CROP PRODUCTION – AUGUST 2020

UTAH HIGHLIGHTS

Based on August 1 conditions, alfalfa hay production in Utah is forecast at 2.03 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 down 8 percent from the 2.19 million tons produced in 2019. Utah farmers and ranchers expect to harvest 520,000 acres of alfalfa hay this year, up 10,000 acres from 2019. Alfalfa hay yield is expected to average 3.90 tons per acre, compared to last year’s yield of 4.30 tons per acre.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Production of alfalfa and alfalfa mixture dry hay for 2020 is forecast at 51.7 million tons, down 6 percent from 2019. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 3.16 tons per acre, down 0.12 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 16.4 million acres, unchanged from the June forecast, and down 2 percent from 2019.

Production of other hay is forecast at 73.6 million tons, down 1 percent from 2019. Based on August 1 conditions, the United States yield is expected to average 2.04 tons per acre, down 0.03 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 36.0 million acres, unchanged from the Acreage report released on June 30, 2020, but up 1 percent from 2019.

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