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## CROP PRODUCTION – SEPTEMBER 2016

### MONTANA HIGHLIGHTS

Based on September 1 conditions, **sugarbeet** production in Montana is forecast at 1.43 million tons, according to the September 1 Agricultural Yield Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. This forecast is down 1 percent from the 1.44 million tons produced in 2015. Growers expect to harvest 45,200 acres this year compared with 43,700 a year ago. Yields are expected to average 31.7 tons per acre, unchanged from the August 1 forecast but down from last year's yield of 33.0 tons per acre. As of August 28, Montana's sugarbeet crop condition was rated 1 percent poor, 17 percent fair, 65 percent good, and 17 percent excellent.

### UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Production of **sugarbeets** for the 2016 crop year is forecast at 35.8 million tons, down 1 percent from the previous forecast but up 1 percent from last year. Producers expect to harvest 1.14 million acres, down slightly from the previous forecast and last year. Expected yield is forecast at 31.3 tons per acre, a decrease of 0.1 tons from the previous forecast but an increase of 0.4 tons from last year.

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