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ARIZONA HIGHLIGHTS

Based on August 1 conditions, **barley** production in Arizona is forecast at 1.54 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 13 percent below last year's crop. The area for harvest in 2020, at 14,000 acres, is unchanged from last year. Barley yield is forecast at 110.0 bushels per acre, unchanged from the July 1 forecast but 16.0 bushels per acre below last year.

Durum wheat production is forecast at 5.72 million bushels, unchanged from the July 1 forecast and up 67 percent from the 3.43 million bushels produced last year. Estimated area for harvest, at 52,000 acres, is 19,000 acres more than the 33,000 acres harvested in 2019. As of August 1, the average yield is forecast at 110.0 bushels per acre, unchanged from the July 1 forecast and 6.0 bushels per acre above last year's final yield.

Arizona farmers and ranchers expect to harvest 270,000 acres of **alfalfa hay** this year, down 10,000 acres from 2019. Alfalfa production is forecast at 2.27 million tons, down 2 percent from the 2.32 million tons produced in 2019. Alfalfa hay yield is expected to average 8.40 tons per acre, compared to last year's yield of 8.30 tons per acre.

All cotton production in Arizona is expected to total 396,000 480-lb bales, up 1 percent from 2019. **Upland cotton** harvested acreage is forecast at 123,000 acres, down 35,000 acres from last year. As of August 1, producers expect to harvest 380,000 480-lb bales of upland cotton, unchanged from last year. Upland yield is forecast at 1,483 pounds per acre, up 329 pounds per acre from last year. As of August 2, 17 percent of cotton bolls had opened, compared with 10 percent last year and the five-year average of 15 percent. The cotton crop was rated 5 percent fair, 66 percent good, and 29 percent excellent. **Pima cotton** harvested acreage is estimated at 7,000 acres, down 500 acres from last year. As of August 1, producers expect to harvest 16,000 480-lb bales of Pima cotton, compared with 12,500 bales last year. Pima yield is forecast at 1,097 pounds per acre, up 297 pounds per acre from last year.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Barley production is forecast at 176 million bushels, up 4 percent from the previous forecast and up 4 percent from 2019. Based on conditions as of August 1, the average yield for the United States is forecast at 78.8 bushels per acre, up 2.7 bushels from the previous forecast and up 1.1 bushels from last year. If realized, that would mark a new record high yield for the United States, surpassing the previous record of 77.9 bushels per acre in 2016. Area harvested for grain or seed, at 2.23 million acres, is unchanged from the previous forecast, but up 2 percent from 2019.

All wheat production for grain is forecast at 1.84 billion bushels, up 1 percent from the previous forecast but down 4 percent from 2019. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 50.1 bushels per harvested acre, up 0.4 bushel from the previous forecast, but down 1.6 bushels from 2019. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 36.7 million acres, unchanged from the previous forecast, but down 1 percent from 2019.

Durum wheat production is forecast at 61.8 million bushels, up 11 percent from the previous forecast and up 15 percent from 2019. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 42.8 bushels per harvested acre, up 4.3 bushels from the previous forecast but down 2.9 bushels from 2019. Area expected to be harvested for grain or seed totals 1.44 million acres, unchanged from the previous forecast, but up 23 percent from 2019.

Production of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixture dry hay** for 2020 is forecast at 51.7 million tons, down 6 percent from 2019. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 3.16 tons per acre, down 0.12 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 16.4 million acres, unchanged from the June forecast, and down 2 percent from 2019.

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Production of **other hay** is forecast at 73.6 million tons, down 1 percent from 2019. Based on August 1 conditions, the United States yield is expected to average 2.04 tons per acre, down 0.03 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 36.0 million acres, unchanged from the *Acreage* report released on June 30, 2020, but up 1 percent from 2019.

All cotton production is forecast at 18.1 million 480-pound bales, down 9 percent from 2019. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average a record high 938 pounds per harvested acre, up 115 pounds from 2019. **Upland cotton** production is forecast at 17.5 million 480-pound bales, down 9 percent from 2019. **Pima cotton** production is forecast at 554,500 bales, down 19 percent from 2019. All cotton area harvested is forecast at 9.25 million acres, down 20 percent from 2019.

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