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CROP PRODUCTION – AUGUST 2021

UTAH HIGHLIGHTS

Based on August 1 conditions, alfalfa hay production in Utah is forecast at 1.52 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 27 percent from the 2.09 million tons produced in 2020. If realized, this would be the lowest alfalfa hay production in Utah since 1.47 million tons in 1975. Utah farmers and ranchers expect to harvest 490,000 acres of alfalfa hay this year, down 60,000 acres from 2020. If realized, this would be the lowest alfalfa hay harvested acreage since 490,000 acres in 1992. Alfalfa hay yield is expected to average 3.10 tons per acre, compared to last year’s yield of 3.80 tons per acre. If realized, this would be the lowest alfalfa hay yield since 2.85 tons per acre in 1972.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Production of alfalfa and alfalfa mixture dry hay for 2021 is forecast at 47.8 million tons, down 10 percent from 2020. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 2.97 tons per acre, down 0.3 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 16.1 million acres, unchanged from the Acreage report but down 1 percent from 2020. Production of other hay is forecast at 70.9 million tons, down 4 percent from 2020. Based on August 1 conditions, the United States yield is expected to average 2.00 tons per acre, down 0.05 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 35.4 million acres, unchanged from the Acreage report but down 2 percent from 2020.

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