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## CROP PRODUCTION – SEPTEMBER 2022

### MONTANA HIGHLIGHTS

Based on September 1 conditions, **sugarbeet** production in Montana is forecast at 1.01 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 down 22 percent from the 1.30 million tons produced in 2021. Growers expect to harvest 33,500 acres this year compared with 43,500 acres a year ago. Yields are expected to average 30.0 tons per acre, unchanged from the August 1 forecast but up from last year's yield of 29.8 tons per acre. As of September 4, Montana's sugarbeet crop condition was rated 1 percent poor, 22 percent fair, 76 percent good, and 1 percent excellent.

**Chickpea** production for 2022 is forecast at 1.41 million hundredweight, up 27 percent from the 1.11 million hundredweight produced a year earlier. Yields are expected to average 780 pounds per acre, up 80 pounds per acre from last year. Growers expect to harvest 180,500 acres from 188,000 acres planted this year, compared with 159,500 acres harvested from 175,000 acres planted last year. As of September 4, Montana's dry bean harvest (including Chickpeas) was 72 percent complete, compared with 74 percent last year and the five-year average of 63 percent.

**Lentil** production for 2022 is estimated to be 3.06 million hundredweight, up 52 percent from last year. Area harvested is forecast at 470,000 acres, up from 380,000 acres harvested in 2021. Yield is estimated to be 650 pounds per acre, up 120 pounds per acre from last year. As of September 4, 93 percent of lentils had been harvested.

Montana **dry edible pea** production, forecast at 5.46 million hundredweight, is up 67 percent from last year. Acres harvested are estimated at 510,000, up 14 percent from 2021. Yield is expected to be 1,070 pounds per acre, up 330 pounds per acre from last year.

### UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Production of **sugarbeets** for the 2022 crop year is forecast at 33.4 million tons, down slightly from last month and down 9 percent from last year. Producers expect to harvest 1.15 million acres up slightly from last month and up 4 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 29.0 tons per acre, down 0.2 ton from last month and down 4.2 tons from last year.

Production of **all chickpeas** is forecast at 3.93 million cwt, up 37 percent from 2021. Area planted for all chickpeas for the 2022 crop year is estimated at 359,600 acres, up 3 percent from the previous forecast but down 2 percent from the previous year. Area harvested for all chickpeas is forecast at 350,400 acres, up 3 percent from the previous forecast but slightly below 2021. Small chickpea area planted is estimated at 80,900 acres, down 21 percent from the previous forecast but up 36 percent from 2021. Area harvested for small chickpeas is forecast at 80,200 acres, down 20 percent from the previous forecast but a 50 percent increase from 2021. Area planted for large chickpeas in 2021 is estimated at 278,700 acres, up 13 percent from the previous forecast but a 10 percent decrease from the previous year. Large chickpea area harvested is forecast at 270,200 acres, up 13 percent from the previous forecast but a 9 percent decrease from 2021. The average United States yield is expected to be 1,122 pounds per acre, up 307 pounds from 2021.

Production of **lentils** in 2022 is forecast at 4.85 million cwt, up 46 percent from a year ago. Planted area, at 670,000 acres, is up 3 percent from the previous forecast, but down 5 percent from last year. Harvested area, at 633,000 acres, is up 4 percent from the previous forecast and up 15 percent from last year. The average yield is expected to be 766 pounds per acre, up 160 pounds from last year.

Production of **dry edible peas** in 2022 is forecast at 11.1 million cwt, up 29 percent from last year. Area planted is estimated at 914,000 acres, down 10 percent from the previous forecast, and down 6 percent from 2021. Area harvested is forecast at 863,000 acres, down 11 percent from the previous forecast, but up 3 percent from 2021. The average yield is expected to be 1,280 pounds per acre, up 255 pounds from 2021.

For a full copy of the *Crop Production* report, please visit [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov).