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UTAH HIGHLIGHTS

Utah principal crop planted acreage, which includes acres planted to all major crops and those expected to be cut for all hay, is up 4 percent from 2018 to 907,000 acres, according to the June 1 Agricultural Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

Utah **corn** producers planted 80,000 acres of corn this year of which they intend to harvest 27,000 acres for grain, up from 22,000 acres harvested in 2018. This is an increase of 23 percent from last year's harvested grain acreage and a 14 percent increase in planted acreage for all purposes. **Barley** planted area, at 22,000 acres, is 5 percent more than last year's acreage. Expected harvested acres, at 13,000 acres, are 19 percent below 2018.

Winter wheat producers planted 125,000 acres in the fall of 2018 for harvest in 2019, up from 120,000 planted for the previous year's crop. Acreage expected to be harvested for grain is up 21,000 acres from last year to 115,000 acres.

The area to be harvested for **hay** is expected to be increase 30,000 acres from a year ago to 680,000 acres. **Alfalfa hay** harvested acreage is expected to increase 30,000 acres to 530,000 acres and **all other hay** harvested acreage is expected to be unchanged at 150,000 acres. **Safflower** growers planted an estimated 15,000 acres this year, unchanged from last year. Harvested acres are expected to total 14,000 acres, up from 13,000 acres harvested in 2018.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Corn planted area for all purposes in 2019 is estimated at 91.7 million acres, up 3 percent from last year. Compared with last year, planted acres are up or unchanged in 40 of the 48 estimating States. Area harvested for grain, at 83.6 million acres, is up 2 percent from last year.

Barley producers seeded 2.86 million acres of barley for the 2019 crop year, up 12 percent from the previous year. Harvested area, forecast at 2.33 million acres, is up 18 percent from 2018.

All wheat planted area for 2019 is estimated at 45.6 million acres, down 5 percent from 2018. This represents the lowest all wheat planted area on record since records began in 1919. The 2019 **winter wheat** planted area, at 31.8 million acres, is down 2 percent from last year but up 1 percent from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 22.7 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 5.54 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.55 million acres are White Winter. Area planted to **other spring wheat** for 2019 is estimated at 12.4 million acres, down 6 percent from 2018. Of this total, about 12.0 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. **Durum** planted area for 2019 is estimated at 1.40 million acres, down 32 percent from the previous year.

Producers intend to harvest 52.8 million acres of **all hay** in 2019, down less than 1 percent from 2018. If realized, this will represent the lowest total hay harvested area since 1908. The decrease in acreage is due to a 1 percent decrease in **all other hay** (excluding alfalfa) acreage compared to 2018. Acres of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** are expected to be up 1 percent compared with 2018.

Safflower area planted is estimated at 153,000 acres in 2019, down 3 percent for comparable States in 2018. This is the second lowest planted area for the Nation since records began in 1991. Area for harvest is forecast at 145,500 acres, down 1 percent for comparable States from last year. This represents the third lowest harvested area on record, if realized.

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