CROP PRODUCTION – MAY 2021

UTAH HIGHLIGHTS

Hay stocks on Utah farms and ranches as of May 1, 2021 totaled 170,000 tons, down 43 percent from stocks of 300,000 tons on hand last year and the lowest Utah May 1 hay stocks since 144,000 tons in 2011, according to the May 1 Agricultural Yield Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Hay production for 2020 was 2.54 million tons, 3 percent lower than 2019 production. Disappearance from December 1, 2020 to May 1, 2021 was 1.08 million tons, compared with 1.00 million tons the same period a year earlier.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.28 billion bushels, up 10 percent from 2020. As of May 1, the United States yield is forecast at 52.1 bushels per acre, up 1.2 bushels from last year’s average yield of 50.9 bushels per acre. Area expected to be harvested for grain is forecast at 24.6 million acres, up 7 percent from last year. Hard Red Winter production, at 731 million bushels, is up 11 percent from a year ago. Soft Red Winter, at 332 million bushels, is up 25 percent from 2020. White Winter, at 220 million bushels, is down 10 percent from last year. Of the White Winter production, 14.2 million bushels are Hard White and 206 million bushels are Soft White.

All hay stored on United States farms as of May 1, 2021 totaled 18.0 million tons, down 12 percent from May 1, 2020. Disappearance from December 1, 2020 - May 1, 2021 totaled 66.0 million tons, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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