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CROP PRODUCTION – MAY 2016

ARIZONA HIGHLIGHTS

Durum wheat production in Arizona, based on conditions as of May 1, 2016, is forecast at 9.43 million bushels, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. This forecast is 33 percent below last year's production of 14.14 million bushels. Acreage for harvest, forecast at 89,000 acres, is 51,000 acres less than a year ago. Average yield is forecast at 106.0 bushels per acre, up 5.0 bushels per acre from last year's yield.

As of May 1, Arizona's Durum wheat crop condition was rated 1 percent very poor, 6 percent fair, 32 percent good, and 61 percent excellent, compared with 1 percent poor, 8 percent fair, 72 percent good, and 19 percent excellent last year.

Hay stocks on Arizona farms and ranches as of May 1, 2016 totaled 55,000 tons, up 38 percent from stocks of 40,000 tons on hand last year. Hay production for 2015 totaled 2.68 million tons, 11 percent higher than 2014 production. Disappearance from December 1, 2015 to May 1, 2016 was 255,000 tons, compared with 280,000 tons for the same period a year earlier.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.43 billion bushels, up 4 percent from 2015. As of May 1, the United States yield is forecast at 47.8 bushels per acre, up 5.3 bushels from last year. If realized, this will equal the record yield set in 1999.

Hard Red Winter production, at 863 million bushels, is up 4 percent from a year ago. Soft Red Winter, at 357 million bushels, is down nearly 1 percent from 2015. White Winter, at 208 million bushels, is up 13 percent from last year. Of the White Winter production, 17.4 million bushels are Hard White and 191 million bushels are Soft White.

Production of **Durum wheat** in Arizona and California is forecast at a collective 15.5 million bushels, down 24 percent from 2015.

All hay stored on United States farms as of May 1, 2016 totaled 25.1 million tons, up 3 percent from a year ago. Disappearance between December 1, 2015 and May 1, 2016 totaled 69.9 million tons, compared with 67.5 million tons for the same period a year earlier.

For a full copy of the *Crop Production* report please visit www.nass.usda.gov.