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ANNUAL CROP SUMMARY - 2019

UTAH HIGHLIGHTS

The 2019 **corn** for grain crop is estimated at 3.72 million bushels, 7 percent below last year's production of 4.00 million bushels, according to the December 1 Agricultural Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The average yield of 143.0 bushels per acre is 39.0 bushels per acre below the yield achieved last year. Area harvested for grain in 2019, at 26,000 acres, is 4,000 acres above last year. Acreage cut for **corn silage** is estimated at 55,000 acres, up 10,000 acres from last year, with production estimated at 1.32 million tons compared with 1.04 million tons produced last year.

Utah's **barley** seeded area, at 17,000 acres, is down 4,000 acres from last year. Harvested area, at 10,000 acres, is down 6,000 acres from 2018. Barley yield, at a record high 93.0 bushels per acre, is up 7.0 bushels per acre from last year and 4.0 bushels above the previous record of 89.0 bushels per acre set in 2010. Barley production in 2019 is estimated at 930,000 bushels, down 32 percent from the previous year.

Winter wheat production in Utah, estimated at 6.26 million bushels, is up 28 percent from 2018. Winter wheat producers seeded 125,000 acres in the fall of 2018 for harvest in 2019, up from 120,000 acres seeded for the previous year's crop. Acreage harvested for grain increased 22,000 acres from last year to 116,000 acres in 2019. Winter wheat yield, at 54.0 bushels per acre, is up 2.0 bushels per acre from last year.

All hay production for 2019 is estimated at 2.62 million tons, up 19 percent from the 2018 total. **Alfalfa hay** production is estimated at 2.19 million tons from 510,000 acres harvested, up 343,000 tons from 2018. Average yield for the 2019 crop is 4.30 tons per acre, 0.60 ton per acre above last year. **All other hay** production totaled 425,000 tons from 170,000 acres harvested, up 80,000 tons from 2018. The average yield of 2.50 tons per acre is a record high and up 0.20 ton per acre from last year. New **seedings of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** in Utah are estimated at 65,000 acres, up 30 percent from 2018.

As of December 1, producers in Utah were storing 1.30 million tons of **all hay**, up 33 percent from the 980,000 tons stored last year.

Production of **safflower** in 2019 is 13.34 million pounds, compared with 10.92 million pounds in 2018. Planted acres are 13,000, down 2,000 acres from last year. Harvested acres are 12,700, compared with 13,000 acres in 2018. Safflower yields averaged a record high 1,050 pounds per acre in 2019, up 210 pounds per acre from last year.

Winter wheat seedings last fall for the 2020 crop year are estimated at 120,000 acres, down 4 percent from 2019.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Corn for grain production in 2019 was estimated at 13.7 billion bushels, down 5 percent from the revised 2018 estimate. The average yield in the United States was estimated at 168.0 bushels per acre, 8.4 bushels below the 2018 yield of 176.4 bushels per acre. Area harvested for grain was estimated at 81.5 million acres, up less than 1 percent from the revised 2018 estimate. **Corn silage** production was estimated at 133 million tons for 2019, up 9 percent from the revised 2018 estimate. The United States silage yield was estimated at 20.2 tons per acre, up 0.3 ton from 2018. Area harvested for silage was estimated at 6.59 million acres, up 8 percent from the revised 2018 estimate.

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Barley production was estimated at 170 million bushels, up 10 percent from the 2018 total of 154 million bushels. The average yield, at 77.7 bushels per acre, was up 0.2 bushel from the previous year. Producers seeded 2.72 million acres in 2019, up 7 percent from 2018. Harvested area, at 2.18 million acres, was up 10 percent from 2018.

All wheat production totaled 1.92 billion bushels in 2019, up 2 percent from the 2018 total of 1.89 billion bushels. Area harvested for grain totaled 37.2 million acres, down 6 percent from the previous year. The United States yield was estimated at 51.7 bushels per acre, up 4.1 bushels from the previous year. **Winter wheat** production for 2019 totaled 1.30 billion bushels, up 10 percent from the 2018 total of 1.18 billion bushels. The United States yield, at 53.6 bushels per acre, was up 5.7 bushels from 2018. Area harvested for grain was estimated at a record low 24.3 million acres, down 2 percent from the previous year.

Production of **all dry hay** for 2019 was estimated at 128.9 million tons, up 4 percent from the 2018 total. Area harvested was estimated at 52.4 million acres, down 1 percent from 2018. The average yield, at 2.46 tons per acre, was up 0.12 ton from the previous year. Production of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** in 2019 was estimated at 54.9 million tons, up 4 percent from the 2018 total. Harvested area, at 16.7 million acres, was 1 percent above the previous year. Average yield was estimated at 3.28 tons per acre, up 0.11 ton from 2018. Production of **all other hay** in 2019 totaled 74.0 million tons, up 4 percent from the 2018 total. Harvested area, at 35.7 million acres, was down 2 percent from the previous year. Average yield was estimated at 2.07 tons per acre, up 0.11 ton from 2018. Growers seeded 2.47 million acres of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** during 2019, up 11 percent from 2018. New seedings of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures are normally harvested for the first time in the year following planting.

All **hay stored** on United States farms as of December 1, 2019 totaled 84.5 million tons, up 7 percent from the previous December. Disappearance from May 1, 2019 - December 1, 2019 totaled 59.3 million tons, compared with 59.9 million tons for the same period a year earlier.

Production of **safflower** in 2019, at 194 million pounds, was down 14 percent from 2018 in comparable States. Growers planted 165,800 acres in 2019, an increase of 5 percent from 2018 in comparable States. Harvested area, at 152,700 acres, was up 4 percent from the previous year for comparable States. Average yield, at 1,272 pounds per acre, a decline of 266 pounds from the 2018 average yield for comparable States of 1,538 pounds per acre.

Winter wheat planted area for harvest in 2020 is estimated at 30.8 million acres, down 1 percent from 2019 and down 5 percent from 2018. This represents the second lowest United States acreage on record.

For a full copy of the *Crop Production 2019 Summary* report please visit www.nass.usda.gov.

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