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## ANNUAL CROP SUMMARY - 2022

### UTAH HIGHLIGHTS

The 2022 **corn for grain** crop is estimated at 2.64 million bushels, 22 percent below last year's production of 3.40 million bushels, according to the December 1 Agricultural Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The average yield of 165.0 bushels per acre is 14.0 bushels per acre below the yield achieved last year. Area harvested for grain in 2022, at 16,000 acres, is 3,000 acres below last year. Acreage cut for **corn silage** is estimated at 52,000 acres, up 5,000 acres from last year, with production estimated at 1.25 million tons, compared with 1.13 million tons produced last year.

Utah's **barley** seeded area, at 20,000 acres, is up 2,000 acres from last year. Harvested area, at 15,000 acres, is up 5,000 acres from 2021. Barley yield, at 82.0 bushels per acre, is up 1.0 bushel per acre from last year. Barley production in 2022 is estimated at 1.23 million bushels, up 52 percent from the previous year.

**Winter wheat** production in Utah, estimated at 3.17 million bushels, is down 26 percent from 2021 and the lowest production since 1961. Winter wheat producers seeded 110,000 acres in the fall of 2021 for harvest in 2022, unchanged from acres seeded for the previous year's crop. Acreage harvested for grain decreased 5,000 acres from last year to a record low 88,000 acres in 2022. Winter wheat yield, at 36.0 bushels per acre, is down 10.0 bushels per acre from last year and is the lowest yield since 32.0 bushels per acre in 2002.

**All hay** production for 2022 is estimated at 2.64 million tons, up 19 percent from the 2021 total. **Alfalfa hay** production is estimated at 2.01 million tons from 490,000 acres harvested, up 196,000 tons from 2021. Average yield for the 2022 crop is 4.10 tons per acre, 0.40 ton per acre above last year. **All other hay** production totaled 627,000 tons from 190,000 acres harvested, up 231,000 tons from 2021. This establishes a new record high other hay production for Utah. The average yield of 3.30 tons per acre is 1.10 tons per acre above last year, and establishes a new record high yield for the State. New **seedings of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** in Utah are estimated at 50,000 acres, up 11 percent from 2021.

As of December 1, producers in Utah were storing 1.25 million tons of **all hay**, up 25 percent from the 1.00 million tons stored last year.

Production of **safflower** in 2022 is 6.25 million pounds, compared with 7.36 million pounds in 2021. Planted acres are 13,000, down 9,000 acres from last year. Harvested acres are 11,800, compared with 16,000 acres in 2021. Both planted and harvested area are record lows. Safflower yields averaged 530 pounds per acre in 2022, up 70 pounds per acre from last year.

**Winter wheat seedings** last fall for harvest in 2023 are estimated at 110,000 acres, unchanged from 2022.

### UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

**Corn for grain** production in 2022 was estimated at 13.7 billion bushels, down 9 percent from the 2021 estimate. The average yield in the United States was estimated at 173.3 bushels per acre, 3.4 bushels below the 2021 record high yield of 176.7 bushels per acre. Area harvested for grain was estimated at 79.2 million acres, down 7 percent from the 2021 estimate. **Corn silage** production was estimated at 129 million tons for 2022, down 1 percent from the 2021 estimate. The United States silage yield was estimated at 18.7 tons per acre, down 1.4 tons from 2021.

**Barley** production was estimated at 174 million bushels, up 45 percent from the revised 2021 total of 120 million bushels. The average yield, at 71.7 bushels per acre, was up 11.4 bushel from the previous year. Producers seeded 2.95 million acres in 2022, up 9 percent from 2021. Harvested area, at 2.43 million acres, was up 22 percent from 2021.

**All wheat** production totaled 1.65 billion bushels in 2022, up less than 1 percent from the 2021 total of 1.65 billion bushels. Area harvested for grain totaled 35.5 million acres, down 4 percent from the previous year. The United States yield was estimated at 46.5 bushels per acre, up 2.2 bushels from the previous year. The levels of production and changes from 2021 by type were: winter

wheat, 1.10 billion bushels, down 14 percent; other spring wheat, 482 million bushels, up 46 percent; and Durum wheat, 64.0 million bushels, up 70 percent. **Winter wheat** production for 2022 totaled 1.10 billion bushels, down 14 percent from the 2021 total of 1.28 billion bushels. The United States yield, at 47.0 bushels per acre, was down 3.2 bushels from 2021. Area harvested for grain was estimated at 23.5 million acres, down 8 percent from the previous year.

Production of **all dry hay** for 2022 was estimated at 112.8 million tons, down 6 percent from the 2021 total. Area harvested was estimated at 49.5 million acres, down 2 percent from 2021. The average yield, at 2.28 tons per acre, was down 0.09 ton from 2021. Production of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** in 2022 was estimated at 48.0 million tons, down 3 percent from the 2021 total. Harvested area, at 14.9 million acres, was 2 percent below 2021. Average yield was estimated at 3.22 tons per acre, down 0.01 ton from 2021. Production of **all other hay** in 2022 totaled 64.8 million tons, down 9 percent from the 2021 total. Harvested area, at 34.6 million acres, was down 2 percent from 2021. Average yield was estimated at 1.87 tons per acre, down 0.13 ton from 2021. **New seedings of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** totaled 1.68 million acres during 2022, up 2 percent from 2021. New seedings of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures are normally harvested for the first time in the year following planting.

**All hay** stored on United States farms as of December 1, 2022, totaled 71.9 million tons, down 9 percent from December 1, 2021, which is the lowest December 1 stocks since 1954. Disappearance from May 1, 2022 - December 1, 2022, totaled 57.7 million tons, down 3 percent from the same period in 2021.

Production of **safflower** in 2022, at 164 million pounds, was up 22 percent from 2021. Growers planted 150,200 acres in 2022, a decline of 2 percent from the previous year and represents the third lowest planted for the Nation since records began in 1991. Harvested area for the Nation, at 135,300 acres, was up 1 percent from 2021 but is the fourth lowest harvested area on record. The average yield for the Nation, at 1,213 pounds per acre, increased 209 pounds from the 2021 average yield per acre.

**Winter wheat** seeded area for 2023 is expected to total 37.0 million acres, up 11 percent from 2022. Approximate class acreage breakdowns are: Hard Red Winter, 25.3 million; Soft Red Winter, 7.90 million; and White Winter, 3.73 million.

For a full copy of the *Crop Production 2022 Summary* report, please visit [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov).