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MONTANA HIGHLIGHTS

Montana principal crop planted acreage, which includes acres planted to all major crops and those expected to be cut for all hay, is down 4 percent from 2020 to 9.41 million acres, according to the June 1 Agricultural Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

Montana **corn** producers planted 110,000 acres of corn this year of which they intend to harvest 62,000 acres for grain, up from 61,000 acres harvested in 2020. This is an increase of 2 percent from last year's harvested grain acreage but a 4 percent decrease in planted acreage for all purposes. **Oat** seedings are set at 70,000 acres, unchanged from last year, with producers planning to harvest 20,000 acres for grain, down 18,000 acres from acreage harvested for grain in 2020. **Barley** planted area, at 920,000 acres, is 3 percent more than last year's acreage. Expected harvested acres, at 685,000 acres, are 6 percent below 2020.

Winter wheat producers planted 1.90 million acres in the fall of 2020 for harvest in 2021, up from 1.55 million acres planted for the previous year's crop. Acreage expected to be harvested for grain is up 210,000 acres from last year to 1.70 million acres. **Durum wheat** acres planted, at 650,000 acres, are down 40,000 acres compared with a year ago. Acreage for harvest is expected to total 645,000 acres, down from 685,000 acres harvested last year. **Spring wheat** seedings, at 2.60 million acres, are down 700,000 acres compared with a year ago. Acreage for harvest is expected to total 2.55 million acres, down from 3.28 million acres harvested last year.

The area to be harvested for **hay** is expected to decrease 40,000 acres from a year ago to 2.82 million acres. **Alfalfa hay** harvested acreage is expected to decrease 50,000 acres to 1.85 million acres and **all other hay** harvested acreage is expected to increase 10,000 acres to 970,000 acres.

Canola growers planted an estimated 150,000 acres this year, down 5,000 acres from last year. Harvested acres are expected to total 143,000 acres, down from 149,000 harvested in 2020. **Flaxseed** planted area, at 140,000 acres, is 35,000 acres above last year. Acreage for harvest is estimated at 126,000 acres, up 24,000 acres from last year. **Safflower** growers planted an estimated 40,000 acres this year, down 9,000 acres from last year. Harvested acres are expected to total 36,000 acres, down from 44,000 acres harvested in 2020.

Sugarbeet plantings increased 600 acres from last year to 43,000 acres. The expected harvested area, at 41,000 acres, is 3,000 acres above last year. Acres planted to **all chickpeas**, at 145,000 acres, are up 25 percent from last year with 141,000 acres expected to be harvested. **Small chickpeas** were planted on 40,000 acres, with 39,000 acres expected to be harvested, and **large chickpeas** were planted on 105,000 acres, with 102,000 acres expected to be harvested.

Dry edible pea growers planted an estimated 500,000 acres this year, up 10,000 acres from last year. Harvested acres are expected to total 470,000 acres, down from 475,000 acres harvested in 2020. **Lentil** planted area, at 420,000 acres, is 50,000 acres above last year. Acreage for harvest is estimated at 390,000 acres, up from 360,000 acres harvested last year.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Corn planted area for all purposes in 2021 is estimated at 92.7 million acres, up 2 percent or 1.87 million acres from last year. Compared with last year, planted acreage is expected to be up or unchanged in 28 of the 48 estimating States. Area harvested for grain, at 84.5 million acres, is up 2 percent from last year.

Area seeded to **oats** for the 2021 crop year is estimated at 2.4 million acres, down 21 percent from 2020. Planted acreage is down or unchanged in 15 of the 23 major producing States compared with last year. Area for harvest, forecast at 722,000 acres, is down 28 percent from 2020.

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Producers seeded 2.60 million acres of **barley** for the 2021 crop year, down 1 percent from the previous year. Harvested area, forecast at 2.04 million acres, is down 4 percent from 2020.

All wheat planted area for 2021 is estimated at 46.7 million acres, up 5 percent from 2020. This represents the fourth lowest all wheat planted area since records began in 1919. The 2021 winter wheat planted area, at 33.7 million acres, is up 11 percent from last year and up 2 percent from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 23.6 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 6.59 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.50 million acres are White Winter. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 25.4 million acres, up 3 percent from the previous forecast and up 11 percent from last year. Area expected to be planted to **other spring wheat** for 2021 is estimated at 11.6 million acres, down 5 percent from 2020. Of this total, about 10.8 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. Harvested area is expected to total 11.2 million acres, 7 percent below 2020. **Durum** planted area for 2021 is expected to total 1.48 million acres, down 12 percent from the previous year. Area harvested for grain is expected to total 1.44 million acres, down 13 percent from last year.

Producers intend to harvest 51.5 million acres of **all hay** in 2021, down 1 percent from 2020. If realized, this will represent the lowest total hay harvested area since 1907. The decrease in acreage is primarily due to dry growing conditions across the Great Plains. **Alfalfa** harvested acreage is expected to be 16.1 million acres, down 1 percent from 2020. **All other hay (excluding alfalfa)** is expected to be down 2 percent from last year, at 35.4 million acres.

Planted area of **canola** is estimated at 2.00 million acres in 2021, up 10 percent from last year's planted area and represents the third highest planted area on record for the Nation. Area for harvest is forecast at 1.96 million acres, an increase of 9 percent from 2020.

Flaxseed growers intend to plant 390,000 acres of flaxseed in 2021, an increase of 28 percent from 2020 planted acres. Area for harvest is forecast at 366,000 acres, up 24 percent from last year.

Area planted to **safflower** in 2021 is estimated at 135,000 acres, down 1,000 acres from 2020 and represents the second lowest planted area for the Nation since records began in 1991. Area for harvest is forecast at 127,500 acres, up 800 acres from last year and will be the third lowest harvested area on record for the Nation, if realized.

Area planted to **sugarbeets** for the 2021 crop year is estimated at 1.16 million acres, up slightly from 2020. Harvested area is forecast at 1.13 million acres, down 1 percent from last year.

Area planted for **all chickpeas** for the 2021 crop year is estimated at 341,000 acres, up 26 percent from the previous year. Area harvested is forecast at 334,600 acres, 27 percent above 2020. **Small chickpea** area planted is estimated at 67,000 acres, up 38 percent from 2020. Area harvested for small chickpeas is forecast at 65,600 acres, a 37 percent increase from 2020. Area planted for **large chickpeas** in 2021 is estimated at 274,000 acres, a 24 percent increase from the previous year. Large chickpeas area harvested is forecast at 269,000 acres, a 25 percent increase from 2020.

Area planted to **dry edible peas** for the 2021 crop year is expected to total 935,000 acres, down 6 percent from the previous season. Area harvested is forecast to total 887,000 acres, down 9 percent from the previous season.

Area planted to **lentils** for the 2021 crop year is expected to total 585,000 acres, up 11 percent from the previous season. Area harvested is forecast to total 546,000 acres, up 6 percent from the previous season.

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