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CROP PRODUCTION – MAY 2020

ARIZONA HIGHLIGHTS

Durum wheat production in Arizona, based on conditions as of May 1, 2020 is forecast at 4.95 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 44 percent above last year's production of 3.43 million bushels. Acreage for harvest, forecast at 49,000 acres, is 16,000 acres more than a year ago. Average yield is forecast at 101.0 bushels per acre, down 3.0 bushels per acre from last year's yield.

As of May 3, Arizona's Durum wheat crop condition was rated 2 percent fair, 34 percent good, and 64 percent excellent, compared with 1 percent poor, 5 percent fair, 81 percent good, and 13 percent excellent last year.

Hay stocks on Arizona farms and ranches as of May 1, 2020 totaled 45,000 tons, up 29 percent from stocks of 35,000 tons on hand last year. Hay production for 2019 totaled 2.51 million tons, 7 percent higher than 2018 production. Disappearance from December 1, 2019 to May 1, 2020 was 235,000 tons, compared with 155,000 tons for the same period a year earlier.

Final **all cotton** production in Arizona totaled 392,500 480-lb bales, 16 percent below 2018. Area of all cotton harvested, at 165,500 acres, is down 8,000 acres from last year. The all cotton yield is 1,138 pounds per acre, down 150 pounds from 2018. **Upland cotton** planted acres are estimated at 160,000 for 2019, with 158,000 acres harvested. Upland cotton production totaled 380,000 bales, down 13 percent from the 2018 crop. Yield is estimated at 1,154 pounds per acre, down 165 pounds from last year. **American Pima** planted cotton acres are estimated at 7,500 for 2019, with 7,500 acres harvested. Arizona's 2019 American Pima production is estimated at 12,500 bales with an average yield of 800 pounds per acre.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.25 billion bushels, down 4 percent from 2019. As of May 1, the United States yield is forecast at 51.7 bushels per acre, down 1.9 bushels from last year's average yield of 53.6 bushels per acre.

Hard Red Winter production, at 733 million bushels, is down 12 percent from a year ago. Soft Red Winter, at 298 million bushels, is up 24 percent from 2019. White Winter, at 224 million bushels, is down 3 percent from last year. Of the White Winter production, 16.2 million bushels are Hard White and 207 million bushels are Soft White.

Production of **Durum wheat** in Arizona and California is forecast at a collective 6.39 million bushels, up 13 percent from last year.

All hay stored on United States farms as of May 1, 2020 totaled 20.4 million tons, up 37 percent from May 1, 2019, which were the second lowest since records began in 1950. Disappearance from December 1, 2019 - May 1, 2020 totaled 64.1 million tons, down less than 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Final 2019 **All cotton** production is estimated at 19.9 million 480-pound bales, 8 percent higher than the 2018 crop. The United States yield for all cotton is estimated at 823 pounds per acre, down 59 pounds from the previous year. **Upland cotton** production is estimated at 19.2 million 480-pound bales, up 9 percent from the 2018 crop. The United States yield for upland cotton is estimated at 810 pounds per acre, down 55 pounds from 2018. **America Pima** production is estimated

at 685,500 bales (480-pounds), down 14 percent from 2018. The United States yield is estimates at 1,472 pounds per acre, down 73 pounds from the previous season.

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