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ANNUAL CROP SUMMARY - 2017

WYOMING HIGHLIGHTS

The 2017 **corn** for grain crop is estimated at 9.77 million bushels, 4 percent below last year's production of 10.14 million bushels, according to the December 1 Agricultural Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The average yield of 155.0 bushels per acre is 8.0 bushels per acre above the yield achieved last year. Area harvested for grain in 2017, at 63,000 acres, is 6,000 acres below last year. Acreage cut for corn silage is estimated at 30,000 acres, up 4,000 acres from last year, with production estimated at 720,000 tons compared with 598,000 tons produced last year.

Oat seedings in Wyoming totaled 25,000 acres, up 2,000 acres from last year. Producers harvested 4,000 acres for grain or seed, down 3,000 acres from 2016. Oat production totaled 340,000 bushels in 2017, down 12 percent from last year. Oat yield is 85.0 bushels per acre in 2017, up 30.0 bushels per acre from the previous year.

Wyoming's **barley** seeded area, at 82,000 acres, is down 13,000 acres from last year. Harvested area, at 63,000 acres, is down 19,000 acres from 2016. Barley yield, at 102.0 bushels per acre, is up 6.0 bushels per acre from last year. Barley production in 2017 is estimated at 6.43 million bushels, down 18 percent from the previous year.

Winter wheat production in Wyoming, estimated at 2.94 million bushels, is down 31 percent from 2016. Winter wheat producers seeded 135,000 acres in the fall of 2016 for harvest in 2017, down from 140,000 acres seeded for the previous year's crop. Acreage harvested for grain decreased 20,000 acres from last year to 105,000 acres in 2017. Winter wheat yield, at 28.0 bushels per acre, is down 6.0 bushels per acre from last year.

All hay production for 2017 is estimated at 2.48 million tons, up 9 percent from the 2016 total. **Alfalfa hay** production is estimated at 1.60 million tons from 550,000 acres harvested, up 195,000 tons from 2016. Average yield for the 2017 crop is 2.90 tons per acre, 0.10 ton per acre above last year. **All other hay** production totaled 884,000 tons from 520,000 acres harvested, unchanged from 2016. The average yield of 1.70 tons per acre is unchanged from last year. New **seedings of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** in Wyoming are estimated at 40,000 acres, down 11 percent from 2016.

As of December 1, producers in Wyoming were storing 1.55 million tons of **all hay**, up 11 percent from the 1.40 million tons stored last year.

The state's **sugarbeet** crop of 891,000 tons for 2017 is down 6 percent from the 951,000 tons produced in 2016. Producers harvested 31,600 acres in 2017, up from 30,000 acres in 2016. Average yield is estimated at 28.2 tons per acre, 3.5 tons per acre below 2016.

Dry edible bean production is set at 933,000 hundredweight, 27 percent above the 2016 crop of 733,000 hundredweight. Average yield is estimated at 2,390 pounds per acre, 30 pounds per acre above last year. Harvested area, at 39,000 acres, is 7,900 acres more than last year. **Pinto bean** production in 2017 is 717,000 hundredweight, up 49 percent from last year. There was also 216,000 hundredweight of **other dry bean** types produced.

Winter wheat seedings last fall for the 2018 crop year are estimated at 145,000 acres, up 7 percent from last year.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Corn for grain production in 2017 was estimated at 14.6 billion bushels, down 4 percent from the 2016 estimate. The average yield in the United States was estimated at a record high 176.6 bushels per acre, 2.0 bushels above the 2016 average yield of 174.6 bushels per acre. Area harvested for grain was estimated at 82.7 million acres, down 5 percent from the 2016 estimate. **Corn silage** production was

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estimated at 128 million tons for 2017, up 2 percent from 2016. The United States silage yield was estimated at 19.9 tons per acre, down 0.4 ton from 2016. Area harvested for silage was estimated at 6.43 million acres, up 4 percent from a year ago.

Oat production in 2017 was estimated at 49.4 million bushels, down 24 percent from 2016. Yield was estimated at 61.7 bushels per acre, down 4.3 bushels from the previous year. Harvested area, at 801,000 acres, was 18 percent below the previous year.

Barley production was estimated at 142 million bushels, down 29 percent from the 2016 total of 200 million bushels. Average yield per acre, at 72.6 bushels, was down 5.3 bushels from the previous year. Producers seeded 2.48 million acres in 2017, down 19 percent from 2016, and the lowest acreage planted on record since estimates began in 1866. Harvested area, at 1.95 million acres, was down 24 percent from 2016.

Winter wheat production for 2017 totaled 1.27 billion bushels, down 24 percent from the 2016 total of 1.67 billion bushels. The United States yield, at 50.2 bushels per acre, was down 5.1 bushels from 2016. Area harvested for grain was estimated at 25.3 million acres, down 16 percent from the previous year.

Production of **all dry hay** for 2017 was estimated at 131 million tons, down 3 percent from the revised 2016 total. Area harvested was estimated at 53.8 million acres, up one percent from 2016. The average yield, at 2.44 tons per acre, was down 0.08 ton from the previous year. Production of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** in 2017 was estimated at 55.1 million tons, down 5 percent from the 2016 total. Harvested area, at 16.6 million acres, was 2 percent below the previous year. Average yield was estimated at 3.32 tons per acre, down 0.13 ton from 2016. Production of **all other hay** in 2017 totaled 76.4 million tons, down less than 1 percent from the revised 2016 total. Harvested area, at 37.2 million acres, was up 2 percent from the previous year. Average yield was estimated at 2.05 tons per acre, down 0.05 ton from the previous year's revised record high. Growers seeded 2.21 million acres of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** during 2017, down 3 percent from 2016.

All hay stored on United States farms as of December 1, 2017 totaled 86.2 million tons, down 10 percent from the previous December. Disappearance from May 1, 2017 - December 1, 2017 totaled 69.6 million tons, compared with 64.3 million tons for the same period a year earlier.

Sugarbeet production for 2017 was estimated at 35.3 million tons, down 4 percent from the previous year's revised production. Growers in the 11 major sugarbeet-producing States planted 1.13 million acres, down 3 percent from the 2016 revised area. Harvested area, at 1.11 million acres, was down 1 percent from the previous year. Estimated yield, at 31.7 tons per acre, was down 1.1 tons from last year.

United States **dry edible bean** production was estimated at 35.8 million cwt for 2017, up 25 percent from the previous year. Planted area was estimated at 2.09 million acres, up 26 percent from 2016 and the highest since 1990. Harvested area was estimated at 2.01 million acres, 29 percent above the previous year. The average United States yield was 1,781 pounds per acre, a decrease of 61 pounds from 2016.

Winter wheat seeded area for 2018 is expected to total 32.6 million acres, down less than 1 percent from 2017. Approximate class acreage breakdowns are: Hard Red Winter, 23.1 million; Soft Red Winter, 5.98 million; and White Winter, 3.56 million.

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