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WYOMING HIGHLIGHTS

Based on October 1 conditions, **alfalfa hay** production in Wyoming is forecast to total 1.77 million tons this year, up 6 percent from the 1.67 million tons produced in 2019, 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, down 10,000 acres from 2019. Alfalfa hay yield is expected to average 2.90 tons per acre, compared with last year's yield of 2.70 tons per acre and the August forecast of 2.80 tons per acre. Producers expect to harvest 510,000 acres of **other hay** in 2020, down 20,000 acres from last year. Other hay production is forecast at 918,000 tons, up 12 percent from a year ago. Other hay yield is expected to average 1.80 tons per acre, compared with last year's yield of 1.55 tons per acre and the August forecast of 1.60 tons per acre.

Sugarbeet production in Wyoming is forecast at 921,000 tons, up 36 percent from the 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 30.5 tons per acre, unchanged from the September 1 forecast and up from last year's yield of 28.3 tons per acre. As of October 4, Wyoming's sugarbeet crop condition was rated 2 percent fair and 98 percent good. Harvest of sugarbeets was estimated at 28 percent complete, compared with 10 percent last year and the 5-year average of 19 percent.

Dry edible bean production for 2020 is forecast at 637,000 hundredweight, up 63 percent from the 390,000 hundredweight produced a year earlier. Yields are expected to average 2,450 pounds per acre, down 40 pounds from the August 1 forecast but up 200 pounds per acre from last year. Growers are estimated to have planted 28,000 acres of dry edible beans, up 7,000 acres from last year, and expect to harvest 26,000 acres this year, up 8,700 acres from the 17,300 acres harvested last year. As of October 4, Wyoming's dry edible bean harvest was estimated to be 89 percent complete, compared with 67 percent last year and the 5-year average of 75 percent.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Production of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixture dry hay** for 2020 is forecast at 52.6 million tons, up 2 percent from the August forecast but down 4 percent from 2019. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 3.22 tons per acre, up 0.06 ton from the August forecast but down 0.06 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 16.4 million acres, unchanged from the previous forecast, and down 2 percent from 2019.

Production of **other hay** is forecast at 75.1 million tons, up 2 percent from the August forecast and up 1 percent from 2019. Based on October 1 conditions, the United States yield is expected to average 2.08 tons per acre, up 0.04 from the August forecast and up 0.01 ton from last year. If realized this yield would represent the second highest yield on record. Harvested area is forecast at 36.0 million acres, unchanged from the previous forecast, but up 1 percent from 2019. Record high yields are expected in Alabama, California, Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, Kentucky, and Wyoming.

Production of **sugarbeets** for the 2020 crop year is forecast at 35.8 million tons, up 2 percent from last month and up 25 percent from last year. Area planted, at 1.17 million acres, is up 2 percent from the previous forecast and up 3 percent from last year. Sugarbeet producers expect to harvest 1.15 million acres, up 2 percent from the previous forecast and up 17 percent from 2019. Yield is forecast at 31.2 tons per acre, unchanged from the previous forecast but an increase of 2.0 tons from last year.

Production of **dry edible beans** is forecast at 35.0 million cwt, up 7 percent from the August forecast and up 68 percent from 2019. Area planted is estimated at 1.74 million acres, up 7 percent from the August forecast and up 35 percent from 2019. Area harvested is forecast at 1.68 million acres, up 7 percent from the August forecast and 43 percent above 2019. The yield is forecast at 2,079 pounds per acre, a decrease of 9 pounds from the August forecast, but an increase of 310 pounds from last season.

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