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MONTANA HIGHLIGHTS

Oat production in Montana, estimated at 825,000 bushels, is up 1 percent from 2023, according to the September 1 Agricultural Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Producers seeded 60,000 acres, down from the 65,000 acres seeded for the previous year's crop. Area harvested for grain, estimated at 25,000 acres, increased 3,000 acres, or 14 percent, from last year. Oat yield, at 33.0 bushels per acre, is down 4.0 bushels from 2023.

Barley production in Montana, estimated at 36.21 million bushels, is down 28 percent from the 50.47-million-bushel crop produced in 2023. Producers seeded 900,000 acres, down from the 1.19 million acres seeded for the previous year's crop. Area harvested for grain, estimated at 710,000 acres, decreased 320,000 acres, or 31 percent, from last year. Barley yield, at 51.0 bushels per acre, is up 2.0 bushels from 2023.

All wheat production in Montana, estimated at 172.12 million bushels, is down 7 percent from 2023, with a yield of 34.2 bushels per acre, down 3.0 bushels from a year ago.

Winter wheat production in Montana, estimated at 91.50 million bushels, is up 7 percent from the 85.68-million-bushel crop produced in 2023. Producers seeded 1.95 million acres, up from the 1.85 million acres seeded for the previous year's crop. Area harvested for grain, estimated at 1.83 million acres, increased 150,000 acres, or 9 percent, from last year. Winter wheat yield, at 50.0 bushels per acre, is down 1.0 bushel from a year ago.

Spring wheat production in Montana, estimated at 60.84 million bushels, is down 23 percent from the 78.90-million-bushel crop produced in 2023. Producers seeded 2.45 million acres, down from the 2.70 million acres seeded for the previous year's crop. Area harvested for grain, estimated at 2.34 million acres, decreased 290,000 acres, or 11 percent, from last year. Spring wheat yield, at 26.0 bushels per acre, is down 4.0 bushels from a year ago.

Durum wheat production in Montana, estimated at 19.78 million bushels, is down 5 percent from the 20.93-million-bushel crop produced in 2023. Producers seeded 880,000 acres, up from the 705,000 acres seeded for the previous year's crop. Area harvested for grain, estimated at 860,000 acres, increased 185,000 acres, or 27 percent, from last year. Durum wheat yield, at 23.0 bushels per acre, is down 8.0 bushels from a year ago.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Oat production was estimated at 67.8 million bushels, up 19 percent from 2023. Yield was estimated at a record high 76.5 bushels per acre, up 7.9 bushels from the previous year. Harvested area, at 886 thousand acres, was 7 percent above last year.

Barley production was estimated at 144 million bushels, down 23 percent from the 2023 total of 186 million bushels. The United States average yield, at 76.7 bushels per acre, was up 4.4 bushels from the previous year. Producers seeded 2.37 million acres in 2024, down 24 percent from 2023. Harvested area, at 1.88 million acres, was down 27 percent from 2023.

All wheat production totaled 1.97 billion bushels in 2024, up 9 percent from the 2023 total of 1.80 billion bushels. Area harvested for grain totaled 38.5 million acres, up 4 percent from the previous year. The average yield in the United States was estimated at 51.2 bushels per acre, up 2.5 bushels from the previous year. The levels of production and changes from 2023 by type were: winter wheat, 1.35 billion bushels, up 9 percent; other spring wheat, 542 million bushels, up 8 percent; and Durum wheat, 80.1 million bushels, up 35 percent.

Winter wheat production for 2024 totaled 1.35 billion bushels, up 9 percent from the 2023 total of 1.24 billion bushels in comparable States. The United States yield, at 51.7 bushels per acre, was up 1.1 bushels from 2023 in comparable States. Area harvested for grain was estimated at 26.1 million acres, up 6 percent from 2023 in comparable States. Compared with 2023, harvested acreage was up

17 percent in the major Hard Red Winter (HRW) growing States, the primary winter wheat-producing area. HRW production totaled 770 million bushels, up 29 percent from 2023. In the Soft Red Winter (SRW) growing area, harvested acreage decreased 20 percent from 2023 in comparable States. SRW production totaled 342 million bushels, down 23 percent from 2023 in comparable States. White winter wheat production totaled 236 million bushels, up 20 percent from 2023. Harvested acreage was up 2 percent from 2023.

Spring wheat production for 2024 was estimated at 542 million bushels, up 8 percent from the 2023 total of 502 million bushels. Harvested area totaled 10.3 million acres, down 5 percent from 2023. The United States yield was a record high, estimated at 52.5 bushels per acre, up 6.5 bushels from 46.0 bushels per acre in 2023. Of the total production, 503 million bushels were Hard Red Spring wheat, up 8 percent from the 2023 total.

Durum wheat production for 2024 was estimated at 80.1 million bushels, up 36 percent from the 2023 total of 58.7 million bushels in comparable States. Area harvested for grain totaled 2.04 million acres, up 28 percent from 2023 in comparable States. The United States yield was estimated at 39.3 bushels per acre, up 2.5 bushels from the 2023 yield in comparable States.

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