

Field Crops

Hay: Arizona's 2009 alfalfa yield again led the nation at 8.5 tons per acre. California was the next closest state, at 7.1 tons per acre. Nationally, alfalfa yields averaged 3.35 tons per acre. Arizona's harvested acres, at a record high 280,000, increased by 20,000 from a year earlier. Total production was a record high 2.38 million tons. Acreage of other hay cut was down 5,000 acres, for a total of 30,000 acres. Production was set at 150,000 tons.

Preliminary marketing year average prices for alfalfa decreased to \$122.00 per ton from \$185.00 the previous year. Prices for other hay during the marketing year averaged \$130.00, a decrease of \$38.00 from the previous year.

Cotton: Upland, at 145,000 planted acres, was up 10,000 from 2008. Yield averaged a record high 1,477 pounds per acre, up 15 pounds from last year's yield. Upland production was estimated at 443,000 bales, an increase of 38,000 bales from 2008. American-Pima, at 1,600 acres planted, was up 800 acres. Total American-Pima production was 3,900 bales.

The average price for upland through December, 2009 was \$0.657 per pound. The average price for American-Pima cotton through December, 2009 was \$1.13 per pound.

Corn: Acreage, at 50,000 acres planted, was the same as last year. Of the 50,000 acres, 20,000 were harvested for grain and 30,000 for silage. The average yield for grain, at 175 bushels per acre, was up 10 bushels from a year ago. Prices received for grain corn was \$4.00 per bushel, down \$1.80 from the previous year.

Wheat: Acreage planted to Durum wheat decreased to 125,000 acres from 150,000 acres in 2008. Average yield, at 100 bushels per acre, was up 2 bushels per acre from the 2008 crop. The average price received, at \$8.85 per bushel was up 51 cents per bushel from last year.

Other wheat planted acreage, at 7,000 acres, was down 2,000 acres from the previous year. Yield averaged 85 bushels per acre, down 10 bushels from a year earlier. Other wheat is included in winter wheat nationally. The national average yield was 44.2 bushels per acre. Prices averaged \$7.60 per bushel in Arizona and \$4.70 nationally.

Barley: Planted area was estimated at 48,000 acres, up 6,000 acres from the previous year. Of those 48,000 acres, 45,000 acres were harvested for grain, yielding 115 bushels per acre, netting a production of 5.18 million bushels. North Dakota was the top producer with 79.1 million bushels.

The marketing year average price in Arizona, at \$3.70 per bushel, was down \$1.10 from a year earlier. Nationally, barley prices averaged \$4.40 a bushel.

Sorghum: Planted acreage in the State was 35,000, with 8,000 acres harvested for grain and 27,000 acres for silage. Average yield for grain, at 85 bushels per acre, was down 5 bushels from a year ago. Annual average price received for sorghum grain was \$7.75 per cwt, a decrease of \$1.65 per cwt from last year.

Dry Beans: Arizona was added to the U.S. dry edible bean estimating program in 2009. Arizona producers harvested 15,200 acres of dry edible beans in 2009. The average yield was 2,120 pounds per acre. Arizona's total production was 322,000 cwt. and was valued at \$13.5 million.

Field Crop Value of Production 2009 Season (Million Dollars)

