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ARIZONA HIGHLIGHTS

Based on August 1 conditions, **barley** production in Arizona is forecast at 1.95 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 and 117 percent above last year's crop. The area for harvest in 2019, at 15,000 acres, is up 6,000 acres from the 9,000 acres harvested last year. Barley yield is forecast at 130.0 bushels per acre, unchanged from the July 1 forecast and 30.0 bushels per acre above last year

Durum wheat production is forecast at 4.53 million bushels, unchanged from the July 1 forecast but down 39 percent from the 7.42 million bushels produced last year. Estimated area for harvest, at 44,000 acres, is 26,000 acres less than the 70,000 acres harvested in 2018. As of August 1, the average yield is forecast at 103.0 bushels per acre, unchanged from the July 1 forecast but 3.0 bushels per acre below last year's final yield.

Arizona farmers and ranchers expect to harvest 285,000 acres of **alfalfa hay** this year, up 25,000 acres from 2018. Alfalfa production is forecast at 2.45 million tons, up 14 percent from the 2.16 million tons produced in 2018. Alfalfa hay yield is expected to average 8.60 tons per acre, compared to last year's yield of 8.30 tons per acre.

All cotton production in Arizona is expected to total 509,000 480-lb bales, up 9 percent from 2018. **Upland cotton** harvested acreage is forecast at 154,000 acres, down 5,000 acres from last year. As of August 1, producers expect to harvest 490,000 480-lb bales of upland cotton, up 12 percent from last year. Upland yield is forecast at 1,527 pounds per acre, up 208 pounds per acre from last year. As of August 4, 11 percent of cotton bolls had opened, compared with 21 percent last year and the five-year average of 19 percent. The cotton crop was rated 6 percent poor, 25 percent fair, 56 percent good, and 13 percent excellent as of August 4. **Pima cotton** harvested acreage is estimated at 9,000 acres, down 5,500 acres from last year. As of August 1, producers expect to harvest 19,000 480-lb bales of Pima cotton, compared with 28,500 bales last year. Pima yield is forecast at 1,013 pounds per acre, up 70 pounds per acre from last year.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Barley production is forecast at 172 million bushels, up 1 percent from the previous forecast and up 12 percent from 2018. Based on conditions as of August 1, the average yield for the United States is forecast at 73.9 bushels per acre, up 0.6 bushel from the previous forecast but down 3.5 bushels from 2018. Area harvested for grain, is forecast at 2.33 million acres, unchanged from the previous forecast, but up 18 percent from 2018.

Durum wheat production for grain, is forecast at 57.3 million bushels, down 1 percent from the previous forecast and down 26 percent from 2018. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 42.3 bushels per harvested acre, down 0.6 bushel from the previous forecast, but up 3.0 bushels from 2018. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 1.36 million acres, unchanged from the previous forecast, but down 31 percent from 2018.

Production of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixture dry hay** for 2019 is forecast at 55.4 million tons, up 5 percent from 2018. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 3.29 tons per acre, up 0.12 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 16.8 million acres, unchanged from the June forecast, but up 1 percent from 2018.

Production of **other hay** is forecast at 75.7 million tons, up 7 percent from 2018. Based on August 1 conditions, the United States yield is expected to average 2.11 tons per acre, up 0.15 ton from last year. If realized, this would represent a new record high for the United States, surpassing the previous record of 2.09 tons per acre in 2016. Harvested area is forecast at 35.9 million acres, unchanged from the June forecast, but down 1 percent from 2018.

All cotton production is forecast at 22.5 million 480-pound bales, up 23 percent from 2018. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average 855 pounds per harvested acre, down 9 pounds from 2018. **Upland cotton** production is forecast at 21.7 million 480-pound bales, up 24 percent from 2018. **Pima cotton** production is forecast at 790,000 bales, down 1 percent from 2018. All cotton area harvested is forecast at 12.6 million acres, up 24 percent from 2018. All cotton planted area totaled 13.9 million acres, up 1 percent from the previous estimate but down 1 percent from 2018.

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