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## CROP PRODUCTION – AUGUST 1, 2023

### UTAH HIGHLIGHTS

Based on August 1 conditions, **alfalfa hay** production in Utah is forecast at 2.15 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 up 7 percent from the 2.01 million tons produced in 2022. Utah farmers and ranchers expect to harvest 550,000 acres of alfalfa hay this year, up 60,000 acres from last year. Alfalfa hay yield is expected to average 3.90 tons per acre, compared with last year's yield of 4.10 tons per acre.

### UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Production of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixture dry hay** for 2023 is forecast at 48.9 million tons, up 2 percent from 2022. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 3.13 tons per acre, down 0.09 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 15.7 million acres, unchanged from the *Acreage* report, but up 5 percent from 2022. Production of **other hay** is forecast at 69.9 million tons, up 8 percent from 2022. Based on August 1 conditions, the United States yield is expected to average 1.92 tons per acre, up 0.05 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 36.3 million acres, unchanged from the *Acreage* report, but up 5 percent from 2022.

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