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## CROP PRODUCTION – AUGUST 2019

### NEW MEXICO HIGHLIGHTS

Based on August 1 conditions, **alfalfa hay** production in New Mexico is forecast at 918,000 tons, according to the August 1 Agricultural Yield Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. This forecast is up 22 percent from the 752,000 tons produced in 2018. New Mexico farmers and ranchers expect to harvest 170,000 acres of **alfalfa hay** this year, up 10,000 acres from 2018. Alfalfa hay yield is expected to average 5.40 tons per acre, compared to last year's yield of 4.70 tons per acre.

All **cotton** production in New Mexico is expected to total 112,000 480-lb bales, down 11 percent from 2018. **Upland cotton** harvested acreage is forecast at 45,000 acres, down 11,000 acres from last year. As of August 1, producers expect to harvest 100,000 480-lb bales of upland cotton, down 12 percent from last year. Upland yield is forecast at 1,067 pounds per acre, up 90 pounds per acre from last year. As of August 4, 13 percent of cotton was setting bolls, compared with 45 percent last year and the five-year average of 53 percent. The cotton crop was rated 18 percent poor, 44 percent fair, 27 percent good, and 11 percent excellent as of August 4. **Pima cotton** harvested acreage is estimated at 6,900 acres, up 100 acres from last year. As of August 1, producers expect to harvest 12,000 480-lb bales of Pima cotton, compared with 11,500 bales last year. Pima yield is forecast at 835 pounds per acre, up 23 pounds per acre from last year.

**Peanut** production for 2019 is forecast at 16.00 million pounds, down 3 percent from the 16.50 million pounds produced a year earlier. Yields are expected to average 3,200 pounds per acre, up from 3,000 pounds per acre last year. Growers expect to harvest 5,000 acres this year, down 500 acres from last year.

### UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Production of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixture dry hay** for 2019 is forecast at 55.4 million tons, up 5 percent from 2018. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 3.29 tons per acre, up 0.12 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 16.8 million acres, unchanged from the June forecast, but up 1 percent from 2018.

Production of **other hay** is forecast at 75.7 million tons, up 7 percent from 2018. Based on August 1 conditions, the United States yield is expected to average 2.11 tons per acre, up 0.15 ton from last year. If realized, this would represent a new record high for the United States, surpassing the previous record of 2.09 tons per acre in 2016. Harvested area is forecast at 35.9 million acres, unchanged from the June forecast, but down 1 percent from 2018.

All **cotton** production is forecast at 22.5 million 480-pound bales, up 23 percent from 2018. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average 855 pounds per harvested acre, down 9 pounds from 2018. **Upland cotton** production is forecast at 21.7 million 480-pound bales, up 24 percent from 2018. **Pima cotton** production is forecast at 790,000 bales, down 1 percent from 2018. All cotton area harvested is forecast at 12.6 million acres, up 24 percent from 2018. All cotton planted area totaled 13.9 million acres, up 1 percent from the previous estimate but down 1 percent from 2018.

**Peanut** production is forecast at 5.30 billion pounds, down 3 percent from 2018. Area harvested is expected to total 1.32 million acres, unchanged from the previous forecast but down 3 percent from 2018. Based on conditions as of August 1, the average yield for the United States is forecast at 4,008 pounds per acre, up 17 pounds per acre from 2018. If realized, this would represent the second highest yield on record for the United States.

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