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CROP PRODUCTION – OCTOBER 2019

UTAH HIGHLIGHTS

Based on October 1 conditions, **alfalfa hay** production in Utah is forecast to total 2.23 million tons this year, up from 1.85 million tons produced in 2018, according to the October 1 Agricultural Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. 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 with last year's yield of 3.70 tons per acre and the August forecast of 4.20 tons per acre.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Production of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixture dry hay** for 2019 is forecast at 54.2 million tons, down 2 percent from the previous forecast but up 3 percent from 2018. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 3.22 tons per acre, down 0.07 ton from the previous forecast but up 0.05 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 16.8 million acres, unchanged from the previous forecast, but up 1 percent from 2018.

Production of **other hay** is forecast at 76.7 million tons, up 1 percent from the previous forecast and up 8 percent from 2018. Based on October 1 conditions, the United States yield is expected to average 2.13 tons per acre, up 0.02 ton from the previous forecast and up 0.17 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 previous forecast, but down 1 percent from 2018.

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