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## 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.

For a full copy of the *Crop Production* report please visit [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov).

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