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UTAH HIGHLIGHTS

Utah principal crop planted acreage, which includes acres planted to all major crops and those expected to be cut for all hay, is up 10 percent from 2015 to 991,000 acres, according to the June 1 Agricultural Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

Utah **corn** producers planted 85,000 acres of corn this year of which they intend to harvest 20,000 acres for grain, up from 15,000 acres harvested in 2015. This is an increase of 33 percent from last year's harvested grain acreage and a 42 percent increase in planted acreage for all purposes. **Barley** planted area, at 30,000 acres, is 11 percent more than last year's acreage. Expected harvested acres, at 20,000 acres are 25 percent above 2015.

Winter wheat producers planted 115,000 acres in the fall of 2015 for harvest in 2016, unchanged from the previous year's crop. Acreage expected to be harvested for grain decreased 5,000 acres from last year to 105,000 acres. **Spring wheat** seedings, at 11,000 acres, are up 1,000 acres compared with a year ago. Acreage for harvest is expected to total 8,000 acres, down from 9,000 acres harvested last year.

The area to be harvested for **hay** is expected to increase 80,000 acres from a year ago to 750,000 acres. **Alfalfa hay** harvested acreage is expected to increase 60,000 acres to 570,000 acres and **all other hay** harvested acreage is expected to increase 20,000 acres to 180,000 acres. **Safflower** growers planted an estimated 13,000 acres this year, down 3,000 acres from last year. Harvested acres are expected to total 12,000 acres, down from 15,500 acres harvested in 2015.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Corn: The 2016 corn planted area for all purposes is estimated at 94.1 million acres, up 7 percent from last year and the third highest planted acreage since 1944. Growers expect to harvest 86.6 million acres for grain, up 7 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the third highest acres harvested for grain since 1933.

Barley: Producers seeded 2.97 million acres of barley for the 2016 crop year, down 17 percent from the previous year. This represents the third-lowest seeded area on record. Harvested area, forecast at 2.58 million acres, is down 17 percent from 2015. Record low planted acreage is estimated in California.

Winter wheat: The 2016 winter wheat planted area is estimated at 36.5 million acres, up less than 1 percent from the previous estimate but down 7 percent from last year. Of the total acreage, about 26.5 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 6.58 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.42 million are White Winter. Record low planted acreages are expected in Nebraska and Utah.

Other spring wheat: Area seeded to other spring wheat is estimated at 12.1 million acres, down 8 percent from 2015. Of this total, about 11.4 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. North Dakota, the largest producing spring wheat State, is estimated at 6.30 million acres, down 6 percent from last year. As of June 26, fifty-six percent of the spring wheat crop was headed, 14 percentage points ahead of last year. Record low planted acreages are expected in Colorado and South Dakota. Harvested area is expected to total 11.8 million acres, 9 percent below 2015. Record low harvested acreage is expected in Colorado. As of June 26, seventy-two percent of the crop was rated in good to excellent condition, identical to the same time last year.

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Hay: Producers intend to harvest 56.1 million acres of all hay in 2016, up 3 percent from 2015. The expected harvested area of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures, at 18.1 million acres, is up 2 percent from 2015. All other types of hay harvested are expected to total 38.1 million acres, up 4 percent from 2015. Harvested area of all hay is expected to increase or hold steady in most southern and western States. Meanwhile, the most significant declines are expected in the Northern Plains States.

Safflower: Planted area of safflower decreased 11 percent from 2015, to 150,000 acres in 2016. This is the second lowest planted area for the Nation since records began in 1991. Area for harvest is forecast at 144,700 acres, down 9 percent from last year. Growers in Montana, the second largest State in terms of planted area in 2015, planted only 35,000 acres this year, a decline of 30 percent from last year.

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