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PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS – MARCH 1, 2022

ARIZONA HIGHLIGHTS

As of March 1, Arizona growers intend to plant 90,000 acres of corn for all purposes in 2022, down 5,000 acres, or 5 percent from last year’s plantings, according to the March 1 Agricultural Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Growers intend to plant 18,000 acres of barley in 2022, up 2,000 acres from last year’s actual plantings. Growers are estimated to have seeded 60,000 acres of Durum wheat this year, up 7,000 acres from last year. Hay producers in the state intend to harvest 285,000 acres this year. This is down 20,000 acres from the acreage cut for hay in 2021.

Producers intend to plant 120,000 acres of all cotton in 2022, a decrease of 7 percent from last year. Of that, 100,000 acres are upland cotton, down 17 percent from last year, and 20,000 acres are American Pima cotton, up 122 percent from last year.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Corn planted area for all purposes in 2022 is estimated at 89.5 million acres, down 4 percent or 3.87 million acres from last year. Compared with last year, planted acreage is expected to be down or unchanged in 43 of the 48 estimating States.

Producers intend to seed 2.94 million acres of barley for the 2022 crop year, up 11 percent from the previous year.

All wheat planted area for 2022 is estimated at 47.4 million acres, up 1 percent from 2021. If realized, this represents the fifth lowest all wheat planted area since records began in 1919. The 2022 winter wheat planted area, at 34.2 million acres, is up 2 percent from last year but down less than 1 percent from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 23.7 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 6.89 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.62 million acres are White Winter. Area expected to be planted to other spring wheat for 2022 is estimated at 11.2 million acres, down 2 percent from 2021. Of this total, about 10.5 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. Durum planted area for 2022 is expected to total 1.92 million acres, up 17 percent from the previous year.

Producers intend to harvest 50.3 million acres of all hay in 2022, down 1 percent from 2021. If realized, this will represent the lowest total hay harvested area since 1907.

All cotton planted area for 2022 is estimated at 12.2 million acres, up 9 percent from last year. Upland area is estimated at 12.1 million acres, up 9 percent from 2021. American Pima area is estimated at 176,000 acres, up 39 percent from 2021.

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