Pulse Production in Montana

The data provided by Montana producers for NASS surveys lets us know what is happening with pulse crop production in Montana - from dry beans and peas to lentils. NASS data help expand access to resources for Montana farmers to make business decisions and to diversify into these new and growing markets.

In 2021, Montana was a top producer in the U.S. of Dry Edible Peas, Chickpeas, and Lentils.

Montana produced 6.44 million hundredweight of these three crops in 2021.

Dry Edible Pea production in 2021 at 3,315,000 hundredweight decreased 66% from 2020.

Chickpea production is down 27% and Lentils are down 62% from last year.

Sheridan

The top ranking county in Montana for dry edible pea production in 2021 with 555,000 hundredweight produced.

Down 57% from 2020.

Choteau

The top ranking county in Montana for chickpea production in 2021 with 189,000 hundredweight produced.

Down 22% from 2020.

987,500

The number of harvested acres for pulse crops in Montana in 2021.

A 5% increase in harvested acres of pulse crops from 2020.

Sheridan

The top ranking county in Montana for lentil production in 2021.

Sheridan County produced 546,000 hundredweight of lentils in 2021.

Down 44% from 2020.