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CROP PRODUCTION – MAY 2018

NEW MEXICO HIGHLIGHTS

Hay stocks on New Mexico farms and ranches as of May 1, 2018 totaled 50,000 tons, down 44 percent from stocks of 90,000 tons on hand last year, according to the May 1 Agricultural Yield Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Hay production for 2017 was 1.13 million tons, 11 percent higher than 2016 production. Disappearance from December 1, 2017 to May 1, 2018 was 350,000 tons, compared with 310,000 tons for the same period a year earlier.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.19 billion bushels, down 6 percent from 2017. As of May 1, the United States yield is forecast at 48.1 bushels per acre, down 2.1 bushels from last year's average yield of 50.2 bushels per acre.

Hard Red Winter production, at 647 million bushels, is down 14 percent from a year ago. Soft Red Winter, at 315 million bushels, is up 8 percent from 2017. White Winter, at 229 million bushels, is up 1 percent from last year. Of the White Winter production, 21.2 million bushels are Hard White and 208 million bushels are Soft White.

All hay stored on United States farms May 1, 2018 totaled 15.7 million tons, down 36 percent from a year ago. Disappearance from December 1, 2017 - May 1, 2018 totaled 70.6 million tons, compared with 71.4 million tons for the same period a year earlier.

For a full copy of the *Crop Production* report please visit www.nass.usda.gov.