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WYOMING HIGHLIGHTS

Based on August 1 conditions, **barley** production in Wyoming is forecast at 6.36 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 up 4 percent from the July 1 forecast but down 10 percent from last year's crop. The area for harvest in 2020, at 60,000 acres, is down 6,000 acres from the 66,000 acres harvested last year. Barley yield is forecast at 106.0 bushels per acre, up 4.0 bushels per acre from the July 1 forecast but 1.0 bushel per acre below last year. As of August 2, Wyoming's barley crop condition was rated 1 percent very poor, 5 percent poor, 16 percent fair, and 78 percent good. Barley harvest was 22 percent complete, compared with 15 percent last year and the 5-year average of 14 percent.

Wyoming farmers and ranchers expect to harvest 610,000 acres of **alfalfa hay** this year, down 10,000 acres from 2019. They also expect to harvest 510,000 acres of **other hay** in 2020, down 20,000 acres from last year. Alfalfa production is forecast at 1.71 million tons, up 2 percent from the 1.67 million tons produced in 2019. Other hay production is estimated at 816,000 tons, down 1 percent from the 822,000 tons produced a year ago. Yields are expected to average 2.80 tons per acre for alfalfa hay 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 1.55 tons per acre for other hay.

Dry bean production for 2020 is forecast at 548,000 hundredweight, up 41 percent from the 390,000 hundredweight produced a year earlier. Yields are expected to average 2,490 pounds per acre, up from 2,250 pounds per acre last year. Growers expect to harvest 22,000 acres this year, up 4,700 acres from 17,300 acres last year. As of August 2, 49 percent of the dry bean crop was setting pods, compared with 29 percent last year and the five-year average of 27 percent. The dry bean crop was rated 20 percent fair and 80 percent good.

Sugarbeet production is forecast at 876,000 tons, up 29 percent from 679,000 tons produced in 2019. Growers expect to harvest 30,200 acres this year compared with 24,000 acres a year ago. Yields are expected to average 29.0 tons per acre, up from 28.3 tons per acre a year ago. As of August 2, the sugarbeet crop was rated 3 percent fair and 97 percent good.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Barley production is forecast at 176 million bushels, up 4 percent from the previous forecast and up 4 percent from 2019. Based on conditions as of August 1, the average yield for the United States is forecast at 78.8 bushels per acre, up 2.7 bushels from the previous forecast and up 1.1 bushels from last year. If realized, that would mark a new record high yield for the United States, surpassing the previous record of 77.9 bushels per acre in 2016. Area harvested for grain or seed, at 2.23 million acres, is unchanged from the previous forecast, but up 2 percent from 2019.

Production of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixture dry hay** for 2020 is forecast at 51.7 million tons, down 6 percent from 2019. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 3.16 tons per acre, down 0.12 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 16.4 million acres, unchanged from the June forecast, and down 2 percent from 2019.

Production of **other hay** is forecast at 73.6 million tons, down 1 percent from 2019. Based on August 1 conditions, the United States yield is expected to average 2.04 tons per acre, down 0.03 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 36.0 million acres, unchanged from the *Acreage* report released on June 30, 2020, but up 1 percent from 2019.

Production of **dry edible beans** is forecast at 32.8 million cwt, up 58 percent from the 2019. Area planted is estimated at 1.63 million acres, up 3 percent from the June forecast and up 26 percent from 2019. Area harvested is forecast at 1.57 million acres, up 2 percent from the June forecast and up 34 percent 2019. The average United States yield is forecast at 2,088 pounds per acre, an increase of 319 pounds from last season.

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Production of **sugarbeets** for the 2020 crop year is forecast at 35.4 million tons, up 24 percent from last year. Sugarbeet producers expect to harvest 1.13 million acres, unchanged from previous forecast but up 15 percent from last year. Expected yield is forecast at 31.4 tons per acre, an increase of 2.2 tons from last year.

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