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CROP PRODUCTION – MAY 2018

ARIZONA HIGHLIGHTS

Durum wheat production in Arizona, based on conditions as of May 1, 2018, is forecast at 8.57 million bushels, according to the May 1 Agricultural Yield Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. This forecast is 5 percent below last year's production of 8.99 million bushels. Acreage for harvest, forecast at 84,000 acres, is 5,000 acres less than a year ago. Average yield is forecast at 102.0 bushels per acre, up 1.0 bushel per acre from last year's yield.

As of April 29, Arizona's Durum wheat crop condition was rated 4 percent poor, 23 percent fair, 38 percent good, and 35 percent excellent, compared with 4 percent fair, 81 percent good, and 15 percent excellent last year.

Hay stocks on Arizona farms and ranches as of May 1, 2018 totaled 35,000 tons, up 17 percent from stocks of 30,000 tons on hand last year. Hay production for 2017 totaled 2.50 million tons, 3 percent lower than 2016 production. Disappearance from December 1, 2017 to May 1, 2018 was 200,000 tons, compared with 270,000 tons for the same period a year earlier.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.19 billion bushels, down 6 percent from 2017. As of May 1, the United States yield is forecast at 48.1 bushels per acre, down 2.1 bushels from last year's average yield of 50.2 bushels per acre.

Hard Red Winter production, at 647 million bushels, is down 14 percent from a year ago. Soft Red Winter, at 315 million bushels, is up 8 percent from 2017. White Winter, at 229 million bushels, is up 1 percent from last year. Of the White Winter production, 21.2 million bushels are Hard White and 208 million bushels are Soft White.

Production of **Durum wheat** in Arizona and California is forecast at a collective 12.2 million bushels, up 6 percent from 2017.

All hay stored on United States farms May 1, 2018 totaled 15.7 million tons, down 36 percent from a year ago. Disappearance from December 1, 2017 - May 1, 2018 totaled 70.6 million tons, compared with 71.4 million tons for the same period a year earlier.

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