acreage had been seeded and about a fourth of the crop had emerged by the first of November. By month's end, 85 percent of the crop had been sown with 80 percent of the crop rated in good-to-excellent condition.

Crop Estimates: Tennessee and United States, Final 2002, with Comparisons

Crop	Unit	Harvested Acres		Yield Per Acre		Production	
		2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
		Thousands		Number of Units		Thousands	
TENNESSEE							
Apples	lb.	---	---	---	---	9,000	8,000
Corn for Grain	bu.	620	620	132	107	81,840	66,340
Corn for Silage	ton	55	55	19	15	1,045	825
Cotton ¹	lb.	615	535	763	729	978	813
Cottonseed	ton	—	—	—	—	351.0	309.0
Hay, All	ton	2,135	2,030	2.23	2.22	4,757	4,514
Other	ton	2,100	2,000	2.20	2.20	4,620	4,400
Alfalfa	ton	35	30	3.90	3.80	137	114
Peaches	lb.	---	---	---	---	3,700	4,000
Sorghum for Grain	bu.	27	31	80.0	80.0	2,160	2,480
Sorghum for Silage	ton	2	2	15.0	14.0	30	28
Soybeans	bu.	1,040	1,120	34.0	31.0	35,360	34,720
Tobacco, All	lb.	39.69	35.90	2,189	2,021	86,893	72,540
E. Dark-fired (22)	lb.	6.5	5.0	3,000	2,900	19,500	14,500
W. Dark-fired (23)	lb.	.52	.40	3,175	3,100	1,651	1,240
Burley (31)	lb.	32.0	30.0	2,000	1,850	64,000	55,500
One-sucker (35)	lb.	.67	.50	2,600	2,600	1,742	1,300
Winter Wheat	bu.	340	300	54.0	46.0	18,360	13,800
UNITED STATES							
Apples	lb.	---	---	---	---	9,629,100	8,910,600
Corn for Grain	bu.	68,808	69,313	138.2	130.0	9,506,840	9,007,659
Corn for Silage	ton	6,148	7,490	16.6	14.0	102,077	104,979
Cotton ¹	lb.	13,827.7	12,413.3	705	663	20,302.8	17,145.0
Cottonseed	ton	—	—	—	—	7,452.2	6,419.3
Hay, All	ton	63,521	64,497	2.47	2.34	156,764	150,692
Other	ton	39,699	41,362	1.93	1.86	76,437	77,138
Alfalfa	ton	23,822	23,135	3.37	3.19	80,327	73,824
Peaches	lb.	---	---	---	---	2,441,400	2,531,700
Sorghum for Grain	bu.	8,584	7,299	59.9	50.7	514,524	369,758
Sorghum for Silage	ton	336	352	11.1	9.5	3,728	3,360
Soybeans	bu.	72,975	72,160	39.6	37.8	2,890,682	2,729,709
Tobacco, All	lb.	432.34	430.28	2,293	2,068	991,552	889,632
E. Dark-fired (22)	lb.	9.80	7.50	3,135	2,900	30,720	21,750
W. Dark-fired (23)	lb.	3.62	2.80	3,419	3,357	12,377	9,400
Burley (31)	lb.	164.30	159.60	2,033	1,904	334,066	303,895
One-sucker (35)	lb.	3.42	2.60	2,821	2,600	9,648	6,760
Winter Wheat	bu.	31,295	29,651	43.5	38.5	1,361,479	1,142,802

¹ Production in 480-lb. net weight bales. U.S. production includes American-Pima Cotton.