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OCTOBER CROP PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia - All other hay production is forecast at 1,020,000 tons, up 6 percent from the August 1 forecast of 960,000 tons, but down 2 percent from 2022. All other hay harvested acreage is expected to total 600,000 acres in 2023, unchanged from the August 1 forecast, but up 9 percent from 2022. Yield is expected to average 1.70 tons per acre, up 0.10 ton per acre from the August 1 forecast, but down 0.20 ton per acre from 2022. The October 1 production forecast for alfalfa hay is not published for West Virginia. The next alfalfa hay estimate will be published in January 2024.

United States - Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures dry hay production for 2023 is forecast at 52.7 million tons, up 8 percent from the August forecast and up 10 percent from 2022. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 3.37 tons per acre, up 0.24 ton from the August forecast and up 0.15 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 15.7 million acres, unchanged from the *Acreage* report but up 5 percent from 2022. Record high yields are forecast for New Mexico and North Dakota.

Other hay production is forecast at 70.1 million tons, up less than 1 percent from the August forecast and up 8 percent from 2022. Based on October 1 conditions, the United States yield is expected to average 1.93 tons per acre, up 0.01 ton from the August forecast and up 0.06 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 36.3 million acres, unchanged from the *Acreage* report but up 5 percent from 2022. Record high yields expected in Alabama, Georgia, Nebraska, North Dakota, and Wyoming.

Corn production for grain is forecast at 15.1 billion bushels, down less than 1 percent from the previous forecast, but up 10 percent from 2022. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 173.0 bushels per harvested acre, down 0.8 bushel from the previous forecast and down 0.4 bushel from last year. Area harvested for grain, forecast at 87.1 million acres, is unchanged from the previous forecast, but up 10 percent from the last year.

Soybean production for beans is forecast at 4.10 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the previous forecast and down 4 percent from 2022. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 49.6 bushels per acre, down 0.5 bushel from the previous forecast, but equal to 2022. Area harvested for beans in the United States is forecast at 82.8 million acres, unchanged from the previous forecast, but down 4 percent from 2022.