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CROP PRODUCTION – MAY 2021

NEW MEXICO HIGHLIGHTS

Hay stocks on New Mexico farms and ranches as of May 1, 2021 totaled 40,000 tons, down 20 percent from stocks of 50,000 tons on hand last year and the lowest New Mexico May 1 hay stocks since 40,000 tons in 1996, 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 2020 was 822,000 tons, 14 percent lower than 2019 production. Disappearance from December 1, 2020 to May 1, 2021 was 170,000 tons, compared with 280,000 tons for the same period a year earlier.

Final all cotton production in New Mexico totaled 71,500 480-lb bales, 17 percent below 2019. Area of all cotton harvested, at 36,500 acres, is down 12,400 acres from last year. The all cotton yield is 940 pounds per acre, up 96 pounds per acre from 2019. Upland cotton planted acres are estimated at 43,000 for 2020, with 26,000 acres harvested. Upland cotton production totaled 57,000 bales, down 26 percent from the 2019 crop. Yield is estimated at 1,052 pounds per acre, up 212 pounds per acre from last year. American Pima planted cotton acres are estimated at 10,500 for 2020, with 10,500 acres harvested. New Mexico’s 2020 American Pima production is estimated at 14,500 bales with an average yield of 663 pounds per acre.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.28 billion bushels, up 10 percent from 2020. As of May 1, the United States yield is forecast at 52.1 bushels per acre, up 1.2 bushels from last year’s average yield of 50.9 bushels per acre. Area expected to be harvested for grain is forecast at 24.6 million acres, up 7 percent from last year. Hard Red Winter production, at 731 million bushels, is up 11 percent from a year ago. Soft Red Winter, at 332 million bushels, is up 25 percent from 2020. White Winter, at 220 million bushels, is down 10 percent from last year. Of the White Winter production, 14.2 million bushels are Hard White and 206 million bushels are Soft White.

All hay stored on United States farms as of May 1, 2021 totaled 18.0 million tons, down 12 percent from May 1, 2020. Disappearance from December 1, 2020 - May 1, 2021 totaled 66.0 million tons, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

All cotton production is estimated at 14.6 million 480-pound bales, 27 percent lower than the 2019 crop. The United States yield for all cotton is estimated at 847 pounds per acre, up 16 pounds from the previous year. Upland cotton production is estimated at 14.1 million 480-pound bales, down 27 percent from the 2019 crop. The United States yield for upland cotton is estimated at 835 pounds per acre, up 16 pounds from 2019. American Pima production is estimated at 546,500 bales (480-pounds), down 20 percent from 2019. The United States yield is estimated at 1,352 pounds per acre, down 121 pounds from the previous season.

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