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OCTOBER CROP PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia - All other hay production is forecast at 945,000 tons, down 19 percent from the August 1 forecast of 1,161,000 tons, and down 6 percent from the 2020 crop. All other hay harvested acreage is expected to total 540,000 acres in 2021, this is unchanged from the August 1 forecast, and up 2 percent from 2020. Yield is expected to average 1.75 tons per acre, down 0.40 ton per acre from the August 1 forecast, and down 0.15 ton per acre from 2020. The October 1 production forecast for alfalfa hay is not published for West Virginia. The next alfalfa hay estimate will be published in January 2022.

Corn planted is estimated at 51,000 acres, unchanged from the previous forecast, and unchanged from 2020. Growers expect to harvest 38,000 acres for grain, unchanged from the previous forecast, and unchanged from last year.

United States - Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures dry hay production for 2021 is forecast at 48.2 million tons, up 1 percent from the August forecast, but down 9 percent from 2020. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 2.99 tons per acre, up 0.02 ton from the August forecast, but down 0.28 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 16.1 million acres, unchanged from the Acreage report, but down 1 percent from 2020. Record high yields are forecast in Arizona and Colorado, while record low yields are forecast in Montana.

Other hay production is forecast at 72.3 million tons, up 2 percent from the August forecast, but down 2 percent from 2020. Based on October 1 conditions, the United States yield is expected to average 2.04 tons per acre, up 0.04 ton from the August forecast, but down 0.01 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 35.4 million acres, unchanged from the Acreage report, but down 2 percent from 2020. Record high yields are expected in Alabama.

Corn production for grain is forecast at 15.0 billion bushels, up slightly from the previous forecast and up 6 percent from 2020. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 176.5 bushels per harvested acre, up 0.2 bushel from the previous forecast and up 5.1 bushels from last year. After a thorough review of all available data, acreage estimates are unchanged from last month. Total planted area, at 93.3 million acres, is unchanged from the previous estimate, but up 3 percent from the previous year. Area harvested for grain, forecast at 85.1 million acres, is unchanged from the previous forecast, but up 3 percent from the previous year.

Soybean production for beans is forecast at a record 4.45 billion bushels, up 2 percent from the previous forecast and up 5 percent from 2020. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 51.5 bushels per harvested acre, up 0.9 bushel from the previous forecast and up 0.5 bushel from 2020. After a thorough review of all available data acreage estimates are unchanged from last month. Total planted area, at 87.2 million acres, is unchanged from the previous estimate, but up 5 percent from the previous year. Area harvested for beans, forecast at 86.4 million acres, is unchanged from the previous forecast, but up 5 percent from the previous year.