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WYOMING HIGHLIGHTS

Based on August 1 conditions, **barley** production in Wyoming is forecast at 6.96 million bushels, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. This forecast is up 4 percent from the July 1 forecast and up 3 percent from last year's crop. The area for harvest in 2015, at 65,000 acres, is up 2,000 acres from the 63,000 acres harvested last year. Barley yield is forecast at 107.0 bushels per acre, up 4.0 bushels from the July forecast and even with last year. As of August 2, Wyoming's barley crop condition was rated 5 percent fair, 67 percent good, and 28 percent excellent. Barley mature was 34 percent complete, compared with 47 percent last year and the 5-year average of 49 percent.

Wyoming farmers and ranchers expect to harvest 490,000 acres of **alfalfa hay** this year, unchanged from 2014. They also expect to harvest 560,000 acres of **other hay** in 2015, down 10,000 acres from last year. Alfalfa production is forecast at 1.47 million tons, up 15 percent from 1.27 million tons produced in 2014. Other hay production is estimated at 840,000 tons, down 13 percent from 969,000 tons a year ago. Yields are expected to average 3.00 tons per acre for alfalfa and 1.50 tons per acre for other hay, compared to last year's yields of 2.60 tons per acre for alfalfa hay and 1.70 tons for other hay.

Dry bean production for 2015 is forecast at 590,000 hundredweight, down 26 percent from the 799,000 hundredweight produced a year earlier. Yields are expected to average 2,000 pounds per acre, down from 2,130 pounds per acre last year. Growers expect to harvest 29,500 acres this year, down 8,100 acres from 37,600 acres last year. **Sugarbeet** production is forecast at 958,000 tons, up 15 percent from 834,000 tons produced in 2014. Growers expect to harvest 30,800 acres this year compared with 30,000 a year ago. Yields are expected to average 31.1 tons per acre, up from 27.8 tons per acre a year ago.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Barley production is forecast at 210 million bushels, up 1 percent from the July forecast and up 19 percent from 2014. Based on conditions as of August 1, the average yield for the United States is forecast at 71.8 bushels per acre, up 0.5 bushel from the previous forecast but down 0.6 bushel from last year. Area harvested for grain or seed, at 2.92 million acres, is unchanged from the previous forecast but up 19 percent from 2014.

Production of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixture** dry hay for 2015 is forecast at 62.1 million tons, up 1 percent from 2014. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 3.39 tons per acre, up 0.06 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 18.3 million acres, unchanged from June but down slightly from 2014.

Production of **other hay** is forecast at 80.0 million tons, up 2 percent from 2014. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 2.09 tons per acre, up 0.06 ton from last year. If realized, the 2015 average yield will be a record high and production will be the third highest on record behind 2004 and 2003. Harvested area is forecast at 38.2 million acres, unchanged from June but down 1 percent from 2014.

Production of **dry edible beans** is forecast at 29.3 million cwt, up less than 1 percent from last year. Planted area is estimated at 1.75 million acres, up 2 percent from 2014. Harvested area is forecast at 1.70 million acres, 2 percent above the previous year. The average United States yield is forecast at 1,721 pounds per acre, a decrease of 32 pounds from last season.

Production of **sugarbeets** for the 2015 crop year is forecast at 34.2 million tons, up 9 percent from last year. Planted area is forecast at 1.16 million acres, down slightly from the June *Acreage* report and down slightly from last year. Producers expect to harvest 1.14 million acres, up slightly from the previous forecast but down slightly from 2014. Expected yield is forecast at 29.9 tons per acre, an increase of 2.5 tons from last year.

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