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WYOMING HIGHLIGHTS

Based on October 1 conditions, **alfalfa hay** production in Wyoming is forecast to total 1.40 million tons this year, down from 1.59 million tons produced in 2018, according to the October 1 Agricultural Yield Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Wyoming farmers and ranchers expect to harvest 610,000 acres of alfalfa hay this year, up 20,000 acres from 2018. Alfalfa hay yield is expected to average 2.30 tons per acre, compared with last year's yield of 2.70 tons per acre and the August forecast of 2.30 tons per acre. Producers expect to harvest 530,000 acres of **other hay** in 2019, up 30,000 acres from last year. Other hay production is forecast at 848,000 tons, up 6 percent from a year ago. Other hay yield is expected to average 1.60 tons per acre, compared with last year's yield of 1.60 tons per acre and the August forecast of 1.60 tons per acre.

Sugarbeet production in Wyoming is forecast at 838,000 tons, down 11 percent from the 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 27.4 tons per acre, unchanged from the September 1 forecast but down from last year's yield of 30.8 tons per acre. As of September 29, Wyoming's sugarbeet crop condition was rated 31 percent fair and 69 percent good. Harvest of sugarbeets was estimated at 4 percent complete, compared with 18 percent last year and the 5-year average of 15 percent.

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, unchanged from the August 1 forecast but down from 2,180 pounds per acre last year. Growers expect to harvest 19,500 acres this year, down 8,300 acres from the 27,800 acres harvested last year. As of September 29, Wyoming's dry bean harvest was estimated to be 58 percent complete, compared with 74 percent last year and the 5-year average of 55 percent.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Production of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixture dry hay** for 2019 is forecast at 54.2 million tons, down 2 percent from the previous forecast but up 3 percent from 2018. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 3.22 tons per acre, down 0.07 ton from the previous forecast but up 0.05 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 16.8 million acres, unchanged from the previous forecast, but up 1 percent from 2018.

Production of **other hay** is forecast at 76.7 million tons, up 1 percent from the previous forecast and up 8 percent from 2018. Based on October 1 conditions, the United States yield is expected to average 2.13 tons per acre, up 0.02 ton from the previous forecast and up 0.17 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 previous forecast, but down 1 percent from 2018.

Production of **sugarbeets** for the 2019 crop year is forecast at 33.6 million tons, up slightly from last month and up 1 percent from last year. Area planted, at 1.13 million acres, is up slightly from the August forecast and up 2 percent from last year's planted area. Sugarbeet producers expect to harvest 1.12 million acres, down slightly from the previous forecast but up 2 percent from 2018. Yield is forecast at 30.1 tons per acre, an increase of 0.1 ton from the previous forecast but a decrease of 0.2 ton from last year.

Production of **dry edible beans** is forecast at 23.8 million cwt, down 3 percent from the August forecast and down 37 percent from 2018. Area planted is estimated at 1.31 million acres, down 2 percent from the August forecast and down 37 percent from 2018. Area harvested is forecast at 1.26 million acres, down 2 percent from the August forecast and 37 percent below 2018. Acreage updates were made in several States based on a thorough review of all available data. The average United States yield is forecast at 1,889 pounds per

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acre, a decrease of 30 pounds from the August forecast, but an increase of 29 pounds from last season. Beginning in 2019, estimates no longer include chickpeas.

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