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ANNUAL CROP SUMMARY – 2015

NEW MEXICO HIGHLIGHTS

The 2015 **corn** for grain crop was estimated at 7.20 million bushels, 23 percent below last year's production of 9.36 million bushels, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The average yield of 180.0 bushels per acre was 15.0 bushels per acre below the yield achieved last year. Area harvested for grain in 2015, at 40,000 acres, was 8,000 acres below last year. Acreage cut for **corn silage** was estimated at 83,000 acres, up 10,000 acres from last year, with production estimated at 2.08 million tons compared with 1.90 million tons produced last year.

Sorghum for grain production was estimated at 4.23 million bushels, up 68 percent from the previous year. Average yield was estimated at 47.0 bushels per acre, up 5.0 bushels per acre from last year. Producers harvested 90,000 acres for grain, up 30,000 acres from last year's area harvested. Acreage cut for **sorghum silage** was estimated at 29,000 acres, down 4,000 acres from last year, with production estimated at 348,000 tons compared with 429,000 tons produced last year.

Winter wheat production in New Mexico, estimated at 4.75 million bushels, is up 62 percent from 2014. Winter wheat producers seeded 385,000 acres in the fall of 2014 for harvest in 2015, up from 380,000 acres seeded for the previous year's crop. Acreage harvested for grain increased 85,000 acres from last year to 190,000 acres in 2015. Winter wheat yield, at 25.0 bushels per acre, is down 3.0 bushels per acre from last year.

All hay production for 2015 is estimated at 1.09 million tons, down 9 percent from the 2014 total. **Alfalfa hay** production was estimated at 893,000 tons from 190,000 acres harvested, down 115,000 tons from 2014. Average yield for the 2015 crop was 4.70 tons per acre, 0.10 tons per acre below last year. **All other hay** production totaled 198,000 tons from 90,000 acres harvested, up 8,000 tons from 2014. The average yield of 2.20 tons per acre was up 0.20 ton per acre from last year. New **seedings of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** in New Mexico were estimated at 25,000 acres, up 25 percent from 2014.

As of December 1, producers in New Mexico were storing 400,000 tons of **all hay**, down 8 percent from the 435,000 tons stored last year.

Peanut production is estimated at 15.00 million pounds, down 5 percent from the 15.75 million pounds produced in 2014. Growers harvested 5,000 acres this year, compared with 4,500 acres a year ago. Average yield is estimated at 3,000 pounds per acre, down 500 pounds per acre from last year.

All cotton production in New Mexico is expected to total 68,000 480-lb bales, 6 percent below 2014. Area of all cotton harvested, at 37,900 acres, is down 400 acres from last year. The all cotton yield is forecast at 861 pounds per acre, down 46 pounds from 2014. **Upland cotton** planted acres are estimated at 35,000 for 2015, with 31,000 expected to be harvested. Upland cotton production is expected to total 53,000 bales, down 17 percent from the 2014 crop. Yield is estimated at 821 pounds per acre, down 110 pounds from last year. **American-Pima** planted cotton acres are estimated at 7,000 for 2015, with 6,900 acres expected to be harvested. New Mexico's 2015 American-Pima production is estimated at 15,000 bales with an average yield of 1,043 pounds per acre.

Dry edible bean production was set at 264,000 hundredweight, 32 percent above the 2014 crop of 200,000 hundredweight. Average yield was estimated at 2,050 pounds per acre, 150 pounds above last year. Harvested area, at 12,900 acres, was 2,400 acres more than last year.

Winter wheat seedings last fall for the 2016 crop year are estimated at 380,000 acres, down 1 percent from last year.

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UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Corn for grain production is estimated at 13.6 billion bushels, down slightly from the November forecast and down 4 percent from the 2014 estimate. The average yield in the United States is estimated at 168.4 bushels per acre. This is down 0.9 bushel from the November forecast and 2.6 bushels below the 2014 average yield of 171.0 bushels per acre. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 80.7 million acres, up slightly from the November forecast but down 3 percent from the 2014 acreage. **Corn silage** production is estimated at 127 million tons for 2015, down less than 1 percent from 2014. The United States silage yield is estimated at 20.4 tons per acre, up 0.3 ton from 2014. Area harvested for silage is estimated at 6.22 million acres, down 2 percent from a year ago.

Sorghum grain production in 2015 is estimated at 597 million bushels, up slightly from the November forecast and up 38 percent from the 2014 total. Planted area for 2015 is estimated at 8.46 million acres, up 19 percent from the previous year. Area harvested for grain, at 7.85 million acres, is up 23 percent from 2014. Average grain yield, at 76.0 bushels per acre, is down 1.7 bushels from the previous forecast but up 8.4 bushels from 2014 and represents a record high yield for the United States. **Sorghum silage** production is estimated at 4.48 million tons, up 9 percent from 2014. Area harvested for silage is estimated at 306,000 acres, down 3 percent from the previous year. Silage yields averaged 14.6 tons per acre, up 1.5 tons per acre from 2014.

Winter wheat production for 2015 totaled 1.37 billion bushels, down less than 1 percent from the 2014 total. The United States yield, at 42.5 bushels per acre, is down 0.1 bushel from 2014. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 32.3 million acres, down slightly from the previous year.

Production of **all dry hay** for 2015 is estimated at 134 million tons, down 6 percent from the October 1 forecast and down 4 percent from the revised 2014 total. Area harvested is estimated at 54.4 million acres, down 4 percent from the October 1 forecast and down 5 percent from 2014. The average yield, at 2.47 tons per acre, is down 0.05 ton from the October 1 forecast but up 0.02 ton from the previous year. Production of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** in 2015 is estimated at 59.0 million tons, down 7 percent from the October 1 forecast and down 4 percent from the revised 2014 total. Harvested area, at 17.8 million acres, is down 3 percent from the October 1 forecast and down 3 percent below the previous year. Average yield is estimated at 3.32 tons per acre, 0.13 ton below the October 1 forecast and down 0.02 ton from 2014. Production of **all other hay** in 2015 totaled 75.4 million tons, down 5 percent from the October forecast and down 4 percent from the revised 2014 total. Harvested area, at 36.7 million acres, is down 4 percent from the October 1 forecast and down 5 percent from last year. Average yield is estimated at a record 2.06 tons per acre, down 0.01 ton from the October 1 forecast but up 0.03 ton from the previous year. Growers seeded 2.54 million acres of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** during 2015, down slightly from 2014.

All hay stored on United States farms as of December 1, 2015 totaled 95.0 million tons, up 3 percent from the previous December. Disappearance from May 1, 2015 - December 1, 2015 totaled 63.9 million tons, compared with 67.0 million tons for the same period a year earlier.

Peanut production is estimated at 6.21 billion pounds, up less than 1 percent from the previous forecast and up 20 percent from 2014. Planted area is estimated at 1.63 million acres, up 20 percent from last year. Harvested area is estimated at 1.57 million acres, down less than 1 percent from last month but up 19 percent from last year. Average yield is estimated at 3,963 pounds per acre, up 41 pounds from the previous forecast and up 40 pounds from 2014.

All cotton production is estimated at 12.9 million 480-pound bales, down less than 1 percent from the December forecast and down 21 percent from 2014. The United States yield is estimated at 769 pounds per acre, up 1 pound from the December forecast but down 69 pounds from last year. Harvested area, at 8.08 million acres, is down less than 1 percent from the December forecast and down 14 percent from last year. **Upland cotton** production is estimated at 12.5 million 480-pound bales, down less than 1 percent from the December forecast and down 21 percent from last year. The United States yield for Upland cotton is estimated at 758 pounds per acre, up 3 pounds from the December forecast but down 68 pounds from 2014. Upland planted area, estimated at 8.42 million acres, is down 22 percent from last year. Harvested area, at 7.92 million acres, is down less than 1 percent from the December forecast and down 13 percent from last year. **American Pima** producers planted 158,500 acres, down 18 percent from last year. Harvested area, at 154,900 acres, is down 18 percent from last year. Production is estimated at 435,000 bales (480-pound), down 4 percent from the September forecast and down 23 percent from last year. The United States yield is estimated at 1,348 pounds per acre, down 55 pounds from the September forecast and down 84 pounds from last year.

Production of **dry edible beans** is estimated at 30.1 million cwt, up 4 percent from last year. Planted area is estimated at 1.76 million acres, up 4 percent from 2014. Harvested area is estimated at 1.71 million acres, also up 4 percent from a year ago. The average United States yield is estimated at 1,760 pounds per acre, an increase of 6 pounds from last year.

Winter wheat seeded area for 2016 is expected to total 36.6 million acres, down 7 percent from 2015. Approximate class acreage breakdowns are: Hard Red Winter, 26.5 million; Soft Red Winter, 6.72 million; and White Winter, 3.43 million.

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