

Field Crop Highlights

Hay: Arizona's alfalfa yield again led the nation at 8.3 tons per acre. This yield is up .4 tons from the 1999 crop. Nationally, alfalfa yields averaged 3.48 tons with the next closest state, California, averaging 7.0 tons per acre. Harvested acres in Arizona, at 205,000, were up 5,000 from a year earlier and the total production of 1.70 million tons was up 8 percent. Acreage of other hay cut was up 2,000 acres, for a total of 42,000 acres.

Preliminary marketing average prices for alfalfa increased to \$94.00 per ton, from \$89.00 the previous year. Prices for other hay during the marketing year averaged \$88.00, an increase of \$13.50 from the previous year.

Barley: Acreage in Arizona decreased to 40,000 acres, down 23,000 acres from the previous year. Of those 40,000 acres, 36,000 acres were harvested for grain yielding 5,470 pounds per acre, netting a production of 98,500 tons. Arizona growers averaged 5,472 pounds per acre, second to Colorado's growers averaging 5,520 pounds per acre. North Dakota was the top producer, with 2.34 million tons.

The marketing year average price for Arizona's crop, at \$100.00 per ton, was unchanged from a year earlier. Nationally, barley prices averaged \$89.60.

Corn: Acreage was increased to 56,000 acres planted during 2000. Of the 56,000 acres, 33,000 were harvested for grain and 22,000 for silage. Growers set a state record yield of 10,980

pounds per acre and again led the nation in yield per acre. Prices received for grain corn in Arizona decreased to \$94.60 per ton, down \$2.50 from the previous year.

Cotton: Upland, at 280,000 planted acres, was up 10,000 acres, while American-Pima, at 5,000 acres, was down 4,000 acres, and was the smallest acreage since 1949. Yields were: short staple - 1,366 pounds, up 88 pounds, and long staple - 705 pounds, down 174 pounds. National averages were: short staple - 626 pounds and long staple - 1,105 pounds.

Prices were up for both types from a year earlier. Upland, at \$0.598 per pound, was up \$0.159 and American-Pima, at \$0.886 per pound, was up \$0.018. U.S. prices were \$0.560 for Upland, up \$0.110 per pound and \$0.958 for American-Pima, up \$0.133 per pound.

Wheat: Acreage planted to Durum Wheat in Arizona increased to 85,000. Average yields, at 5,700 pounds per acre, were down 120 pounds from the 1999 crop. Average prices received in Arizona, at \$113.30 per ton, were down \$20.00 from last year. Nationally, the price was up \$2.30 to \$93.30.

Other wheat planted acreage in Arizona, at 7,000 acres, was down 4,000 acres from the previous year. Yields averaged 6,000 pounds per acre, down 300 pounds from a year earlier. The national average yield was 2,676 pounds. Prices averaged \$93.90 per ton in Arizona and \$85.00 nationally.

Arizona Field Crop Value of Production
2000 Season

