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CROP PRODUCTION – OCTOBER 2022

UTAH HIGHLIGHTS

Based on October 1 conditions, **alfalfa hay** production in Utah is forecast to total 1.88 million tons this year, up 4 percent from the 1.81 million tons produced in 2021, according to the October 1 Agricultural Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. 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 in 1989. Alfalfa hay yield is expected to average 4.00 tons per acre, compared with last year's yield of 3.70 tons per acre and the August forecast of 3.80 tons per acre.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Production of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixture dry hay** for 2022 is forecast at 48.8 million tons, down 1 percent from the August forecast, and down 1 percent from 2021. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 3.16 tons per acre, down 0.01 ton from the August forecast and down 0.07 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 63.2 million tons, down 7 percent from the August forecast, and down 11 percent from 2021. Based on October 1 conditions, the United States yield is expected to average 1.75 tons per acre, down 0.13 ton from the August forecast and down 0.25 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.