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CROP PRODUCTION – AUGUST 2022

UTAH HIGHLIGHTS

Based on August 1 conditions, **alfalfa hay** production in Utah is forecast at 1.79 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 1 percent from the 1.81 million tons produced in 2021. If realized, this would be the lowest alfalfa hay production in Utah since 1.74 million tons in 1989. Utah farmers and ranchers expect to harvest 470,000 acres of alfalfa hay this year, down 20,000 acres from 2021. If realized, this would be the lowest alfalfa hay harvested acreage since 470,000 acres were harvested in 1989. Alfalfa hay yield is expected to average 3.80 tons per acre, compared to last year's yield of 3.70 tons per acre.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Production of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixture dry hay** for 2022 is forecast at 49.1 million tons, down less than 1 percent from 2021. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 3.17 tons per acre, down 0.06 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 15.5 million acres, unchanged from the *Acreage* report, but up 1 percent from 2021. Production of **other hay** is forecast at 67.7 million tons, down 5 percent from 2021. Based on August 1 conditions, the United States yield is expected to average 1.88 tons per acre, down 0.12 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 36.0 million acres, unchanged from the *Acreage* report, but up 2 percent from 2021.

For a full copy of the *Crop Production* report, please visit www.nass.usda.gov.