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CROP PRODUCTION – SEPTEMBER 2021

MONTANA HIGHLIGHTS

Based on September 1 conditions, **sugarbeet** production in Montana is forecast at 1.33 million tons, according to the September 1 Agricultural Yield Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. This forecast is up 12 percent from the 1.19 million tons produced in 2020. Growers expect to harvest 42,000 acres this year compared with 38,000 acres a year ago. Yields are expected to average 31.6 tons per acre, up 0.7 ton per acre from the August 1 forecast and up from last year's yield of 31.3 tons per acre. As of August 29, Montana's sugarbeet crop condition was rated 9 percent very poor, 16 percent poor, 40 percent fair, and 35 percent good.

Chickpea production for 2021 is forecast at 1.43 million hundredweight, down 12 percent from the 1.62 million hundredweight produced a year earlier. Yields are expected to average 870 pounds per acre, down 600 pounds per acre from last year. Growers expect to harvest 164,800 acres from 172,000 acres planted this year, compared with 110,300 acres harvested from 116,300 acres planted last year. As of August 29, Montana's dry bean harvest (including Chickpeas) was 59 percent complete, compared with 52 percent last year and the five-year average of 55 percent.

Lentil production for 2021 is estimated to be 3.33 million hundredweight, down 37 percent from last year. Area harvested is forecast at 490,000 acres, up from 360,000 acres harvested in 2020. Yield is estimated to be 680 pounds per acre, down 800 pounds per acre from last year. As of August 29, 95 percent of lentils had been harvested, compared with 87 percent last year.

Montana **dry edible pea** production, forecast at 5.15 million hundredweight, is down 48 percent from last year. Acres harvested are estimated at 520,000, up 9 percent from 2020. Yield is expected to be 990 pounds per acre, down 1,080 pounds per acre from last year. As of August 29, 98 percent of dry edible peas had been harvested, compared with 90 percent last year and the five-year average of 89 percent.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Production of **sugarbeets** for the 2021 crop year is forecast at 34.6 million tons, up 3 percent from last month, and up 3 percent from last year. Based on a thorough review of all available data, planted area is now estimated at 1.16 million acres, down slightly from the previous estimate and down slightly from last year. Producers intend to harvest 1.15 million acres, up 1 percent from the previous estimate and up 1 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 30.1 tons per acre, up 0.4 ton from last month and up 0.7 ton from last year.

Production of **all chickpeas** is forecast at 3.03 million cwt, down 29 percent from 2020. Area planted for all chickpeas for the 2021 crop year is estimated at 376,300 acres, up 10 percent from the previous forecast and up 39 percent from the previous year. Area harvested for all chickpeas is forecast at 367,600 acres, up 10 percent from the previous forecast and 40 percent above 2020. Small chickpea area planted is estimated at 60,800 acres, down 9 percent from previous forecast but up 26 percent from 2020. Area harvested for small chickpeas is forecast at 57,200 acres, down 13 percent from previous forecast but a 19 percent increase from 2020. Area planted for large chickpeas in 2021 is estimated at 315,500 acres, up 15 percent from previous forecast and a 43 percent increase from the previous year. Large chickpea area harvested is forecast at 310,400 acres, up 15 percent from previous forecast and a 44 percent increase from 2020. The average United States yield is expected to be 825 pounds per acre, down 800 pounds from 2020.

Production of **lentils** in 2021 is forecast at 5.10 million cwt, down 31 percent from a year ago. Planted area, at 711,000 acres, is up 22 percent from the previous forecast and up 35 percent from last year. Harvested area, at 667,000 acres, is up 22 percent from the previous forecast and up 30 percent from 2020. The average yield is expected to be 763 pounds per acre, down 679 pounds from last year.

Production of dry edible peas in 2021 is forecast at 12.2 million cwt, down 44 percent from last year. Area planted is estimated at 970,000 acres, up 4 percent from previous forecast but down 3 percent from 2020. Area harvested is forecast at 919,000 acres, up 4

percent from the previous forecast but down 6 percent from 2020. The average United States yield is expected to be 1,322 pounds per acre, down 912 pounds from 2020.

For a full copy of the *Crop Production* report, please visit www.nass.usda.gov.