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ARIZONA HIGHLIGHTS

Based on August 1 conditions, **barley** production in Arizona is forecast at 1.88 million bushels, according to the August 1 Agricultural Yield Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. This forecast is unchanged from the July 1 forecast, but 2 percent below last year's crop. The area for harvest in 2016, at 15,000 acres, is down 1,000 acres from the 16,000 acres harvested last year. Barley yield is forecast at 125.0 bushels per acre, unchanged from the July 1 forecast and 5.0 bushels above last year. As of July 24, Arizona's barley harvest was 95 percent complete, compared with 99 percent last year and the 5-year average of 90 percent.

Durum wheat production is forecast at 10.38 million bushels, unchanged from the July 1 forecast, but down 27 percent from the 14.14 million bushels produced last year. Estimated area for harvest, at 97,000 acres, is unchanged from July 1 and 43,000 acres less than the 140,000 acres harvested in 2015. As of August 1, the average yield is forecast at 107.0 bushels per acre, unchanged from the July 1 forecast and 6.0 bushels above last year's final yield. As of July 24, Arizona's durum wheat harvest was 98 percent complete, compared with 99 percent last year and the 5-year average of 96 percent.

Arizona farmers and ranchers expect to harvest 280,000 acres of **alfalfa hay** this year, down 20,000 acres from 2015. Alfalfa production is forecast at 2.38 million tons, down 6 percent from the 2.52 million tons produced in 2015. Alfalfa hay yield is expected to average 8.50 tons per acre, compared to last year's yield of 8.40 tons per acre.

All **cotton** production in Arizona is expected to total 400,000 480-lb bales, up 30 percent from 2015. Producers expect to harvest 370,000 bales of upland cotton and 30,000 bales of Pima cotton. Area of all cotton harvested, forecast at 128,500 acres, is up 23,500 acres from last year. The all cotton yield is forecast at 1,494 pounds per acre, up 86 pounds from 2015. As of July 31, Arizona's cotton crop condition was rated 4 percent very poor, 5 percent fair, 51 percent good, and 40 percent excellent. Cotton bolls opening were 6 percent complete, compared with 11 percent last year and the 5-year average of 14 percent.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Barley production is forecast at 190 million bushels, up 4 percent from the July forecast but down 12 percent from 2015. Based on conditions as of August 1, the average yield for the United States is forecast at 73.6 bushels per acre, up 2.7 bushels from the previous forecast and up 4.7 bushels from last year. If realized, this would represent a record high yield for the United States. State-level record high barley yields are expected in Arizona and Colorado. Area harvested for grain or seed, at 2.58 million acres, is unchanged from the previous forecast but down 17 percent from 2015.

Durum wheat production is forecast at 91.7 million bushels, up 11 percent from both July and 2015. The United States yield is forecast at 44.1 bushels per acre, up 4.3 bushels from last month and 0.6 bushel from last year. Expected area to be harvested for grain totals 2.08 million acres, unchanged from last month but up 10 percent from last year.

Production of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixture** dry hay for 2016 is forecast at 61.5 million tons, up 4 percent from 2015. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 3.40 tons per acre, up 0.08 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 18.1 million acres, unchanged from the June forecast but up 2 percent from 2015.

All **cotton** production is forecast at 15.9 million 480-pound bales, up 23 percent from last year. Yield is expected to average 800 pounds per harvested acre, up 34 pounds from last year. Upland cotton production is forecast at 15.3 million 480-pound bales, up 23 percent from 2015. Pima cotton production is forecast at 565,000 bales, up 30 percent from last year.

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