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## CROP PRODUCTION – JULY 2019

### MONTANA HIGHLIGHTS

**Winter wheat** production in Montana, based on conditions as of July 1, 2019, is forecast at 85.10 million bushels, according to the July 1 Agricultural Yield Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. This forecast is up 8 percent from the June 1 forecast and 8 percent above the 78.50 million bushel crop produced last year. Estimated acreage for harvest, at 1.85 million acres, is 280,000 acres more than the 1.57 million acres harvested in 2018. As of July 1, the average yield is forecast at 46.0 bushels per acre, 1.0 bushel above the June 1 forecast but 4.0 bushels below last year's final yield.

As of June 30, Montana's winter wheat crop condition was rated 7 percent poor, 20 percent fair, 45 percent good, and 28 percent excellent, compared with 4 percent very poor, 8 percent poor, 19 percent fair, 24 percent good, and 45 percent excellent last year. Winter wheat turning color was at 15 percent complete, compared with 17 percent last year and the 5-year average of 30 percent.

**Durum wheat** production in Montana is forecast at 22.82 million bushels, down 2 percent from the 23.25 million bushels produced last year. Estimated acreage for harvest, at 585,000 acres, is 190,000 acres less than the 775,000 acres harvested in 2018. As of July 1, the average yield is forecast at 39.0 bushels per acre, 9.0 bushels above last year's final yield.

As of June 30, Montana's Durum wheat crop condition was rated 4 percent poor, 56 percent fair, 39 percent good, and 1 percent excellent, compared with 3 percent poor, 43 percent fair, 47 percent good, and 7 percent excellent last year. Durum wheat headed was at 6 percent complete, compared with 22 percent last year and the 5-year average of 18 percent.

**Spring wheat** production in Montana is forecast at 80.00 million bushels, down 17 percent from the 95.88 million bushels produced last year. Estimated acreage for harvest, at 2.50 million acres, is 320,000 acres less than the 2.82 million acres harvested in 2018. As of July 1, the average yield is forecast at 32.0 bushels per acre, 2.0 bushels below last year's final yield.

As of June 30, Montana's spring wheat crop condition was rated 2 percent very poor, 8 percent poor, 29 percent fair, 59 percent good, and 2 percent excellent, compared with 3 percent very poor, 5 percent poor, 17 percent fair, 66 percent good, and 9 percent excellent last year. Spring wheat headed was at 17 percent complete, compared with 31 percent last year and the 5-year average of 33 percent.

**Barley** production is forecast at 33.14 million bushels, down 1 percent from the 2018 crop. Acreage harvested is expected to total 705,000 acres, up 105,000 acres from the 600,000 acres harvested last year. Barley yield is forecast at 47.0 bushels per acre, 9.0 bushels per acre below last year.

As of June 30, Montana's barley crop condition was rated 2 percent very poor, 7 percent poor, 29 percent fair, 56 percent good, and 6 percent excellent, compared with 3 percent very poor, 5 percent poor, 15 percent fair, 53 percent good, and 24 percent excellent last year. Barley headed was at 20 percent complete, compared with 26 percent last year and the 5-year average of 39 percent.

**Oat** production is forecast at 1.20 million bushels, up 21 percent from the 2018 crop. Acreage harvested is expected to total 30,000 acres, up 7,000 acres from the 23,000 harvested last year. Oat yield is forecast at 40.0 bushels per acre, 3.0 bushels per acre below last year.

As of June 30, Montana's oat crop condition was rated 1 percent poor, 30 percent fair, 66 percent good, and 3 percent excellent, compared with 1 percent very poor, 1 percent poor, 15 percent fair, 60 percent good, and 23 percent excellent last year. Oats booted was at 31 percent complete, compared with 37 percent last year and the 5-year average of 63 percent.

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## UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

**Winter wheat** production is forecast at 1.29 billion bushels, up 1 percent from the June 1 forecast and up 9 percent from 2018. As of July 1, the United States yield is forecast at 51.8 bushels per acre, up 1.3 bushels from last month and up 3.9 bushels from last year's average yield of 47.9 bushels per acre. The area expected to be harvested for grain or seed totals 24.9 million acres, unchanged from the Acreage report released on June 28, 2019, but up 1 percent from last year. Hard Red Winter production, at 804 million bushels, is up 1 percent from last month. Soft Red Winter, at 259 million bushels, is up less than 1 percent from the June forecast. White Winter, at 227 million bushels, is up 2 percent from last month. Of the White Winter production, 23.2 million bushels are Hard White and 204 million bushels are Soft White.

**Durum wheat** production is forecast at 58.1 million bushels, down 25 percent from 2018. The United States yield is forecast at 42.9 bushels per acre, up 3.6 bushels from last year. Area expected to be harvested for grain or seed totals 1.36 million acres, unchanged from the Acreage report released on June 28, 2019, but 31 percent below 2018.

**Other spring wheat** production is forecast at 572 million bushels, down 8 percent from last year. Area harvested for grain or seed is expected to total 12.1 million acres, unchanged from the Acreage report released on June 28, 2019, but 6 percent below 2018. The United States yield is forecast at a 47.2 bushels per acre, down 1.1 bushels from last year. Of the total production, 542 million bushels are Hard Red Spring wheat, down 8 percent from last year.

**Barley:** Production is forecast at 171 million bushels, up 12 percent from 2018. Based on conditions as of July 1, the average yield for the United States is forecast at 73.3 bushels per acre, down 4.1 bushels from last year. Area harvested for grain or seed, at 2.33 million acres, is unchanged from the Acreage report released on June 28, 2019, but up 18 percent from 2018.

**Oats:** Production is forecast at 61.6 million bushels, up 15 percent from 2018 for comparable States. Growers expect to harvest 909,000 acres for grain or seed, unchanged from the Acreage report released on June 28, 2019, but up 10 percent from 2018 for comparable States. Based on conditions as of July 1, the average yield for the United States is forecast at 67.8 bushels per acre, up 2.5 bushels from 2018 for comparable States. As of June 30, fifty-eight percent of the oat acreage was headed, 22 percentage points behind the previous year's pace and 23 percentage points behind the 5-year average. As of June 30, sixty-five percent of the oat acreage was rated in good to excellent condition, compared with 73 percent at the same time last year.

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