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CROP PRODUCTION – AUGUST 2018

UTAH HIGHLIGHTS

Based on August 1 conditions, **alfalfa hay** production in Utah is forecast at 1.96 million 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 down 12 percent from the 2.23 million tons produced in 2017. Utah farmers and ranchers expect to harvest 530,000 acres of **alfalfa hay** this year, unchanged from 2017. Alfalfa hay yield is expected to average 3.70 tons per acre, compared to last year's yield of 4.20 tons per acre.

Utah **peach** production for 2018 is forecast at 4,600 tons, up 35 percent from last year's production of 3,400 tons.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Production of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixture** dry hay for 2018 is forecast at 57.8 million tons, up 5 percent from 2017. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 3.33 tons per acre, up 0.01 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 17.4 million acres, unchanged from the June forecast, but up 5 percent from 2017.

United States **peach** production is forecast at 732,050 tons, up 5 percent from 2017.

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