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ANNUAL CROP SUMMARY – 2021

NEW MEXICO HIGHLIGHTS

The 2021 **corn** for grain crop is estimated at 7.18 million bushels, 1 percent below last year's production of 7.22 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 184.0 bushels per acre is 11.0 bushels per acre below the yield achieved last year. Area harvested for grain in 2021, at 39,000 acres, is 2,000 acres above last year. Acreage cut for **corn silage** is estimated at 80,000 acres, up 1,000 acres from last year, with production estimated at 2.08 million tons compared with 1.66 million tons produced last year.

Winter wheat production in New Mexico, estimated at 2.70 million bushels, is down 16 percent from 2020. Winter wheat producers seeded 370,000 acres in the fall of 2020 for harvest in 2021, up from 335,000 acres seeded for the previous year's crop. Acreage harvested for grain was down 40,000 acres from last year to 75,000 acres in 2021 and is the lowest area harvested since 25,000 acres in 1927. Winter wheat yield, at 36.0 bushels per acre, is up 8.0 bushels per acre from last year.

All hay production for 2021 is estimated at 815,000 tons, down 1 percent from the 2020 total, and is the lowest since 1965. **Alfalfa hay** production is the lowest since 1960 and is estimated at 625,000 tons from 125,000 acres harvested, down 64,000 tons from 2020. Average yield for the 2021 crop is 5.00 tons per acre, 0.30 ton per acre below last year. **All other hay** production totaled 190,000 tons from 100,000 acres harvested, up 57,000 tons from 2020. The average yield of 1.90 tons per acre is 0.50 ton per acre above last year. **New seedings of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** in New Mexico are estimated at 5,000 acres, down 50 percent from 2020.

As of December 1, producers in New Mexico were storing 240,000 tons of **all hay**, up 14 percent from the 210,000 tons stored last year.

Peanut production is estimated at 28.60 million pounds, up 93 percent from the 14.82 million pounds produced in 2020. Growers harvested 11,000 acres this year, compared with 5,200 acres a year ago. Average yield is estimated at 2,600 pounds per acre, down 250 pounds per acre from last year.

Based on December 1 conditions, **all cotton** production in New Mexico is expected to total 62,000 480-lb bales, 13 percent below 2020. Area of all cotton harvested, at 38,000 acres, is up 1,500 acres from last year. The all cotton yield is forecast at 783 pounds per acre, down 157 pounds per acre from 2020. **Upland cotton** planted acres are estimated at 36,000 for 2021, with 26,000 acres expected to be harvested. Upland cotton production is expected to total 47,000 bales, down 18 percent from the 2020 crop. Yield is estimated at 868 pounds per acre, down 184 pounds per acre from last year. **American-Pima** planted cotton acres are estimated at 12,500 for 2021, with 12,000 acres expected to be harvested. New Mexico's 2021 American-Pima production is estimated at 15,000 bales with an average yield of 600 pounds per acre.

Winter wheat seedings last fall for the 2022 crop year are estimated at 330,000 acres, down 11 percent from 2021.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Corn for grain production in 2021 was estimated at 15.1 billion bushels, up 7 percent from the 2020 estimate. The average yield in the United States was estimated at a record high 177.0 bushels per acre, 5.6 bushels above the 2020 yield of 171.4 bushels per acre. Area harvested for grain was estimated at 85.4 million acres, up 4 percent from the 2020 estimate. **Corn silage** production was estimated at 130 million tons for 2021, down 5 percent from the 2020 estimate. The United States silage yield was estimated at 20.1 tons per acre, down 0.4 ton from 2020. Area harvested for silage was estimated at 6.48 million acres, down 3 percent from the 2020 estimate.

All wheat production totaled 1.65 billion bushels in 2021, down 10 percent from the 2020 total of 1.83 billion bushels. Area harvested for grain totaled 37.2 million acres, up 1 percent from the previous year. The United States yield was estimated at 44.3 bushels per acre, down 5.4 bushels from the previous year. The levels of production and changes from 2020 by type were: winter wheat, 1.28 billion bushels, up 9 percent; other spring wheat, 331 million bushels, down 44 percent; and Durum wheat, 37.3 million bushels, down 46

percent. **Winter wheat** production for 2021 totaled 1.28 billion bushels, up 9 percent from the 2020 total of 1.17 billion bushels. The United States yield, at 50.2 bushels per acre, was down 0.7 bushel from 2020. Area harvested for grain was estimated at 25.5 million acres, up 11 percent from the previous year.

Production of **all dry hay** for 2021 was estimated at 120.2 million tons, down 5 percent from the 2020 total. Area harvested was estimated at 50.7 million acres, down 3 percent from 2020. The average yield, at 2.37 tons per acre, was down 0.06 ton from 2020. Production of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** in 2021 was estimated at 49.2 million tons, down 7 percent from the 2020 total. Harvested area, at 15.2 million acres, was 6 percent below 2020. Average yield was estimated at 3.23 tons per acre, down 0.04 ton from 2020. **All other hay** production in 2021 totaled 71.0 million tons, down 4 percent from the 2020 total. Harvested area, at 35.5 million acres, was down 1 percent from 2020. Average yield was estimated at 2.00 tons per acre, down 0.05 ton from 2020. **New seedings of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** totaled 1.65 million acres during 2021, down 25 percent from 2020. This is a record low for the Nation. 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, 2021 totaled 79.0 million tons, down 6 percent from December 1, 2020, which is the third lowest December 1 stocks since 1977. Disappearance from May 1, 2021 - December 1, 2021 totaled 59.2 million tons, down 6 percent from the same period in 2020.

Peanut production was estimated at 6.39 billion pounds, up 4 percent from 2020. Planted area was estimated at 1.59 million acres, down 5 percent from 2020. Harvested area was estimated at 1.55 million acres, down 4 percent from 2020. The average yield was estimated at 4,135 pounds per acre, up 322 pounds from 2020.

All cotton production is estimated at 17.6 million 480-pound bales, up 21 percent from 2020. The United States yield is estimated at 849 pounds per acre, up 2 pounds from last year. Harvested area, at 9.97 million acres, is up 20 percent from last year. **Upland cotton** production was estimated at 17.3 million 480-pound bales, up 23 percent from the previous year. The United States yield for Upland cotton is estimated at 841 pounds per acre, up 6 pounds from 2020. Upland planted area, estimated at 11.1 million acres, was down 7 percent from the previous year. Harvested area, at 9.84 million acres, was up 22 percent from the previous year. **American Pima** producers planted 126,500 acres in 2021, down 37 percent from 2020. Harvested area, at 123,800 acres, was down 36 percent from the previous year. Production was estimated at 367 thousand 480-pound bales, down 33 percent from 2020. The United States yield was estimated at 1,423 pounds per acre, up 71 pounds from the previous year.

Winter wheat seeded area for 2022 is expected to total 34.4 million acres, up 2 percent from 2021. Approximate class acreage breakdowns are: Hard Red Winter, 23.8 million; Soft Red Winter, 7.07 million; and White Winter, 3.56 million.

For a full copy of the *Crop Production 2021 Summary* report, please visit www.nass.usda.gov.