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CROP PRODUCTION – AUGUST 2018

WYOMING HIGHLIGHTS

Based on August 1 conditions, **barley** production in Wyoming is forecast at 4.85 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 4 percent from the July 1 forecast and down 25 percent from last year's crop. The area for harvest in 2018, at 49,000 acres, is down 14,000 acres from the 63,000 acres harvested last year. Barley yield is forecast at 99.0 bushels per acre, down 4.0 bushels from the July 1 forecast and 3.0 bushels per acre lower than last year. As of July 29, Wyoming's barley crop condition was rated 1 percent fair and 99 percent good. Barley harvest was 9 percent complete, compared with 9 percent last year and the 5-year average of 5 percent.

Wyoming farmers and ranchers expect to harvest 560,000 acres of **alfalfa hay** this year, up 10,000 acres from 2017. They also expect to harvest 500,000 acres of **other hay** in 2018, down 20,000 acres from last year. Alfalfa production is forecast at 1.74 million tons, up 9 percent from 1.60 million tons produced in 2017. Other hay production is estimated at 900,000 tons, up 2 percent from 884,000 tons a year ago. Yields are expected to average 3.10 tons per acre for alfalfa and 1.80 tons per acre for other hay, compared to last year's yields of 2.90 tons per acre for alfalfa hay and 1.70 tons per acre for other hay.

Dry bean production for 2018 is forecast at 619,000 hundredweight, down 34 percent from the 933,000 hundredweight produced a year earlier. Yields are expected to average 2,210 pounds per acre, down from 2,390 pounds per acre last year. Growers expect to harvest 28,000 acres this year, down 11,000 acres from 39,000 acres last year. **Sugarbeet** production is forecast at 992,000 tons, up 11 percent from 891,000 tons produced in 2017. Growers expect to harvest 30,700 acres this year compared with 31,600 acres a year ago. Yields are expected to average 32.3 tons per acre, up from 28.2 tons per acre a year ago.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Barley production is forecast at 156 million bushels, up 1 percent from the July forecast and up 10 percent from 2017. Based on conditions as of August 1, the average yield for the United States is forecast at 76.3 bushels per acre, up 0.7 bushel from the previous forecast and up 3.7 bushels from last year. Area harvested for grain or seed, at 2.05 million acres, is unchanged from the previous forecast, but up 5 percent from 2017.

Production of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixture** dry hay for 2018 is forecast at 57.8 million tons, up 5 percent from 2017. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 3.33 tons per acre, up 0.01 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 17.4 million acres, unchanged from the June forecast, but up 5 percent from 2017.

Production of **other hay** is forecast at 70.7 million tons, down 7 percent from 2017. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 1.88 tons per acre, down 0.17 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 37.7 million acres, unchanged from the June forecast, but up 1 percent from 2017.

Production of **dry edible beans** is forecast at 35.9 million cwt, up less than 1 percent from last year. If realized, production will exceed last year's record high. Planted area is estimated at 2.05 million acres, down 2 percent from 2017. Harvested area is forecast at 1.99 million acres, 1 percent below the previous year. The average United States yield is forecast at 1,809 pounds per acre, an increase of 28 pounds from last season.

Production of **sugarbeets** for the 2018 crop year is forecast at 35.3 million tons, down slightly from last year. Producers expect to harvest 1.08 million acres, down 3 percent from 2017. Expected yield is forecast at 32.5 tons per acre, an increase of 0.8 ton from last year.

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