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ANNUAL CROP SUMMARY – 2020

NEW MEXICO HIGHLIGHTS

The 2020 **corn** for grain crop is estimated at 7.22 million bushels, 11 percent above last year's production of 6.48 million bushels, according to the December 1 Agricultural Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The average yield of 195.0 bushels per acre is 60.0 bushels per acre above the yield achieved last year. Area harvested for grain in 2020, at 37,000 acres, is 11,000 acres below last year. Acreage cut for **corn silage** is estimated at 79,000 acres, down 14,000 acres from last year, with production estimated at 1.66 million tons compared with 1.86 million tons produced last year.

Winter wheat production in New Mexico, estimated at 3.22 million bushels, is down 2 percent from 2019. Winter wheat producers seeded 330,000 acres in the fall of 2019 for harvest in 2020, down from 365,000 acres seeded for the previous year's crop. Acreage harvested for grain was up 5,000 acres from last year to 115,000 acres in 2020. Winter wheat yield, at 28.0 bushels per acre, is down 2.0 bushels per acre from last year.

All hay production for 2020 is estimated at 822,000 tons, down 14 percent from the 2019 total. **Alfalfa hay** production is the lowest since 1961 and is estimated at 689,000 tons from 130,000 acres harvested, down 95,000 tons from 2019. Average yield for the 2020 crop is 5.30 tons per acre, 0.40 ton per acre above last year. **All other hay** production is the lowest since 1993 and totaled 133,000 tons from 95,000 acres harvested, down 37,000 tons from 2019. The average yield of 1.40 tons per acre is 0.60 ton per acre below last year. New **seedings of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** in New Mexico are estimated at 10,000 acres, down 33 percent from 2019.

As of December 1, producers in New Mexico were storing 210,000 tons of **all hay**, down 36 percent from the 330,000 tons stored last year.

Peanut production is estimated at 14.40 million pounds, down 5 percent from the 15.09 million pounds produced in 2019. Growers harvested 4,800 acres this year, compared with 4,700 acres a year ago. Average yield is estimated at 3,000 pounds per acre, down 210 pounds per acre from last year.

Based on December 1 conditions, **all cotton** production in New Mexico is expected to total 80,000 480-lb bales, 7 percent below 2019. Area of all cotton harvested, at 39,000 acres, is down 11,000 acres from last year. The all cotton yield is forecast at 985 pounds per acre, up 159 pounds from 2019. **Upland cotton** planted acres are estimated at 43,000 for 2020, with 28,000 acres expected to be harvested. Upland cotton production is expected to total 65,000 bales, down 16 percent from the 2019 crop. Yield is estimated at 1,114 pounds per acre, up 293 pounds from last year. **American-Pima** planted cotton acres are estimated at 11,000 for 2020, with 11,000 acres expected to be harvested. New Mexico's 2020 American-Pima production is estimated at 15,000 bales with an average yield of 655 pounds per acre.

Winter wheat seedings last fall for the 2021 crop year are estimated at 350,000 acres, up 6 percent from 2020.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Corn for grain production in 2020 was estimated at 14.2 billion bushels, up 4 percent from the 2019 estimate. The average yield in the United States was estimated at 172.0 bushels per acre, 4.5 bushels above the 2019 yield of 167.5 bushels per acre. Area harvested for grain was estimated at 82.5 million acres, up 1 percent from the 2019 estimate. **Corn silage** production was estimated at 138 million tons for 2020, up 3 percent from the 2019 estimate. The United States silage yield was estimated at 20.5 tons per acre, up 0.3 ton from 2019. Area harvested for silage was estimated at 6.72 million acres, up 2 percent from the 2019 estimate.

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All wheat production totaled 1.83 billion bushels in 2020, down 5 percent from the 2019 total of 1.93 billion bushels. Area harvested for grain totaled 36.7 million acres, down 2 percent from the previous year. The United States yield was estimated at 49.7 bushels per acre, down 2.0 bushels from the previous year. The levels of production and changes from 2019 by type were: winter wheat, 1.17 billion bushels, down 11 percent; other spring wheat, 586 million bushels, up 4 percent; and Durum wheat, 68.8 million bushels, up 28 percent. **Winter wheat** production for 2020 totaled 1.17 billion bushels, down 11 percent from the 2019 total of 1.32 billion bushels. The United States yield, at 50.9 bushels per acre, was down 2.7 bushels from 2019. Area harvested for grain was estimated at a record low 23.0 million acres, down 6 percent from the previous year.

Production of **all dry hay** for 2020 was estimated at 126.8 million tons, down 2 percent from the 2019 total. Area harvested was estimated at 52.2 million acres, down less than 1 percent from 2019. The average yield, at 2.43 tons per acre, was down 0.03 ton from 2019. Production of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** in 2020 was estimated at 53.1 million tons, down 3 percent from the 2019 total. Harvested area, at 16.2 million acres, was 3 percent below 2019. Harvested area has been trending lower, but has leveled off in recent years. Average yield was estimated at 3.27 tons per acre, down 0.01 ton from 2019. Production of **all other hay** in 2020 totaled 73.7 million tons, down less than 1 percent from the 2019 total. Harvested area, at 36.0 million acres, was up 1 percent from 2019. Average yield was estimated at 2.05 tons per acre, down 0.02 ton from 2019. This is the fifth highest yield on record, with four of the five occurring in the last six years. Growers seeded 2.18 million acres of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** during 2020, down 12 percent from 2019. New seedings of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures are normally harvested for the first time in the year following planting.

All **hay stored** on United States farms as of December 1, 2020 totaled 84.0 million tons, down 1 percent 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 percent from the same period in 2019.

Peanut production was estimated at 6.13 billion pounds, up 12 percent from 2019. Planted area was estimated at 1.66 million acres, up 16 percent from 2019. Harvested area was estimated at 1.62 million acres, up 16 percent from 2019. The average yield was estimated at 3,796 pounds per acre, down 138 pounds from 2019.

All cotton production is estimated at 15.0 million 480-pound bales, down 25 percent from 2019. The United States yield is estimated at 825 pounds per acre, up 2 pounds from last year. Harvested area, at 8.70 million acres, is down 25 percent from last year. **Upland cotton** production was estimated at 14.4 million 480-pound bales, down 25 percent from the previous year. The United States yield for Upland cotton is estimated at 813 pounds per acre, up 3 pounds from 2019. Upland planted area, estimated at 11.9 million acres, was down 12 percent from the previous year. Harvested area, at 8.51 million acres, was down 25 percent from the previous year. **American Pima** producers planted 202,500 acres in 2020, down 11 percent from 2019. Harvested area, at 194,500 acres, was down 13 percent from the previous year. Production was estimated at 552 thousand 480-pound bales, down 19 percent from 2019. The United States yield was estimated at 1362 pounds per acre, down 110 pounds from the previous year.

Winter wheat planted area for harvest in 2021 is estimated at 32.0 million acres, up 5 percent from 2020 and up 2 percent from 2019. This represents the fourth lowest United States acreage on record.

For a full copy of the *Crop Production 2020 Summary* report please visit www.nass.usda.gov.