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ANNUAL CROP SUMMARY - 2020

WYOMING HIGHLIGHTS

The 2020 **corn** for grain crop is estimated at 6.59 million bushels, 20 percent below last year's production of 8.24 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 122.0 bushels per acre is 1.0 bushel per acre below the yield achieved last year. Area harvested for grain in 2020, at 54,000 acres, is 13,000 acres below last year. Acreage cut for **corn silage** is estimated at 25,000 acres, up 3,000 acres from last year, with production estimated at 500,000 tons compared with 528,000 tons produced last year.

Wyoming's **barley** seeded area, at 74,000 acres, is down 7,000 acres from last year. Harvested area, at 62,000 acres, is down 4,000 acres from 2019. Barley yield, at 96.0 bushels per acre, is down 11.0 bushels per acre from last year. Barley production in 2020 is estimated at 5.95 million bushels, down 16 percent from the previous year.

Winter wheat production in Wyoming, estimated at 2.34 million bushels, is down 51 percent from 2019. Winter wheat producers seeded 120,000 acres in the fall of 2019 for harvest in 2020, down from 125,000 acres seeded for the previous year's crop. Acreage harvested for grain decreased 20,000 acres from last year to 90,000 acres in 2020. This is the lowest planted and harvested winter wheat acreage in Wyoming since 1938 when 112,000 acres were planted and 84,000 acres were harvested. Winter wheat yield, at 26.0 bushels per acre, is down 17.0 bushels per acre from last year.

All hay production for 2020 is estimated at 2.69 million tons, up 8 percent from the 2019 total. **Alfalfa hay** production is estimated at 1.89 million tons from 610,000 acres harvested, up 217,000 tons from 2019. Average yield for the 2020 crop is 3.10 tons per acre, 0.40 ton per acre above last year. **All other hay** production totaled 799,000 tons from 470,000 acres harvested, down 23,000 tons from 2019. The average yield of 1.70 tons per acre is 0.15 ton per acre above last year. New **seedings of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** in Wyoming are estimated at 25,000 acres, down 17 percent from 2019.

As of December 1, producers in Wyoming were storing 1.50 million tons of **all hay**, up 4 percent from the 1.44 million tons stored last year.

The state's **sugarbeet** crop of 912,000 tons for 2020 is up 34 percent from the 679,000 tons produced in 2019. Producers harvested 30,800 acres in 2020, up from 24,000 acres in 2019. Average yield is estimated at 29.6 tons per acre, 1.3 tons per acre above 2019.

Dry edible bean production is set at 528,000 hundredweight, 35 percent above the 2019 crop of 390,000 hundredweight. Average yield is estimated at 2,160 pounds per acre, 90 pounds per acre below last year. Harvested area, at 24,500 acres, is 7,200 acres more than last year. **Pinto bean** production in 2020 is 411,000 hundredweight, up 42 percent from last year.

Winter wheat seedings last fall for the 2021 crop year are estimated at 115,000 acres, down 4 percent from 2020 and the lowest winter wheat seedings since 1938 when 112,000 acres were seeded.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Corn for grain production in 2020 was estimated at 14.2 billion bushels, up 4 percent from the 2019 estimate. The average yield in the United States was estimated at 172.0 bushels per acre, 4.5 bushels above the 2019 yield of 167.5 bushels per acre. Area harvested for grain was estimated at 82.5 million acres, up 1 percent from the 2019 estimate. **Corn silage** production was estimated at 138 million tons for 2020, up 3 percent from the 2019 estimate. The United States silage yield was estimated at 20.5 tons per acre, up 0.3 ton from 2019. Area harvested for silage was estimated at 6.72 million acres, up 2 percent from the 2019 estimate.

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Barley production was estimated at 165 million bushels, down 4 percent from the revised 2019 total of 172 million bushels. The average yield, at 77.5 bushels per acre, was down 0.2 bushel from the previous year. Producers seeded 2.62 million acres in 2020, down 5 percent from 2019. Harvested area, at 2.13 million acres, was down 4 percent from 2019.

All wheat production totaled 1.83 billion bushels in 2020, down 5 percent from the 2019 total of 1.93 billion bushels. Area harvested for grain totaled 36.7 million acres, down 2 percent from the previous year. The United States yield was estimated at 49.7 bushels per acre, down 2.0 bushels from the previous year. The levels of production and changes from 2019 by type were: winter wheat, 1.17 billion bushels, down 11 percent; other spring wheat, 586 million bushels, up 4 percent; and Durum wheat, 68.8 million bushels, up 28 percent. **Winter wheat** production for 2020 totaled 1.17 billion bushels, down 11 percent from the 2019 total of 1.32 billion bushels. The United States yield, at 50.9 bushels per acre, was down 2.7 bushels from 2019. Area harvested for grain was estimated at a record low 23.0 million acres, down 6 percent from the previous year

Production of **all dry hay** for 2020 was estimated at 126.8 million tons, down 2 percent from the 2019 total. Area harvested was estimated at 52.2 million acres, down less than 1 percent from 2019. The average yield, at 2.43 tons per acre, was down 0.03 ton from 2019. Production of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** in 2020 was estimated at 53.1 million tons, down 3 percent from the 2019 total. Harvested area, at 16.2 million acres, was 3 percent below 2019. Harvested area has been trending lower, but has leveled off in recent years. Average yield was estimated at 3.27 tons per acre, down 0.01 ton from 2019. Production of **all other hay** in 2020 totaled 73.7 million tons, down less than 1 percent from the 2019 total. Harvested area, at 36.0 million acres, was up 1 percent from 2019. Average yield was estimated at 2.05 tons per acre, down 0.02 ton from 2019. This is the fifth highest yield on record, with four of the five occurring in the last six years. Growers seeded 2.18 million acres of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** during 2020, down 12 percent from 2019. New seedings of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures are normally harvested for the first time in the year following planting.

All **hay stored** on United States farms as of December 1, 2020 totaled 84.0 million tons, down 1 percent from December 1, 2019, which is the third lowest December 1 stocks since 1977. Disappearance from May 1, 2020 - December 1, 2020 totaled 63.2 million tons, up 7 percent from the same period in 2019.

Sugarbeet production for 2020 was estimated at 33.6 million tons, up 17 percent from the previous year's revised production. Growers in the 11 major sugarbeet-producing States planted 1.16 million acres, up 3 percent from the 2019 revised area. Harvested area, at 1.14 million acres, was up 17 percent from the previous year. Estimated yield, at 29.4 tons per acre, was up 0.2 ton from last year.

United States **dry edible bean** production was estimated at 33.0 million cwt for 2020, up 59 percent from the previous year for comparable States. Planted area was estimated at 1.74 million acres, up 35 percent from 2019. Harvested area was estimated at 1.68 million acres, up 43 percent from the previous year for comparable States. The average United States yield for dry edible beans for the 2020 season is 1,966 pounds per acre, up 197 from 2019.

Winter wheat planted area for harvest in 2021 is estimated at 32.0 million acres, up 5 percent from 2020 and up 2 percent from 2019. This represents the fourth lowest United States acreage on record.

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