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CROP PRODUCTION – SEPTEMBER 2015

MONTANA HIGHLIGHTS

Based on September 1 conditions, **sugarbeet** production in Montana is forecast at 1.34 million tons, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. This forecast is down 7 percent from the 1.43 million tons produced in 2014. Growers expect to harvest 43,800 acres this year compared with 44,400 a year ago. Yields are expected to average 30.6 tons per acre, unchanged from the August 1 forecast but down from last year's yield of 32.3 tons per acre. As of August 30, Montana's sugarbeet crop condition was rated 8 percent poor, 29 percent fair, 49 percent good, and 14 percent excellent.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Production of **sugarbeets** for the 2015 crop year is forecast at 34.6 million tons, up 10 percent from last year. Producers expect to harvest 1.14 million acres, unchanged from the previous forecast. Expected yield is forecast at 30.2 tons per acre, up 0.3 tons per acre from the August 1 forecast and an increase of 2.8 tons per acre from last year.

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