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UTAH HIGHLIGHTS

Winter wheat production in Utah, estimated at 4.51 million bushels, is down 13 percent from 2020, according to the September 1 Agricultural Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Winter wheat producers seeded 110,000 acres in the fall of 2020 for harvest in 2021, equal to the record low acres seeded for the previous year’s crop. Acreage harvested for grain in 2021 were equal to last year’s second lowest harvested acreage on record at 98,000 acres. Winter wheat yield, at 46.0 bushels per acre, is down 7.0 bushels per acre from last year.

Utah’s barley seeded area, at a record low 17,000 acres, is down 4,000 acres from last year. Harvested area, at 9,000 acres, is down 3,000 acres from 2020 and the lowest harvested acreage since 9,000 acres were harvested in 1899. Barley yield, at 81.0 bushels per acre, is down 4.0 bushels per acre from last year. Barley production in 2021 is estimated at 729,000 bushels, down 29 percent from the previous year and the lowest production since 680,000 bushels in 1926.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

All wheat production totaled 1.65 billion bushels in 2021, down 10 percent from the 2020 total of 1.83 billion bushels. Area harvested for grain totaled 37.2 million acres, up 1 percent from the previous year. The United States yield was estimated at 44.3 bushels per acre, down 5.4 bushels from the previous year. The levels of production and changes from 2020 by type were: winter wheat, 1.28 billion bushels, up 9 percent; other spring wheat, 331 million bushels, down 44 percent; and Durum wheat, 37.3 million bushels, down 46 percent.

Winter wheat production for 2021 totaled 1.28 billion bushels, up 9 percent from the revised 2020 total of 1.17 billion bushels. The United States yield, at 50.2 bushels per acre, was down 0.7 bushel from 2020. Area harvested for grain was estimated at 25.5 million acres, up 11 percent from the previous year. Hard Red Winter production totaled 749 million bushels, up 14 percent from 2020. Soft Red Winter production totaled 361 million bushels, up 35 percent from 2020, and White winter wheat production totaled 167 million bushels, down 32 percent from the previous year.

Barley production was estimated at 118 million bushels, down 31 percent from the revised 2020 total of 171 million bushels. The average yield, at 60.4 bushels per acre, was down 16.8 bushel from the previous year. Producers seeded 2.66 million acres in 2021, down 2 percent from 2020. Harvested area, at 1.95 million acres, was down 12 percent from 2020.

For a full copy of the Small Grains Summary report, please visit www.nass.usda.gov.