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## CROP PRODUCTION – AUGUST 2016

### WYOMING HIGHLIGHTS

Based on August 1 conditions, **barley** production in Wyoming is forecast at 8.02 million bushels, according to the August 1 Agricultural Yield Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. This forecast is down 7 percent from the July 1 forecast and down 2 percent from last year's crop. The area for harvest in 2016, at 81,000 acres, is down 5,000 acres from the 86,000 acres harvested last year. Barley yield is forecast at 99.0 bushels per acre, down 8.0 bushels from the July 1 forecast, but 4.0 bushels per acre higher than last year. As of July 31, Wyoming's barley crop condition was rated 1 percent very poor, 1 percent poor, 8 percent fair, and 90 percent good. Barley mature was 29 percent complete, compared with 25 percent last year and the 5-year average of 42 percent.

Wyoming farmers and ranchers expect to harvest 560,000 acres of **alfalfa hay** this year, up 30,000 acres from 2015. They also expect to harvest 560,000 acres of **other hay** in 2016, up 10,000 acres from last year. Alfalfa production is forecast at 1.40 million tons, up 6 percent from 1.33 million tons produced in 2015. Other hay production is estimated at 952,000 tons, down 4 percent from 990,000 tons a year ago. Yields are expected to average 2.50 tons per acre for alfalfa and 1.70 tons per acre for other hay, compared to last year's yields of 2.50 tons per acre for alfalfa hay and 1.80 tons per acre for other hay.

**Dry bean** production for 2016 is forecast at 660,000 hundredweight, down 7 percent from the 713,000 hundredweight produced a year earlier. Yields are expected to average 2,200 pounds per acre, down from 2,300 pounds per acre last year. Growers expect to harvest 30,000 acres this year, down 1,000 acres from 31,000 acres last year. **Sugarbeet** production is forecast at 897,000 tons, down 4 percent from 939,000 tons produced in 2015. Growers expect to harvest 30,000 acres this year compared with 31,200 acres a year ago. Yields are expected to average 29.9 tons per acre, down from 30.1 tons per acre a year ago.

### UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

**Barley** production is forecast at 190 million bushels, up 4 percent from the July forecast but down 12 percent from 2015. Based on conditions as of August 1, the average yield for the United States is forecast at 73.6 bushels per acre, up 2.7 bushels from the previous forecast and up 4.7 bushels from last year. If realized, this would represent a record high yield for the United States. State-level record high barley yields are expected in Arizona and Colorado. Area harvested for grain or seed, at 2.58 million acres, is unchanged from the previous forecast but down 17 percent from 2015.

Production of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixture** dry hay for 2016 is forecast at 61.5 million tons, up 4 percent from 2015. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 3.40 tons per acre, up 0.08 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 18.1 million acres, unchanged from the June forecast but up 2 percent from 2015.

Production of **other hay** is forecast at 79.0 million tons, up 5 percent from 2015. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 2.07 tons per acre, up 0.01 ton from last year. If realized, the 2016 average yield will be a record high for the United States and production will be the third highest on record behind only 2004 and 2003. Harvested area is forecast at 38.1 million acres, unchanged from the June forecast but up 4 percent from 2015.

Production of **dry edible beans** is forecast at 29.5 million cwt, down 2 percent from last year. Planted area is estimated at 1.72 million acres, down 3 percent from 2015. Harvested area is forecast at 1.66 million acres, 3 percent below the previous year. The average United States yield is forecast at 1,781 pounds per acre, an increase of 21 pounds from last season.

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Production of **sugarbeets** for the 2016 crop year is forecast at 36.0 million tons, up 2 percent from last year. Planted area is forecast at 1.16 million acres, up slightly from last year. Producers expect to harvest 1.15 million acres, up slightly from 2015. Expected yield is forecast at 31.4 tons per acre, an increase of 0.5 tons from last year.

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