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WEST VIRGINIA VALUE OF PRODUCTION OF 2018 CROPS*

Charleston, West Virginia – Corn for grain value of production totaled \$19.56 million in 2018, a slight decrease of 1 percent from \$19.81 million in 2017. The marketing year average price received per bushel for corn was \$3.90, down \$0.05 per bushel from \$3.95 per bushel in 2017.

The value of **all wheat** production in 2018 was \$676 thousand, a 48 percent decrease from the 2017 crop value of \$1.30 million. Growers received an average of \$4.90 per bushel for the 2018 crop, up \$0.20 per bushel from the price per bushel of \$4.70 in 2017.

Soybeans value of production totaled \$12.43 million, a 6 percent decrease from the 2017 value of \$13.20 million. The average price received per bushel for soybeans was \$8.60. This was down \$0.80 a bushel from the 2017 average price of \$9.40 per bushel.

The value of **all hay** production totaled \$116.45 million in 2018, a 3 percent decrease from the 2017 value of \$120.40 million. The average price received per ton was \$127.00. This was up \$7.00 per ton from the 2017 average price of \$120.00 per ton.

The value of **alfalfa hay** production totaled \$7.71 million in 2018, an 11 percent decrease from the 2017 value of \$8.69 million. The average price received per ton was \$203.00. This was up \$14.00 per ton from the 2017 average price of \$189.00 per ton.

The value of all **other hay** production totaled \$108.73 million in 2018, 3 percent less than the 2017 value of \$111.71 million. The average price received per ton was \$123.00. This was up \$7.00 per ton from the 2017 average price of \$116.00 per ton.

UNITED STATES VALUE AND MARKETING YEAR AVERAGE PRICE WITH 2017 COMPARISONS

- Corn for grain value of production - \$51.48 billion, up 4 percent; \$3.55 per bushel, up \$0.19.
- All wheat value of production - \$9.70 billion, up 17 percent; \$5.15 per bushel, up \$0.43.
- Soybeans value of production - \$39.13 billion, down 5 percent; \$8.60 per bushel, down \$0.73.
- All hay value of production - \$17.05 billion, up 6 percent; \$164.00 per ton, up \$22.00.
- Alfalfa hay value of production - \$8.46 billion, up 4 percent; \$181.00 per ton, up \$27.00.
- All other hay value of production - \$8.59 billion, up 8 percent; \$133.00 per ton, up \$13.00.

* *Note:* 2018 data are preliminary. State and United States preliminary 2018 MYA prices for corn, sorghum, oats, barley, wheat, rice, soybeans, flaxseed, sunflower, canola, Upland cotton, dry edible beans, chickpeas (garbanzo beans), dry edible peas, Austrian winter peas, lentils, peanuts, and potatoes are based on entire month price data through December 2018 and, except for cotton and peanuts, allowances are made for the portion of the 2018 crop to be marketed during the remainder of each crop's 2018 marketing year. State MYA prices for crops not in the monthly price program are based on annual surveys.