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CROP PRODUCTION – AUGUST 2019

UTAH HIGHLIGHTS

Based on August 1 conditions, **alfalfa hay** production in Utah is forecast at 2.23 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 up 20 percent from the 1.85 million tons produced in 2018. Utah farmers and ranchers expect to harvest 530,000 acres of **alfalfa hay** this year, up 30,000 acres from 2018. Alfalfa hay yield is expected to average 4.20 tons per acre, compared to last year's yield of 3.70 tons per acre.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Production of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixture dry hay** for 2019 is forecast at 55.4 million tons, up 5 percent from 2018. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 3.29 tons per acre, up 0.12 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 16.8 million acres, unchanged from the June forecast, but up 1 percent from 2018.

Production of **other hay** is forecast at 75.7 million tons, up 7 percent from 2018. Based on August 1 conditions, the United States yield is expected to average 2.11 tons per acre, up 0.15 ton from last year. If realized, this would represent a new record high for the United States, surpassing the previous record of 2.09 tons per acre in 2016. Harvested area is forecast at 35.9 million acres, unchanged from the June forecast, but down 1 percent from 2018.

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

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