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ANNUAL CROP SUMMARY – 2015

ARIZONA HIGHLIGHTS

The 2015 **corn** for grain crop was estimated at 7.14 million bushels, 21 percent above last year's production of 5.88 million bushels, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The average yield of 210.0 bushels per acre was unchanged from the yield realized last year. Area harvested for grain in 2015, at 34,000 acres, was 6,000 acres above last year. Acreage cut for **corn silage** was estimated at 35,000 acres, down 11,000 acres from last year, with production estimated at 1.09 million tons compared with 1.33 million tons produced last year.

Sorghum for grain production was estimated at 368,000 bushels, down 54 percent from the previous year. Average yield was estimated at 92.0 bushels per acre, down 8.0 bushels per acre from last year. Producers harvested 4,000 acres for grain, down 4,000 acres from last year's area harvested. Acreage cut for **sorghum silage** was estimated at 20,000 acres, up 3,000 acres from last year, with production estimated at 440,000 tons compared with 391,000 tons produced last year.

Arizona's **barley** seeded area, at 17,000 acres, is down 19,000 acres from last year. Harvested area, at 16,000 acres, is down 16,000 acres from 2014. Barley yield, at 120.0 bushels per acre, is down 5.0 bushels per acre from last year. Barley production in 2015 is estimated at 1.92 million bushels, down 52 percent from the previous year.

All wheat production in Arizona, estimated at 14.35 million bushels, is up 57 percent from 2014. All wheat yield was 101.0 bushels per acre, down 9.1 bushels per acre from a year ago. **Winter wheat** producers seeded 5,000 acres for harvest in 2015, down from 8,000 acres seeded for the previous year's crop. Acreage harvested for grain decreased 5,000 acres from last year to 2,000 acres in 2015. Winter wheat production is estimated at 206,000 bushels, down 71 percent from last year. Winter wheat yield, at 103.0 bushels per acre, is up 3.0 bushels per acre from last year. **Durum wheat** seedings, at 145,000 acres, are up 68,000 acres from last year. Acreage harvested totaled 140,000 acres, up from 76,000 acres harvested last year. Durum wheat production is estimated at 14.14 million bushels, up 68 percent from last year. Durum wheat yield, at 101.0 bushels per acre, is down 10.0 bushels per acre from last year.

All hay production for 2015 is estimated at 2.68 million tons, up 11 percent from the 2014 total. **Alfalfa hay** production was estimated at 2.52 million tons from 300,000 acres harvested, up 310,000 tons from 2014. Average yield for the 2015 crop was 8.40 tons per acre, 0.10 ton per acre below last year. **All other hay** production totaled 158,000 tons from 35,000 acres harvested, down 42,000 tons from 2014. The average yield of 4.50 tons per acre was down 0.50 ton per acre from last year. New **seedings of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** in Arizona were estimated at 55,000 acres, up 10 percent from 2014.

As of December 1, producers in Arizona were storing 310,000 tons of **all hay**, down 3 percent from the 320,000 tons stored last year.

Based on December 1 conditions, **all cotton** production in Arizona is expected to total 317,000 480-lb bales, 39 percent below 2014. Area of all cotton harvested, at 105,000 acres, is down 58,500 acres from last year. The all cotton yield is forecast at 1,449 pounds per acre, down 78 pounds from 2014. **Upland cotton** planted acres are estimated at 89,000 for 2015, with 88,000 expected to be harvested. Upland cotton production is expected to total 285,000 bales, down 42 percent from the 2014 crop. Yield is estimated at 1,555 pounds per acre, down 24 pounds from last year. **American Pima** planted cotton acres are estimated at 17,500 for 2015, with 17,000 acres expected to be harvested. Arizona's 2015 American Pima production is estimated at 32,000 bales with an average yield of 904 pounds per acre.

Dry edible bean production was estimated at 188,000 hundredweight, 11 percent below the 2014 crop of 211,000 hundredweight. Average yield was estimated at 2,070 pounds per acre, 130 pounds above last year. Harvested area, at 9,100 acres, was 1,800 acres less than last year.

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Durum wheat seedings for 2016 are estimated at 95,000 acres, a 50,000 acre decrease from 2015. **Winter wheat seedings** for the 2016 crop year are estimated at 12,000 acres, up 140 percent from last year.

Arizona's 2015-2016 **lemon** production is forecast at 1.60 million boxes, down 20 percent from last season.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Corn for grain production is estimated at 13.6 billion bushels, down slightly from the November forecast and down 4 percent from the 2014 estimate. The average yield in the United States is estimated at 168.4 bushels per acre. This is down 0.9 bushel from the November forecast and 2.6 bushels below the 2014 average yield of 171.0 bushels per acre. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 80.7 million acres, up slightly from the November forecast but down 3 percent from the 2014 acreage. **Corn silage** production is estimated at 127 million tons for 2015, down less than 1 percent from 2014. The United States silage yield is estimated at 20.4 tons per acre, up 0.3 ton from 2014. Area harvested for silage is estimated at 6.22 million acres, down 2 percent from a year ago.

Sorghum grain production in 2015 is estimated at 597 million bushels, up slightly from the November forecast and up 38 percent from the 2014 total. Planted area for 2015 is estimated at 8.46 million acres, up 19 percent from the previous year. Area harvested for grain, at 7.85 million acres, is up 23 percent from 2014. Average grain yield, at 76.0 bushels per acre, is down 1.7 bushels from the previous forecast but up 8.4 bushels from 2014 and represents a record high yield for the United States. **Sorghum silage** production is estimated at 4.48 million tons, up 9 percent from 2014. Area harvested for silage is estimated at 306,000 acres, down 3 percent from the previous year. Silage yields averaged 14.6 tons per acre, up 1.5 tons per acre from 2014.

Barley production is estimated at 214 million bushels, up 18 percent from the revised 2014 total. Average yield per acre, at 68.9 bushels, is down 3.8 bushels from the previous year. Producers seeded 3.56 million acres in 2015, up 17 percent from last year. Harvested area, at 3.11 million acres, is up 25 percent from 2014.

All wheat production totaled 2.05 billion bushels in 2015, up 1 percent from the 2014 total. Area harvested for grain totaled 47.1 million acres, up 2 percent from the previous year. The United States yield is estimated at 43.6 bushels per acre, down 0.1 bushel from the previous year. **Winter wheat** production for 2015 totaled 1.37 billion bushels, down less than 1 percent from the 2014 total. The United States yield, at 42.5 bushels per acre, is down 0.1 bushel from 2014. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 32.3 million acres, down slightly from the previous year. **Durum wheat** production for 2015 is estimated at 82.5 million bushels, up 53 percent from the 2014 total. Grain area harvested totaled 1.90 million acres, up 41 percent from the previous year. The United States yield is estimated at 43.5 bushels per acre, up 3.3 bushels from 2014.

Production of **all dry hay** for 2015 is estimated at 134 million tons, down 6 percent from the October 1 forecast and down 4 percent from the revised 2014 total. Area harvested is estimated at 54.4 million acres, down 4 percent from the October 1 forecast and down 5 percent from 2014. The average yield, at 2.47 tons per acre, is down 0.05 ton from the October 1 forecast but up 0.02 ton from the previous year. Production of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** in 2015 is estimated at 59.0 million tons, down 7 percent from the October 1 forecast and down 4 percent from the revised 2014 total. Harvested area, at 17.8 million acres, is down 3 percent from the October 1 forecast and down 3 percent below the previous year. Average yield is estimated at 3.32 tons per acre, 0.13 ton below the October 1 forecast and down 0.02 ton from 2014. Production of **all other hay** in 2015 totaled 75.4 million tons, down 5 percent from the October forecast and down 4 percent from the revised 2014 total. Harvested area, at 36.7 million acres, is down 4 percent from the October 1 forecast and down 5 percent from last year. Average yield is estimated at a record 2.06 tons per acre, down 0.01 ton from the October 1 forecast but up 0.03 ton from the previous year. Growers seeded 2.54 million acres of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** during 2015, down slightly from 2014.

All hay stored on United States farms as of December 1, 2015 totaled 95.0 million tons, up 3 percent from the previous December. Disappearance from May 1, 2015 - December 1, 2015 totaled 63.9 million tons, compared with 67.0 million tons for the same period a year earlier.

All cotton production is estimated at 12.9 million 480-pound bales, down less than 1 percent from the December forecast and down 21 percent from 2014. The United States yield is estimated at 769 pounds per acre, up 1 pound from the December forecast but down 69 pounds from last year. Harvested area, at 8.08 million acres, is down less than 1 percent from the December forecast and down 14 percent from last year. **Upland cotton** production is estimated at 12.5 million 480-pound bales, down less than 1 percent from the December forecast and down 21 percent from last year. The United States yield for Upland cotton is estimated at 758 pounds per acre, up 3 pounds from the December forecast but down 68 pounds from 2014. Upland planted area, estimated at 8.42 million acres, is down 22 percent from last year. Harvested area, at 7.92 million acres, is down less than 1 percent from the December forecast and down 13 percent from last year. **American Pima** producers planted 158,500 acres, down 18 percent from last year. Harvested area, at 154,900 acres, is down 18 percent from last year. Production is estimated at 435,000 bales (480-pound), down 4 percent from the

September forecast and down 23 percent from last year. The United States yield is estimated at 1,348 pounds per acre, down 55 pounds from the September forecast and down 84 pounds from last year.

Production of **dry edible beans** is estimated at 30.1 million cwt, up 4 percent from last year. Planted area is estimated at 1.76 million acres, up 4 percent from 2014. Harvested area is estimated at 1.71 million acres, also up 4 percent from a year ago. The average United States yield is estimated at 1,760 pounds per acre, an increase of 6 pounds from last year.

Durum wheat seedings in Arizona and California for 2016 harvest are estimated at a combined 140,000 acres, down 33 percent from 2015 but 20 percent above 2014. **Winter wheat** seeded area for 2016 is expected to total 36.6 million acres, down 7 percent from 2015. Approximate class acreage breakdowns are: Hard Red Winter, 26.5 million; Soft Red Winter, 6.72 million; and White Winter, 3.43 million.

The forecast for the United States **lemon** 2015-2016 crop is 864,000 tons, up 2 percent from the previous forecast but down 4 percent from last season's final utilization. Arizona's harvest was reported ahead of schedule this year. California's production is up 3 percent from the previous forecast.

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