

Field Crops

Hay: Arizona's alfalfa yield again led the nation at 8.30 tons per acre, down 0.1 ton from the 2005 crop. California was the next closest state, at 6.8 tons per acre. Nationally, alfalfa yields averaged 3.35 tons per acre. Arizona's harvested acres, at 250,000, were down 10,000 from a year earlier and the total production of 2.08 million tons was down 5 percent. Acreage of other hay cut was up 5,000 acres, for a total of 45,000 acres.

Preliminary marketing year average prices for alfalfa increased to \$128.00 per ton from \$124.00 the previous year. Prices for other hay during the marketing year averaged \$129.00, an increase of \$11.00 from the previous year.

Cotton: Upland, at 190,000 planted acres, was down 40,000 from 2005. American-Pima, at 7,000 acres planted, was up 2,900 acres. Yields were: upland - 1,420 pounds, up 131 pounds, and American-Pima - 919 pounds, up 99 pounds. National averages were: upland - 806 pounds and American-Pima - 1,136 pounds.

The average price for upland through December, 2006 was \$0.525 per pound. American-Pima growers received \$1.030 per pound. U.S. prices through December, 2006 were \$0.473 for upland and \$1.030 for American-Pima.

Corn: Acreage remained at 50,000 acres planted during 2006. Of the 50,000 acres, 18,000 were harvested for grain and 31,000 for silage. The average yield for grain, at 9,520 pounds per acre, was down 1,400 pounds from a year ago. Prices received for grain corn increased to \$141.10 per ton, up \$27.50 from the previous year.

Wheat: Acreage planted to Durum wheat decreased 5,000 acres to 75,000. Average yield, at 6,000 pounds per acre, was unchanged from the 2005 crop. The average price received, at \$161.70 per ton, was up \$21.70 from last year. Nationally, the price was up \$28.00, to \$143.30 per ton.

Other wheat planted acreage, at 4,000 acres, was down 1,000 acres from the previous year. Yield averaged 5,400 pounds per acre, 600 more than a year earlier. Other wheat is included in winter wheat nationally. The national average yield was 2,502 pounds. Prices averaged \$163.30 per ton in Arizona and \$140.00 nationally.

Barley: Planted acreage decreased to 25,000 acres, down 11,000 acres from the previous year. Of those 25,000 acres, 22,000 acres were harvested for grain, yielding 5,520 pounds per acre, netting a production of 85,800 tons. North Dakota was the top producer with 1.17 million tons.

The marketing year average price, at \$129.20 per ton, was up \$14.60 from a year earlier. Nationally, barley prices averaged \$118.70 a ton.

Sorghum: Planted acreage in the State was 24,000, with 5,000 acres harvested for grain and 17,000 acres for silage. Average yield for grain, at 5,320 pounds per acre, was unchanged from a year ago. Annual average price received for grain increased to \$133.00, up from last year's \$100.00 per ton.

Field Crop Value of Production
2006 Season
(Million Dollars)

