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## OCTOBER CROP PRODUCTION

**Charleston, West Virginia - All other hay** production is forecast at 969,000 tons, up 6 percent from the August 1 forecast of 918,000 tons, and up 14 percent from the 2019 crop. All other hay harvested acreage is expected to total 510,000 acres in 2020, this is unchanged from the August 1 forecast, but up 2 percent from 2019. Yield is expected to average 1.90 tons per acre, up 0.10 ton per acre from the August 1 forecast, and up 0.20 ton per acre from 2019. The October 1 production forecast for alfalfa hay is not published for West Virginia. The next alfalfa hay estimate will be published in January 2021.

**Corn** planted is estimated at 50,000 acres, up 9 percent from the previous forecast, but down 2,000 acres from 2019. Growers expect to harvest 35,000 acres for grain, up 9 percent from the previous forecast, but down 3,000 acres from last year.

**United States - Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures dry hay** production for 2020 is forecast at 52.6 million tons, up 2 percent from the August forecast, but down 4 percent from 2019. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 3.22 tons per acre, up 0.06 ton from the August forecast, but down 0.06 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 16.4 million acres, unchanged from the previous forecast, and down 2 percent from 2019. Record high yields are forecast in Arizona, Idaho, and Oregon.

**Other hay** production is forecast at 75.1 million tons, up 2 percent from the August forecast and up 1 percent from 2019. Based on October 1 conditions, the United States yield is expected to average 2.08 tons per acre, up 0.04 from the August forecast and up 0.01 ton from last year. If realized this yield would represent the second highest yield on record. Harvested area is forecast at 36.0 million acres, unchanged from the previous forecast, but up 1 percent from 2019. Record high yields are expected in Alabama, California, Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, Kentucky, and Wyoming.

**Corn** production for grain is forecast at 14.7 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the previous forecast, but up 8 percent from 2019. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average a record high 178.4 bushels per harvested acre, down 0.1 bushel from the previous forecast, but up 10.9 bushels from last year. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 82.5 million acres, down 1 percent from the previous forecast, but up 1 percent from the previous year. Acreage updates were made in several States based on a thorough review of all available data.

**Soybean** production for beans is forecast at 4.27 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the previous forecast, but up 20 percent from last year. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average a record high 51.9 bushels per harvested acre, unchanged from the previous forecast, but up 4.5 bushels from 2019. Area harvested for beans in the United States is forecast at 82.3 million acres, down 1 percent from the previous forecast, but up 10 percent from 2019. Acreage updates were made in several States based on a thorough review of all available data.