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December Crop Production Report *Hay Stocks are down*

CONCORD, NH – The USDA-NASS, Northeastern Region has released the crop production forecast for December, according to Pam Hird, state statistician of the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), New England Field Office.

Hay Stocks: All hay stored on United States farms as of December 1, 2020 totaled 84.0 million tons, down 1% from December 1, 2019, which is the third lowest December 1 stocks since 1977. Disappearance from May 1, 2020 - December 1, 2020 totaled 63.2 million tons, up 7% from the same period in 2019.

Record low December 1 hay stock levels were estimated in Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, and Rhode Island. During Autumn, dryness encroached upon New England resulting in a shorter grazing season. As a result, livestock producers began to feed hay stocks a bit earlier than expected.

For the complete “Crop Production” report, go to:
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