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CROP PRODUCTION – AUGUST 2019

WYOMING HIGHLIGHTS

Based on August 1 conditions, **barley** production in Wyoming is forecast at 7.37 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 3 percent from the July 1 forecast but up 47 percent from last year's crop. The area for harvest in 2019, at 76,000 acres, is up 26,000 acres from the 50,000 acres harvested last year. Barley yield is forecast at 97.0 bushels per acre, down 3.0 bushels per acre from the July 1 forecast and 3.0 bushels per acre below last year. As of August 4, Wyoming's barley crop condition was rated 10 percent poor, 16 percent fair, and 74 percent good. Barley harvest was 20 percent complete, compared with 24 percent last year and the 5-year average of 15 percent.

Wyoming farmers and ranchers expect to harvest 610,000 acres of **alfalfa hay** this year, up 20,000 acres from 2018. They also expect to harvest 530,000 acres of **other hay** in 2019, up 30,000 acres from last year. Alfalfa production is forecast at 1.40 million tons, down 12 percent from the 1.59 million tons produced in 2018. Other hay production is estimated at 848,000 tons, up 6 percent from 800,000 tons produced a year ago. Yields are expected to average 2.30 tons per acre for alfalfa and 1.60 tons per acre for other hay, compared to last year's yields of 2.70 tons per acre for alfalfa hay and 1.60 tons per acre for other hay.

Dry bean production for 2019 is forecast at 415,000 hundredweight, down 32 percent from the 607,000 hundredweight produced a year earlier. Yields are expected to average 2,130 pounds per acre, down from 2,180 pounds per acre last year. Growers expect to harvest 19,500 acres this year, down 8,300 acres from 27,800 acres last year.

Sugarbeet production is forecast at 894,000 tons, down 5 percent from 946,000 tons produced in 2018. Growers expect to harvest 30,600 acres this year compared with 30,700 acres a year ago. Yields are expected to average 29.2 tons per acre, down from 30.8 tons per acre a year ago.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Barley production is forecast at 172 million bushels, up 1 percent from the previous forecast and up 12 percent from 2018. Based on conditions as of August 1, the average yield for the United States is forecast at 73.9 bushels per acre, up 0.6 bushel from the previous forecast but down 3.5 bushels from 2018. Area harvested for grain, is forecast at 2.33 million acres, unchanged from the previous forecast, but up 18 percent from 2018.

Production of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixture dry hay** for 2019 is forecast at 55.4 million tons, up 5 percent from 2018. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 3.29 tons per acre, up 0.12 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 16.8 million acres, unchanged from the June forecast, but up 1 percent from 2018.

Production of **other hay** is forecast at 75.7 million tons, up 7 percent from 2018. Based on August 1 conditions, the United States yield is expected to average 2.11 tons per acre, up 0.15 ton from last year. If realized, this would represent a new record high for the United States, surpassing the previous record of 2.09 tons per acre in 2016. Harvested area is forecast at 35.9 million acres, unchanged from the June forecast, but down 1 percent from 2018.

Production of **dry edible beans** is forecast at 24.6 million cwt, down 34 percent from 2018. Area planted is estimated at 1.33 million acres, up 2 percent from the previous forecast but down 36 percent from 2018. Area harvested is forecast at 1.28 million acres, up 2 percent from the previous forecast but 36 percent below 2018. The average United States yield is forecast at 1,919 pounds per acre, an increase of 59 pounds from last season. Beginning in 2019, estimates no longer include chickpeas.

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Production of **sugarbeets** for the 2019 crop year is forecast at 34.8 million tons, up 5 percent from last year. Producers expect to harvest 1.12 million acres, up 2 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 31.1 tons per acre, an increase of 0.8 ton from last year.

For a full copy of the *Crop Production* report please visit www.nass.usda.gov.