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## CROP PRODUCTION – OCTOBER 2020

### UTAH HIGHLIGHTS

Based on October 1 conditions, **alfalfa hay** production in Utah is forecast to total 2.13 million tons this year, down 3 percent from the 2.19 million tons produced in 2019, 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 520,000 acres of alfalfa hay this year, up 10,000 acres from 2019. Alfalfa hay yield is expected to average 4.10 tons per acre, compared with last year's yield of 4.30 tons per acre and the August forecast of 3.90 tons per acre.

### UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Production of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixture dry hay** for 2020 is forecast at 52.6 million tons, up 2 percent from the August forecast but down 4 percent from 2019. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 3.22 tons per acre, up 0.06 ton from the August forecast but down 0.06 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 16.4 million acres, unchanged from the previous forecast, and down 2 percent from 2019.

Production of **other hay** is forecast at 75.1 million tons, up 2 percent from the August forecast and up 1 percent from 2019. Based on October 1 conditions, the United States yield is expected to average 2.08 tons per acre, up 0.04 from the August forecast and up 0.01 ton from last year. If realized this yield would represent the second highest yield on record. Harvested area is forecast at 36.0 million acres, unchanged from the previous forecast, but up 1 percent from 2019.

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