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MONTANA HIGHLIGHTS

All wheat production in Montana, estimated at 197.63 million bushels, is up 55 percent from 2017, 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 38.3 bushels per acre, up 11.0 bushels per acre from a year ago.

Winter wheat producers seeded 1.65 million acres in the fall of 2017 for harvest in 2018, down from 1.75 million acres seeded for the previous year's crop. Acreage harvested for grain decreased 20,000 acres from last year to 1.57 million acres in 2018. Winter wheat production is estimated at 78.50 million bushels, up 18 percent from last year. Winter wheat yield, at 50.0 bushels per acre, is up 8.0 bushels per acre from last year and is a record high yield, 1.0 bushel above the previous record set in 2010 and 2016.

Spring wheat seedings, at 2.90 million acres, are up 400,000 acres from last year. Acreage harvested totaled 2.82 million acres, up from 2.29 million acres harvested last year. Spring wheat production is estimated at 95.88 million bushels, up 99 percent from last year. Spring wheat yield, at 34.0 bushels per acre, is up 13.0 bushels per acre from last year.

Durum wheat seedings, at 840,000 acres, are down 50,000 acres from last year. Acreage harvested totaled 775,000 acres, down from 785,000 acres harvested last year. Durum wheat production is estimated at 23.25 million bushels, up 85 percent from last year. Durum wheat yield, at 30.0 bushels per acre, is up 14.0 bushels per acre from last year.

Oat seedings in Montana totaled 70,000 acres, unchanged from last year. Producers harvested 23,000 acres for grain or seed, up 5,000 acres from 2017. Oat production totaled 989,000 bushels in 2018, up 17 percent from last year. Oat yield is 43.0 bushels per acre in 2018, down 4.0 bushels per acre from the previous year.

Montana's **barley** seeded area, at 790,000 acres, is up 20,000 acres from last year. Harvested area, at 600,000 acres, is up 35,000 acres from 2017. Barley yield, at 56.0 bushels per acre is up 5.0 bushels per acre from last year. Barley production in 2018 is estimated at 33.60 million bushels, up 17 percent from the previous year.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

All wheat production totaled 1.88 billion bushels in 2018, up 8 percent from the revised 2017 total of 1.74 billion bushels. Area harvested for grain totaled 39.6 million acres, up 5 percent from the previous year. The United States yield was estimated at 47.6 bushels per acre, up 1.3 bushels from the previous year. The levels of production and changes from 2017 by type were: winter wheat, 1.18 billion bushels, down 7 percent; other spring wheat, 623 million bushels, up 50 percent; and Durum wheat, 77.3 million bushels, up 41 percent.

Winter wheat production for 2018 totaled 1.18 billion bushels, down 7 percent from the 2017 total of 1.27 billion bushels. The United States yield, at 47.9 bushels per acre, was down 2.3 bushels from 2017. Area harvested for grain was estimated at a record low 24.7 million acres, down 2 percent from the previous year. Record high yields were estimated in Louisiana, Montana, and Nevada for 2018.

Other spring wheat production for 2018 was estimated at 623 million bushels, up 50 percent from the revised 2017 total of 415 million bushels. Harvested area totaled 12.9 million acres, up 27 percent from 2017. The United States yield was estimated at a record high 48.3 bushels per acre, 7.3 bushels above 2017. Record high yields were estimated in Idaho and North Dakota for 2018. Of the total production, 587 million bushels were Hard Red Spring wheat, up 53 percent from the revised 2017 total.

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Durum wheat production for 2018 was estimated at 77.3 million bushels, up 41 percent from the revised 2017 total of 54.8 million bushels. Area harvested for grain totaled 1.97 million acres, down 7 percent from the previous year. The United States yield was estimated at 39.3 bushels per acre, up 13.3 bushels from the 2017 yield. Production in North Dakota, the largest Durum-producing State, was up 48 percent from 2017.

Oat production was estimated at 56.1 million bushels, up 14 percent from 2017. Yield was estimated at 64.9 bushels per acre, up 3.2 bushels from the previous year. Harvested area, at 865,000 acres, was 8 percent above last year.

Barley production was estimated at 153 million bushels, up 8 percent from the 2017 total of 142 million bushels. Average yield per acre, at 77.4 bushels, was up 4.8 bushels from the previous year. Producers seeded 2.54 million acres in 2018, up 2 percent from last year. Harvested area, at 1.98 million acres, was up 1 percent from 2017.

For a full copy of the *Small Grains Summary* report please visit www.nass.usda.gov.