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SMALL GRAINS - SEPTEMBER 2018

UTAH HIGHLIGHTS

All wheat production in Utah, estimated at 5.36 million bushels, is down 14 percent from 2017, according to the September 1 Agricultural Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. All wheat yield was 52.0 bushels per acre, unchanged from a year ago.

Winter wheat producers seeded 120,000 acres in the fall of 2017 for harvest in 2018, unchanged from the acres seeded for the previous year's crop, but equal to the record low seeded acres. Acreage harvested for grain decreased 14,000 acres from last year to a record low 94,000 acres in 2018. The previous record low was 100,000 acres harvested in 2002. Winter wheat production is estimated at 4.89 million bushels, down 13 percent from last year. Winter wheat yield, at 52.0 bushels per acre, is unchanged from last year.

Spring wheat seedings, at 10,000 acres, are down 4,000 acres from last year. Acreage harvested totaled 9,000 acres, down from 12,000 acres harvested last year. Spring wheat production is estimated at 468,000 bushels, down 25 percent from last year. Spring wheat yield, at 52.0 bushels per acre, is unchanged from last year.

Utah's **barley** seeded area, at 21,000 acres, is down 4,000 acres from last year, and the lowest on record. Harvested area, at 16,000 acres, is down 2,000 acres from 2017. Barley yield, at 86.0 bushels per acre is up 11.0 bushels per acre from last year. Barley production in 2018 is estimated at 1.38 million bushels, up 2 percent from the previous year.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

All wheat production totaled 1.88 billion bushels in 2018, up 8 percent from the revised 2017 total of 1.74 billion bushels. Area harvested for grain totaled 39.6 million acres, up 5 percent from the previous year. The United States yield was estimated at 47.6 bushels per acre, up 1.3 bushels from the previous year. The levels of production and changes from 2017 by type were: winter wheat, 1.18 billion bushels, down 7 percent; other spring wheat, 623 million bushels, up 50 percent; and Durum wheat, 77.3 million bushels, up 41 percent.

Winter wheat production for 2018 totaled 1.18 billion bushels, down 7 percent from the 2017 total of 1.27 billion bushels. The United States yield, at 47.9 bushels per acre, was down 2.3 bushels from 2017. Area harvested for grain was estimated at a record low 24.7 million acres, down 2 percent from the previous year. Record high yields were estimated in Louisiana, Montana, and Nevada for 2018.

Other spring wheat production for 2018 was estimated at 623 million bushels, up 50 percent from the revised 2017 total of 415 million bushels. Harvested area totaled 12.9 million acres, up 27 percent from 2017. The United States yield was estimated at a record high 48.3 bushels per acre, 7.3 bushels above 2017. Record high yields were estimated in Idaho and North Dakota for 2018. Of the total production, 587 million bushels were Hard Red Spring wheat, up 53 percent from the revised 2017 total.

Barley production was estimated at 153 million bushels, up 8 percent from the 2017 total of 142 million bushels. Average yield per acre, at 77.4 bushels, was up 4.8 bushels from the previous year. Producers seeded 2.54 million acres in 2018, up 2 percent from last year. Harvested area, at 1.98 million acres, was up 1 percent from 2017.

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