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CROP PRODUCTION – JUNE 2021

MONTANA HIGHLIGHTS

Winter wheat production in Montana, based on conditions as of June 1, 2021, is forecast at 84.15 million bushels, according to the June 1 Agricultural Yield Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. This forecast is up 4 percent from the May 1 forecast and 11 percent above the 75.99 million bushel crop produced last year. Estimated acreage for harvest, at 1.65 million acres, is unchanged from May 1 and 160,000 acres more than the 1.49 million acres harvested in 2020. As of June 1, the average yield is forecast at 51.0 bushels per acre, 2.0 bushels per acre above the May 1 forecast and equal to last year’s record yield of 51.0 bushels per acre.

As of May 30, Montana’s winter wheat crop condition was rated 4 percent very poor, 17 percent poor, 33 percent fair, 36 percent good, and 10 percent excellent, compared with 3 percent very poor, 4 percent poor, 13 percent fair, 60 percent good, and 20 percent excellent last year.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.31 billion bushels, up 2 percent from the May 1 forecast and up 12 percent from 2020. As of June 1, the United States yield is forecast at 53.2 bushels per acre, up 1.1 bushels from last month and up 2.3 bushels from last year’s average yield of 50.9 bushels per acre. Hard Red Winter production, at 771 million bushels, is up 6 percent from last month. Soft Red Winter, at 335 million bushels, is up 1 percent from the May forecast. White Winter, at 202 million bushels, is down 8 percent from last month. Of the White Winter production, 15.4 million bushels are Hard White and 187 million bushels are Soft White.

Production of Durum wheat in Arizona and California is forecast at a collective 6.33 million bushels, up 2 percent from last month and up 6 percent from last year.

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