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## CROP PRODUCTION – AUGUST 2022

### NEW MEXICO HIGHLIGHTS

Based on August 1 conditions, **alfalfa hay** production in New Mexico is forecast at 650,000 tons, according to the August 1 Agricultural Yield Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. This forecast is up 4 percent from the 625,000 tons produced in 2021. New Mexico farmers and ranchers expect to harvest 125,000 acres of alfalfa hay this year, unchanged from 2021. Alfalfa hay yield is expected to average 5.20 tons per acre, compared to last year's yield of 5.00 tons per acre.

All **cotton** production in New Mexico is expected to total 101,000 480-lb bales, up 33 percent from 2021. **Upland cotton** harvested acreage is forecast at 44,000 acres, up 18,000 acres from last year. As of August 1, producers expect to harvest 65,000 480-lb bales of upland cotton, up 8 percent from last year. Upland yield is forecast at 709 pounds per acre, down 399 pounds per acre from last year. As of July 31, 10 percent of cotton was setting bolls, compared with 24 percent last year and the five-year average of 30 percent. The cotton crop was rated 19 percent poor, 38 percent fair, 28 percent good, and 15 percent excellent. **Pima cotton** harvested acreage is estimated at 18,500 acres, up 6,500 acres from last year. As of August 1, producers expect to harvest 36,000 480-lb bales of Pima cotton, compared with 16,000 bales last year. Pima yield is forecast at 934 pounds per acre, up 294 pounds per acre from last year.

**Peanut** production for 2022 is forecast at 33.00 million pounds, up 15 percent from the 28.60 million pounds produced a year earlier. Yields are expected to average 3,000 pounds per acre, up from 2,600 pounds per acre last year. Growers expect to harvest 11,000 acres this year, unchanged from last year. As of July 31, the peanut crop was rated 5 percent very poor, 7 percent poor, 75 percent fair, and 13 percent good.

### UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Production of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixture dry hay** for 2022 is forecast at 49.1 million tons, down less than 1 percent from 2021. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 3.17 tons per acre, down 0.06 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 15.5 million acres, unchanged from the *Acreage* report, but up 1 percent from 2021. Production of **other hay** is forecast at 67.7 million tons, down 5 percent from 2021. Based on August 1 conditions, the United States yield is expected to average 1.88 tons per acre, down 0.12 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 36.0 million acres, unchanged from the *Acreage* report, but up 2 percent from 2021.

**All cotton** production is forecast at 12.6 million 480-pound bales, down 28 percent from 2021. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average 846 pounds per harvested acre, up 27 pounds from 2021. **Upland cotton** production is forecast at 12.2 million 480-pound bales, down 29 percent from 2021. **Pima cotton** production is forecast at 407,000 bales, up 23 percent from 2021. All cotton area harvested is forecast at 7.13 million acres, down 31 percent from 2021.

**Peanut** production is forecast at 6.20 million acres in 2022, down 3 percent from 2021. Area harvested is expected to total 1.50 million acres, unchanged from the *Acreage* report but down 3 percent from last year. Based on conditions as of August 1, the average yield for the United States is forecast at 4,129 pounds per acre, down less than 1 percent from 2021.

For a full copy of the *Crop Production* report, please visit [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov).