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ANNUAL CROP SUMMARY – 2014

NEW MEXICO HIGHLIGHTS

The 2014 **corn** for grain crop was estimated at 9.36 million bushels, 30 percent above last year's production of 7.22 million bushels, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The average yield of 195.0 bushels per acre was 5.0 bushels per acre above the yield achieved last year. Area harvested for grain in 2014, at 48,000 acres, was 10,000 acres above last year. Acreage cut for **corn silage** was estimated at 73,000 acres, down 6,000 acres from last year, with production estimated at 1.90 million tons compared with 1.98 million tons produced last year.

Sorghum for grain production was estimated at 2.52 million bushels, up 9 percent from the previous year. Average yield was estimated at 42.0 bushels per acre, up 8.0 bushels per acre from last year. Producers harvested 60,000 acres for grain, down 8,000 acres from last year's area harvested. Acreage cut for sorghum silage was estimated at 33,000 acres, up 17,000 acres from last year, with production estimated at 429,000 tons compared with 208,000 tons produced last year.

Winter wheat production in New Mexico, estimated at 2.94 million bushels, is down 33 percent from 2013. Winter wheat producers seeded 380,000 acres in the fall of 2013 for harvest in 2014, down from 440,000 acres seeded for the previous year's crop. Acreage harvested for grain increased 5,000 acres to 105,000 acres in 2014. Winter wheat yield, at 28.0 bushels per acre, is down 16.0 bushels per acre from last year.

All hay production for 2014 is estimated at 1.20 million tons, up 25 percent from the 2013 total. **Alfalfa hay** production was estimated at 1.01 million tons from 210,000 acres harvested, up 225,000 tons from 2013. Average yield for the 2014 crop was 4.80 tons per acre, 0.60 tons per acre below last year. **All other hay** production totaled 190,000 tons from 95,000 acres harvested, up 11,000 tons from 2013. The average yield of 2.00 tons per acre was down 0.10 ton per acre from last year. New **seedings of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** in New Mexico were estimated at 20,000 acres, up 33 percent from 2013. **Hay stocks** on farms on December 1st were 435,000 tons, up 9 percent from this time last year.

Peanut production is estimated at 15.5 million pounds, down 29 percent from the 21.7 million pounds produced in 2013. Growers harvested 5,000 acres this year, compared with 7,000 acres a year ago. Average yield is estimated at 3,100 pounds per acre, unchanged from last year.

All cotton production in New Mexico is expected to total 73,000 480-lb bales, 11 percent above 2013. Area of all cotton harvested, at 39,900 acres, is up 5,500 acres from last year. The all cotton yield is forecast at 878 pounds per acre, down 43 pounds from 2013. **Upland cotton** planted acres are estimated at 43,000 for 2014, with 35,000 expected to be harvested. Upland cotton production is expected to total 65,000 bales, up 8 percent from the 2013 crop. Yield is estimated at 891 pounds per acre, down 38 pounds from last year. **American-Pima** planted cotton acres are estimated at 5,000 for 2014, with 4,900 acres expected to be harvested. New Mexico's 2014 American-Pima production is estimated at 8,000 bales with an average yield of 784 pounds per acre.

Dry edible bean production was set at 200,000 hundredweight, 3 percent above the 2013 crop of 194,000 hundredweight. Average yield was estimated at 1,900 pounds per acre, 140 pounds below last year. Harvested area, at 10,500 acres, was 1,000 acres more than last year.

Winter wheat seedings last fall for the 2015 crop year are estimated at 350,000 acres, down 8 percent from last year.

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UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Corn for grain production is estimated at a record 14.2 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the November forecast but 3 percent above the revised 2013 estimate. The average yield in the United States is estimated at a record high of 171.0 bushels per acre. This is down 2.4 bushels from the November forecast but 12.9 bushels above the revised 2013 average yield of 158.1 bushels per acre. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 83.1 million acres, up slightly from the November forecast but down 5 percent from the revised 2013 acreage. **Corn silage** production is estimated at 128 million tons for 2014, up 8 percent from 2013 and represents the highest production on record for the United States. The United States silage yield is estimated at 20.1 tons per acre, up 1.3 tons from 2013. Area harvested for silage is estimated at 6.37 million acres, up 1 percent from a year ago.

Sorghum for grain production in 2014 is estimated at 433 million bushels, up 6 percent from the November forecast and up 11 percent from the revised 2013 grain production total. Planted area is estimated at 7.14 million acres, down 11 percent from last year's revised planted acres. Area harvested for grain, at 6.40 million acres, is down 2 percent from the 2013 revised harvested acres. Average grain yield, at 67.6 bushels per acre, is up 1.5 bushels from the previous forecast and up 8.0 bushels from last year. **Sorghum silage** production is estimated at 4.12 million tons, down 24 percent from 2013. Area harvested for silage is estimated at 315,000 acres, down 17 percent from the previous year. Silage yields averaged 13.1 tons per acre, down 1.2 tons per acre from 2013.

Oat production in 2014 is estimated at 69.7 million bushels, up 8 percent from the 2013 total but represents the fourth lowest production on record. Yield is estimated at 67.7 bushels per acre, up 3.6 bushels from the previous year. Harvested area, at 1.03 million acres, is 2 percent above the previous year. This is the fourth lowest acreage harvested for grain on record.

Barley production is estimated at 177 million bushels, down 18 percent from the 2013 total. Average yield per acre, at 72.4 bushels, is up 1.1 bushels from the previous year and represents the third highest yield on record for the United States. Producers seeded 2.98 million acres in 2014, down 16 percent from last year. Harvested area, at 2.44 million acres, is down 20 percent from 2013.

All wheat production totaled 2.03 billion bushels in 2014, down 5 percent from the 2013 total. Area harvested for grain totaled 46.4 million acres, up 2 percent from the previous year. The United States yield is estimated at 43.7 bushels per acre, down 3.4 bushels from the previous year. The levels of production and changes from 2013 by type are winter wheat, 1.38 billion bushels, down 11 percent; other spring wheat, 595 million bushels, up 11 percent; and Durum wheat, 53.1 million bushels, down 8 percent. **Winter wheat** production for 2014 totaled 1.38 billion bushels, down 11 percent from the 2013 total. The United States yield, at 42.6 bushels per acre, is down 4.7 bushels from 2013. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 32.3 million acres, down 1 percent from the previous year.

All hay production for 2014 is estimated at 139.8 million tons, down 6 percent from the October 1 forecast but up 4 percent from the revised 2013 total. Area harvested is estimated at 57.1 million acres, down less than 1 percent from the October 1 forecast and down 1 percent from 2013. The average yield, at 2.45 tons per acre, is down 0.13 ton from the October forecast but up 0.12 ton from the previous year. **Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** production in 2014 is estimated at 61.4 million tons, down 5 percent from the October forecast but up 7 percent from the revised 2013 total. Harvested area, at 18.4 million acres, is up 1 percent from the October forecast and 4 percent above the previous year. Average yield is estimated at 3.33 tons per acre, 0.22 ton below the October forecast but up 0.09 ton from 2013. **Alfalfa** production was generally up across the Nation in 2014 as a result of higher yields compared with 2013. Significant yield reductions were noted in many western States due to the persistent dry conditions. **All other hay** production in 2014 totaled 78.4 million tons, down 7 percent from the October forecast but up less than 1 percent from the revised 2013 total. Harvested area, at 38.6 million acres, is down 2 percent from the October forecast and down 4 percent from last year. Average yield is estimated at 2.03 tons per acre, down 0.10 ton from the October forecast but up 0.10 ton from 2013. Growers seed 2.55 million acres of **new seedings of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** during 2014, up 1 percent from 2013. This represents the third consecutive year of increased seeded area. The new seedings of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures will normally be harvested for the first time in the year following planting.

Upland cotton production is estimated at 15.5 million 480-pound bales, up 1 percent from the December forecast and up 26 percent from last year. The United States yield for Upland cotton is estimated at 781 pounds per acre, up 21 pounds from last month but down 21 pounds from 2013. Upland planted area, estimated at 10.8 million acres, is up 6 percent from last year. Harvested area, at 9.52 million acres, is down 2 percent from last month but up 30 percent from last year. **American Pima** producers planted 192,000 acres, down 4 percent from last year. Harvested area, at 189,400 acres, is down 5 percent from last year. Production is estimated at 588,000 bales (480-pound), up 2 percent from the September forecast and up 7 percent from last year. The United States yield is estimated at 1,490 pounds per acre, up 25 pounds from the September forecast and up 37 pounds from last year.

Production of **dry edible beans** is estimated at 29.2 million cwt, up 19 percent from last year. Planted area is estimated at 1.72 million acres, up 26 percent from 2013. Harvested area is estimated at 1.67 million acres, 27 percent above the previous year. The average United States yield is estimated at 1,753 pounds per acre, a decrease of 114 pounds from last year's yield.

Winter wheat seeded area for 2015 is expected to total 40.5 million acres, down 5 percent from 2014. Approximate class acreage breakdowns are: Hard Red Winter, 29.5 million; Soft Red Winter, 7.50 million; and White Winter, 3.48 million.

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