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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 up 4 percent from 2021 to 9.71 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 105,000 acres of corn this year of which they intend to harvest 52,000 acres for grain, down from 60,000 acres harvested in 2021. This is a decrease of 13 percent from last year's harvested grain acreage and a 13 percent decrease in planted acreage for all purposes. **Oat** seedings are set at 65,000 acres, up 5,000 acres from last year, with producers planning to harvest 30,000 acres for grain, up 14,000 acres from acreage harvested for grain in 2021. **Barley** planted area, at 1.09 million acres, is 16 percent more than last year's acreage and the highest since 2003. Expected harvested acres, at 855,000 acres, are 37 percent above 2021 and the highest since 2015.

**Winter wheat** producers planted 2.05 million acres in the fall of 2021 for harvest in 2022, up from 1.95 million acres planted for the previous year's crop. Acreage expected to be harvested for grain is up 170,000 acres from last year to 1.90 million acres. **Durum wheat** acres planted, at 790,000 acres, are up 120,000 acres compared with a year ago. Acreage for harvest is expected to total 770,000 acres, up from 635,000 acres harvested last year. **Spring wheat** seedings, at 2.75 million acres, are down 150,000 acres compared with a year ago. Acreage for harvest is expected to total 2.65 million acres, up from 2.18 million acres harvested last year.

The area to be harvested for **hay** is expected to increase 210,000 acres from a year ago to 2.50 million acres. **Alfalfa hay** harvested acreage is expected to increase 100,000 acres to 1.65 million acres and **all other hay** harvested acreage is expected to increase 110,000 acres to 850,000 acres.

**Canola** growers planted an estimated 170,000 acres this year, down 15,000 acres from last year. Harvested acres are expected to total 156,000 acres, down from 161,000 harvested in 2021. **Flaxseed** planted area, at 100,000 acres, is 35,000 acres below last year. Acreage for harvest is estimated at 89,000 acres, down 8,000 acres from last year. **Safflower** growers planted an estimated record high 55,000 acres this year, up 15,000 acres from last year. Harvested acres are expected to total 49,000 acres, up from 33,000 acres harvested in 2021.

**Sugarbeet** plantings decreased 9,700 acres from last year to 34,000 acres. The expected harvested area, at 33,500 acres, is 10,000 acres below last year. Acres planted to **all chickpeas**, at 152,000 acres, are down 13 percent from last year with 145,000 acres expected to be harvested. **Small chickpeas** were planted on 32,000 acres, with 30,000 acres expected to be harvested, and **large chickpeas** were planted on 120,000 acres, with 115,000 acres expected to be harvested.

**Dry edible pea** growers planted an estimated 590,000 acres this year, up 20,000 acres from last year. Harvested acres are expected to total 560,000 acres, up from 448,000 acres harvested in 2021. **Lentil** planted area, at 490,000 acres, is 40,000 acres below last year. Acreage for harvest is estimated at 455,000 acres, up from 380,000 acres harvested last year.

### UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

**Corn** planted area for all purposes in 2022 is estimated at 89.9 million acres, down 4 percent or 3.44 million acres from last year. Compared with last year, planted acreage is expected to be down or unchanged in 35 of the 48 estimating States. Area harvested for grain, at 81.9 million acres, is down 4 percent from last year.

Area seeded to **oats** for the 2022 crop year is estimated at 2.39 million acres, down 6 percent from 2021. Planted acreage is down or unchanged in 15 of the 23 major producing States compared with last year. Area for harvest, forecast at 796,000 acres, is up 22 percent

from 2021.

Producers seeded 3.05 million acres of **barley** for the 2022 crop year, up 15 percent from the previous year. Harvested area, forecast at 2.40 million acres, is up 23 percent from 2021.

**All wheat** planted area for 2022 is estimated at 47.1 million acres, up 1 percent from 2021. If realized, this represents the fifth lowest all wheat planted area since records began in 1919. The 2022 **winter wheat** planted area, at 34.0 million acres, is up 1 percent from last year, but down 1 percent from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 23.5 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 6.86 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.61 million acres are White Winter. Area expected to be planted to **other spring wheat** for 2022 is estimated at 11.1 million acres, down 3 percent from 2021. Of this total, about 10.4 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. **Durum** planted area for 2022 is expected to total 1.98 million acres, up 21 percent from the previous year.

Producers intend to harvest 51.5 million acres of **all hay** in 2022, up 2 percent from 2021. **Alfalfa** harvested acreage is expected to be 15.5 million acres, up 1 percent from 2021. **All other hay (excluding alfalfa)** is expected to be up 2 percent from last year, at 36.0 million acres.

Planted area of **canola** is estimated at 1.96 million acres in 2022, down 9 percent from last year's planted area but still represents the fifth highest planted area on record for the Nation. Area for harvest is forecast at 1.91 million acres, down 8 percent from last year.

**Flaxseed** growers intend to plant 235,000 acres of flaxseed in 2022, a decrease of 28 percent from 2021 planted acres. Area for harvest is forecast at 216,000 acres, down 19 percent from last year.

Area planted to **safflower** in 2022 is estimated at 154,000 acres, up 2,000 acres from 2021 but still represents the fourth lowest planted area for the Nation since records began in 1991. Area for harvest is forecast at 144,500 acres, up 9,500 acres from last year.

Area planted to **sugarbeets** for the 2022 crop year is estimated at 1.18 million acres, up 2 percent from 2021. Harvested area is forecast at 1.15 million acres, up 3 percent from last year.

Area planted for **all chickpeas** for the 2022 crop year is estimated at 349,000 acres of chickpeas, down 5 percent from the previous year. Area harvested is forecast at 340,300 acres, 3 percent below 2021. **Small chickpea** area planted is estimated at 103,000 acres, up 74 percent from 2021. Area harvested for small chickpeas is forecast at 100,700 acres, up 88 percent from 2021. Area planted for **large chickpeas** in 2022 is estimated at 246,000 acres, down 20 percent from previous year. Large chickpeas area harvested is forecast at 239,600 acres, down 19 percent from 2021.

Area planted to **dry edible peas** for the 2022 crop year is expected to total 1.02 million acres, up 4 percent from the previous season. Area harvested is forecast to total 969,000 acres, up 16 percent from the previous season.

Area planted to **lentils** for the 2022 crop year is expected to total 648,000 acres, down 8 percent from the previous season. Area harvested is forecast to total 606,000 acres, up 10 percent from the previous season.

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