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### MONTANA HIGHLIGHTS

**All wheat** production in Montana, estimated at 212.68 million bushels, is up 13 percent from 2015, according to the September 1 Agricultural Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. All wheat yield was 42.3 bushels per acre, up 7.2 bushels per acre from a year ago.

**Winter wheat** producers seeded 2.25 million acres in the fall of 2015 for harvest in 2016, down from 2.35 million acres seeded for the previous year's crop. Area harvested for grain decreased 70,000 acres from last year to 2.15 million acres in 2016. Winter wheat production is estimated at 105.35 million bushels, up 16 percent from last year. Winter wheat yield, at 49.0 bushels per acre, is up 8.0 bushels per acre from last year, and equal to the previous record high yield set in 2010.

**Spring wheat** seedings, at 2.15 million acres, are down 500,000 acres from last year. Area harvested totaled 2.11 million acres, down from 2.54 million acres harvested last year. Spring wheat production is estimated at 75.96 million bushels, down 4 percent from last year. Spring wheat yield, at 36.0 bushels per acre, is up 5.0 bushels per acre from last year.

**Durum wheat** seedings, at 780,000 acres, are up 160,000 acres from last year. Area harvested totaled 765,000 acres, up from 605,000 acres harvested last year. Durum wheat production is estimated at 31.37 million bushels, up 67 percent from last year. Durum wheat yield, at 41.0 bushels per acre, is up 10.0 bushels per acre from last year, and is a new record high yield, 6.0 bushels per acre above the previous record yield of 35.0 bushels per acre, set in 2013.

**Oat** seedings in Montana totaled 60,000 acres, up 10,000 acres from last year. Producers harvested 28,000 acres for grain or seed, up 6,000 acres from 2015. Oat production totaled 1.32 million bushels in 2016, up 13 percent from last year. Oat yield is 47.0 bushels per acre in 2016, down 6.0 bushels per acre from the previous year.

Montana's **barley** seeded area, at 990,000 acres, is unchanged from last year. Harvested area, at 780,000 acres, is down 80,000 acres from 2015. Barley yield, at 60.0 bushels per acre, is up 8.0 bushels per acre from last year. Barley production in 2016 is estimated at 46.80 million bushels, up 5 percent from the previous year.

### UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

**All wheat** production totaled 2.31 billion bushels in 2016, up 12 percent from the revised 2015 total of 2.06 billion bushels. Area harvested for grain totaled 43.9 million acres, down 7 percent from the previous year. The United States yield is estimated at 52.6 bushels per acre, up 9 bushels from the previous year and represents a new record high. The levels of production and changes from 2015 by type are winter wheat, 1.67 billion bushels, up 22 percent; other spring wheat, 534 million bushels, down 11 percent; and Durum wheat, 104 million bushels, up 24 percent.

**Winter wheat** production for 2016 totaled 1.67 billion bushels, up 22 percent from the revised 2015 total of 1.37 billion bushels. The United States yield, at 55.3 bushels per acre, is up 12.8 bushels from 2015 and represents a new record high. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 30.2 million acres, down 7 percent from the previous year. Record high yields are estimated in Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Washington, and Wisconsin for 2016.

**Other spring wheat** production for 2016 is estimated at 534 million bushels, down 11 percent from the revised 2015 total of 603 million bushels. Harvested area totaled 11.3 million acres, down 13 percent from 2015. The United States yield is estimated at 47.2 bushels per

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acre, 1 bushel higher than the 2015 average yield and represents a new record high. Of the total production, 493 million bushels are Hard Red Spring wheat, down 13 percent from 2015. A record high yield is estimated in Idaho for 2016.

**Durum wheat** production for 2016 is estimated at 104 million bushels, up 24 percent from the revised 2015 total of 84.0 million bushels. Grain area harvested totaled 2.37 million acres, up 24 percent from the previous year. The United States yield is estimated at a record high of 44.0 bushels per acre, equal to the 2015 average yield. Production in North Dakota, the largest Durum-producing State, is up 37 percent from 2015. Durum wheat production in Montana for 2016 represents a record high for the State. Record high yields are estimated in both Montana and North Dakota for 2016.

**Oat** production is estimated at 64.8 million bushels, down 28 percent from 2015. Yield is estimated at 66.0 bushels per acre, down 4.2 bushels from the previous year. Harvested area, at 981,000 acres, is 23 percent below last year.

**Barley** production is estimated at 199 million bushels, down 9 percent from the revised 2015 total of 218 million bushels. Average yield per acre, at 77.9 bushels, is up 8.8 bushels from the previous year and is the highest yield on record since estimates began in 1866. Producers seeded 3.05 million acres in 2016, down 16 percent from last year. Harvested area, at 2.56 million acres, is down 19 percent from 2015.

For a full copy of the *Small Grains Summary* report please visit [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov).