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## ACREAGE – JUNE 2018

### WYOMING HIGHLIGHTS

Wyoming principal crop planted acreage, which includes acres planted to all major crops and those expected to be cut for all hay, is down 2 percent from 2017 to 1.45 million acres, according to the June 1 Agricultural Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

Wyoming **corn** producers planted 95,000 acres of corn this year of which they intend to harvest 70,000 acres for grain, up from 63,000 acres harvested in 2017. This is an increase of 11 percent from last year's harvested grain acreage, but no change in planted acreage for all purposes. **Oat** seedings are set at 31,000 acres, an increase of 6,000 acres from last year, with producers planning to harvest 7,000 acres for grain, up 3,000 acres from acreage harvested for grain in 2017. **Barley** planted area, at 65,000 acres, is 21 percent less than last year's acreage. Expected harvested acres, at 49,000 acres are 22 percent below 2017.

**Winter wheat** producers planted 135,000 acres in the fall of 2017 for harvest in 2018, unchanged from the acres planted for the previous year's crop. Acreage expected to be harvested for grain is up 15,000 acres from last year to 120,000 acres.

The area to be harvested for **hay** is expected to decrease 10,000 acres from a year ago to 1.06 million acres. **Alfalfa hay** harvested acreage is expected to increase 10,000 acres to 560,000 acres and **all other hay** harvested acreage is expected to decrease 20,000 acres to 500,000 acres.

**Sugarbeet** plantings decreased 600 acres from last year to 31,500 acres. The expected harvested area, at 31,000 acres, is 600 acres below last year. Acres planted to **dry beans**, at 34,000 acres, are down 17 percent from last year. Harvested acres are expected to total 32,000 acres.

### UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

**Corn** planted area for all purposes in 2018 is estimated at 89.1 million acres, down 1 percent from last year. Compared with last year, planted acres are down or unchanged in 31 of the 48 estimating States. Area harvested for grain, at 81.8 million acres, is down 1 percent from last year.

Area seeded to **oats** for the 2018 crop year is estimated at 2.89 million acres, up 12 percent from 2017. Compared with last year, planted acreage is up or unchanged in 23 of the 28 major producing States. Increases of 20,000 acres or more are estimated in Alabama, Colorado, Georgia, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, and Wisconsin. Area for harvest, forecast at million acres, is up 26 percent from 2017.

Producers seeded 2.55 million acres of **barley** for the 2018 crop year, up 3 percent from the previous year. Harvested area, forecast at 2.05 million acres, is up 5 percent from 2017. In Montana, producers seeded 730,000 acres of barley, down 5 percent from the previous year.

**All wheat** planted area for 2018 is estimated at 47.8 million acres, up 4 percent from 2017. This represents the second lowest all wheat planted area on record since records began in 1919. The 2018 **winter wheat** planted area, at 32.7 million acres, is up less than 1 percent from last year and up slightly from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 23.2 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 5.89 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.62 million acres are White Winter. Area planted to **other spring wheat** for 2018 is estimated at 13.2 million acres, up 20 percent from 2017. Of this total, about 12.7 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. **Durum** planted area for 2018 is estimated at 1.89 million acres, down 18 percent from the previous year.

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Producers intend to harvest 55.1 million acres of **all hay** in 2018, up 2 percent from 2017. If realized, this will represent the highest total hay harvested area since 2014. The increase in acreage is primarily due to a 5 percent increase in **alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** acreage compared to 2017; however, **all other hay** (excluding alfalfa) is also up 1 percent. Producers in the Upper Midwest and Northern Plains are optimistic about harvesting more acres than last year to replenish hay stocks.

Area planted to **sugarbeets** for the 2018 crop year is estimated at 1.12 million acres, down 1 percent from 2017. Harvested area is forecast at 1.09 million acres, down 2 percent from last year.

Area planted to **dry beans** in 2018 is estimated at 1.83 million acres, down 12 percent from the previous season. Area harvested is forecast to total 1.78 million acres, also down 12 percent from 2017. Seven of the 11 estimating States show a decrease in total dry bean planted acres from last year.

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