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SMALL GRAINS – SEPTEMBER 2020

ARIZONA HIGHLIGHTS

Durum wheat production in Arizona, estimated at 4.26 million bushels, is up 17 percent from 2019, according to the September 1 Agricultural Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Durum wheat producers seeded 44,000 acres for harvest in 2020, up from 36,000 acres seeded for the previous year's crop. Acreage harvested for grain increased 8,000 acres from last year to 43,000 acres in 2020. Durum wheat yield, at 99.0 bushels per acre, is down 5.0 bushels per acre from last year.

Arizona's **barley** seeded area, at 12,000 acres, is down 6,000 acres from last year and is the third lowest planted acreage on record. Harvested area, at 8,000 acres, is down 7,000 acres from 2019, and is equal to the lowest harvested acreage on record, last seen in 1928. Barley yield, at 122.0 bushels per acre, is down 4.0 bushels per acre from last year. Barley production in 2020 is estimated at 976,000 bushels, down 48 percent from the previous year.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

All wheat production totaled 1.83 billion bushels in 2020, down 5 percent from the revised 2019 total of 1.93 billion bushels. Area harvested for grain totaled 36.7 million acres, down 2 percent from the previous year. The United States yield was estimated at 49.7 bushels per acre, down 2.0 bushels from the previous year. The levels of production and changes from 2019 by type were: winter wheat, 1.17 billion bushels, down 11 percent; other spring wheat, 586 million bushels, up 4 percent; and Durum wheat, 68.8 million bushels, up 28 percent.

Durum wheat production for 2020 was estimated at 68.8 million bushels, up 28 percent from the revised 2019 total of 54.0 million bushels. Area harvested for grain totaled 1.66 million acres, up 41 percent from the previous year. The United States yield was estimated at 41.4 bushels per acre, down 4.4 bushels from the 2019 yield.

Barley production was estimated at 165 million bushels, down 4 percent from the revised 2019 total of 172 million bushels. The average yield, at 77.5 bushels per acre, was down 0.2 bushel from the previous year. Producers seeded 2.62 million acres in 2020, down 5 percent from 2019. Harvested area, at 2.13 million acres, was down 4 percent from 2019.

For a full copy of the *Small Grains Summary* report please visit www.nass.usda.gov.