ACREAGE – JUNE 2021

UTAH HIGHLIGHTS

Utah principal crop planted acreage, which includes acres planted to all major crops and those expected to be cut for all hay, is down 7 percent from 2020 to 876,000 acres, according to the June 1 Agricultural Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

Utah corn producers planted 80,000 acres of corn this year of which they intend to harvest 23,000 acres for grain, down from 31,000 acres harvested in 2020. This is a decrease of 26 percent from last year’s harvested grain acreage and an 11 percent decrease in planted acreage for all purposes. Barley planted area, at a record low 16,000 acres, is 6 percent less than last year’s acreage. Expected harvested acres, at 9,000 acres, are 10 percent below 2020.

Winter wheat producers planted 115,000 acres in the fall of 2020 for harvest in 2021, up from 110,000 acres planted for the previous year’s crop. Acreage expected to be harvested for grain is up 2,000 acres from last year to 100,000 acres.

The area to be harvested for hay is expected to decrease 65,000 acres from a year ago to 665,000 acres. Alfalfa hay harvested acreage is expected to decrease 60,000 acres to 490,000 acres and all other hay harvested acreage is expected to decrease 5,000 acres to 175,000 acres. If realized, this would be the lowest acreage of alfalfa hay harvested since 490,000 acres were harvested in 1992. Safflower growers planted an estimated 23,000 acres this year, unchanged from last year. Harvested acres are expected to total 22,000 acres, unchanged from acres harvested in 2020.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Corn planted area for all purposes in 2021 is estimated at 92.7 million acres, up 2 percent or 1.87 million acres from last year. Compared with last year, planted acreage is expected to be up or unchanged in 28 of the 48 estimating States. Area harvested for grain, at 84.5 million acres, is up 2 percent from last year.

Producers seeded 2.6 million acres of barley for the 2021 crop year, down 1 percent from the previous year. Harvested area, forecast at 2.04 million acres, is down 4 percent from 2020.

All wheat planted area for 2021 is estimated at 46.7 million acres, up 5 percent from 2020. This represents the fourth lowest all wheat planted area since records began in 1919. The 2021 winter wheat planted area, at 33.7 million acres, is up 11 percent from last year and up 2 percent from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 23.6 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 6.59 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.50 million acres are White Winter. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 25.4 million acres, up 3 percent from the previous forecast and up 11 percent from last year. Area expected to be planted to other spring wheat for 2021 is estimated at 11.6 million acres, down 5 percent from 2020. Of this total, about 10.8 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. Harvested area is expected to total 11.2 million acres, 7 percent below 2020. Durum planted area for 2021 is expected to total 1.48 million acres, down 12 percent from the previous year. Area harvested for grain is expected to total 1.44 million acres, down 13 percent from last year.

Producers intend to harvest 51.5 million acres of all hay in 2021, down 1 percent from 2020. If realized, this will represent the lowest total hay harvested area since 1907. The decrease in acreage is primarily due to dry growing conditions across the Great Plains. Alfalfa harvested acreage is expected to be 16.1 million acres, down 1 percent from 2020. All other hay (excluding alfalfa) is expected to be down 2 percent from last year, at 35.4 million acres.

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Area planted to safflower in 2021 is estimated at 135,000 acres, down 1,000 acres from 2020 and represents the second lowest planted area for the Nation since records began in 1991. Area for harvest is forecast at 127,500 acres, up 800 acres from last year and will be the third lowest harvested area on record for the Nation, if realized.

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