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MONTANA HIGHLIGHTS

All wheat production in Montana, estimated at 139.30 million bushels, is up 38 percent from 2021, according to the September 1 Agricultural Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. All wheat yield was 28.3 bushels per acre, up 6.1 bushels per acre from a year ago.

Winter wheat producers seeded 2.05 million acres in the fall of 2021 for harvest in 2022, up from 1.95 million acres seeded for the previous year's crop. Acreage harvested for grain increased 70,000 acres from last year to 1.80 million acres in 2022. Winter wheat production is estimated at 59.40 million bushels, up 11 percent from last year. Winter wheat yield, at 33.0 bushels per acre, is up 2.0 bushel per acre from last year.

Spring wheat seedings, at 2.70 million acres, are down 200,000 acres from last year. Acreage harvested totaled 2.44 million acres, up from 2.18 million acres harvested last year. Spring wheat production is estimated at 61.00 million bushels, up 65 percent from last year. Spring wheat yield, at 25.0 bushels per acre, is up 8.0 bushels per acre from last year.

Durum wheat seedings, at 710,000 acres, are up 40,000 acres from last year. Acreage harvested totaled 675,000 acres, up from 620,000 acres harvested last year. Durum wheat production is estimated at 18.90 million bushels, up 91 percent from last year. Durum wheat yield, at 28.0 bushels per acre, is up 12.0 bushels per acre from last year.

Oat seedings in Montana totaled 85,000 acres, up 25,000 acres from last year. Producers harvested 24,000 acres for grain or seed, up 8,000 acres from 2021. Oat production totaled 912,000 bushels in 2022, up 63 percent from last year. Oat yield is 38.0 bushels per acre in 2022, up 3.0 bushels per acre from the previous year.

Montana's **barley** seeded area, at 1.03 million acres, is up 60,000 acres from last year and the highest planted acreage since 2003. Harvested area, at 840,000 acres, is up 190,000 acres from 2021. Barley yield, at 41.0 bushels per acre, is up 3.0 bushels per acre from last year. Barley production in 2022 is estimated at 34.44 million bushels, up 39 percent from the previous year.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

All wheat production totaled 1.65 billion bushels in 2022, up less than 1 percent from the 2021 total of 1.65 billion bushels. Area harvested for grain totaled 35.5 million acres, down 4 percent from the previous year. The United States yield was estimated at 46.5 bushels per acre, up 2.2 bushels from the previous year. The levels of production and changes from 2021 by type were: winter wheat, 1.10 billion bushels, down 14 percent; other spring wheat, 482 million bushels, up 46 percent; and Durum wheat, 64.0 million bushels, up 70 percent.

Winter wheat production for 2022 totaled 1.10 billion bushels, down 14 percent from the 2021 total of 1.28 billion bushels. The United States yield, at 47.0 bushels per acre, was down 3.2 bushels from 2021. Area harvested for grain was estimated at 23.5 million acres, down 8 percent from the previous year. Compared with 2021, harvested acreage was down 11 percent in the major Hard Red Winter (HRW) growing States, the primary winter wheat-producing area. HRW production totaled 531 million bushels, down 29 percent from 2021. In the Soft Red Winter (SRW) growing area, planted and harvested acreage decreased from 2021. SRW production totaled 337 million bushels, down 7 percent from 2021. White winter wheat production totaled 236 million bushels, up 41 percent from the previous year. Harvested acreage was up 3 percent from 2021.

Other spring wheat production for 2022 was estimated at 482 million bushels, up 46 percent from the 2021 total of 331 million bushels. Harvested area totaled 10.4 million acres, up 3 percent from 2021. The United States yield was estimated at 46.2 bushels per acre, up 13.6 bushel from 32.6 bushels per acre in 2021. Of the total production, 446 million bushels were Hard Red Spring wheat, up 50 percent from the 2021 total.

Durum wheat production for 2022 was estimated at 64.0 million bushels, up 70 percent from the 2021 total of 37.6 million bushels. Area harvested for grain totaled 1.58 million acres, up 4 percent from the previous year. The United States yield was estimated at 40.5 bushels per acre, up 15.8 bushels from the 2021 yield.

Oat production was estimated at 57.7 million bushels, up 45 percent from 2021. Yield was estimated at 64.8 bushels per acre, up 3.5 bushels from the previous year. Harvested area, at 890 thousand acres, was 37 percent above last year.

Barley production was estimated at 174 million bushels, up 45 percent from the revised 2021 total of 120 million bushels. The average yield, at 71.7 bushels per acre, was up 11.4 bushel from the previous year. Producers seeded 2.95 million acres in 2022, up 9 percent from 2021. Harvested area, at 2.43 million acres, was up 22 percent from 2021.

For a full copy of the *Small Grains Summary* report, please visit www.nass.usda.gov.