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ANNUAL CROP SUMMARY – 2022

NEW MEXICO HIGHLIGHTS

The 2022 **corn for grain** crop is estimated at 5.36 million bushels, 25 percent below last year's production of 7.18 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 149.0 bushels per acre is 35.0 bushels per acre below the yield achieved last year. Area harvested for grain in 2022, at 36,000 acres, is 3,000 acres below last year. Acreage cut for **corn silage** is estimated at 55,000 acres, down 25,000 acres from last year, with production estimated at 1.32 million tons, compared with 2.08 million tons produced last year.

Winter wheat production in New Mexico, estimated at 1.45 million bushels, is down 50 percent from 2021 and is the lowest winter wheat production since 912,000 bushels in 1956. Winter wheat producers seeded 355,000 acres in the fall of 2021 for harvest in 2022, down from 380,000 acres seeded for the previous year's crop. Acreage harvested for grain was up 5,000 acres from last year to 85,000 acres in 2022. Winter wheat yield, at 17.0 bushels per acre, is down 19.0 bushels per acre from last year, and is the lowest yield since 15.0 bushels per acre in 2018.

All hay production for 2022 is estimated at 740,000 tons, down 9 percent from the 2021 total, and is the lowest since 1961. **Alfalfa hay** production is the lowest since 1960 and is estimated at 600,000 tons from 125,000 acres harvested, down 25,000 tons from 2021. Average yield for the 2022 crop is 4.80 tons per acre, 0.20 ton per acre below last year. **All other hay** production totaled 140,000 tons from 100,000 acres harvested, down 50,000 tons from 2021. The average yield of 1.40 tons per acre is 0.50 ton per acre below last year. New **seedings of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** in New Mexico are estimated at 10,000 acres, up 50 percent from 2021.

As of December 1, producers in New Mexico were storing 190,000 tons of **all hay**, down 21 percent from the 240,000 tons stored last year.

Peanut production is estimated at 16.00 million pounds, down 38 percent from the 25.64 million pounds produced in 2021. Growers harvested 6,400 acres this year, compared with 11,100 acres a year ago. Average yield is estimated at 2,500 pounds per acre, up 190 pounds per acre from last year.

Based on December 1 conditions, **all cotton** production in New Mexico is expected to total 123,000 480-lb bales, 62 percent above 2021. Area of all cotton harvested, at 48,800 acres, is up 10,800 acres from last year. The all cotton yield is forecast at 1,210 pounds per acre, up 250 pounds per acre from 2021. **Upland cotton** planted acres are estimated at 65,000 for 2022, with 30,000 acres expected to be harvested. Upland cotton production is expected to total 80,000 bales, up 33 percent from the 2021 crop. Yield is estimated at 1,280 pounds per acre, up 172 pounds per acre from last year. **American Pima** planted cotton acres are estimated at 19,000 for 2022, with 18,800 acres expected to be harvested. New Mexico's 2022 American Pima production is estimated at 43,000 bales with an average yield of 1,098 pounds per acre.

Winter wheat seedings last fall for harvest in 2023 are estimated at 380,000 acres, up 7 percent from 2022.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Corn for grain production in 2022 was estimated at 13.7 billion bushels, down 9 percent from the 2021 estimate. The average yield in the United States was estimated at 173.3 bushels per acre, 3.4 bushels below the 2021 record high yield of 176.7 bushels per acre. Area harvested for grain was estimated at 79.2 million acres, down 7 percent from the 2021 estimate. **Corn silage** production was estimated at 129 million tons for 2022, down 1 percent from the 2021 estimate. The United States silage yield was estimated at 18.7 tons per acre, down 1.4 tons from 2021.

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.

Production of **all dry hay** for 2022 was estimated at 112.8 million tons, down 6 percent from the 2021 total. Area harvested was estimated at 49.5 million acres, down 2 percent from 2021. The average yield, at 2.28 tons per acre, was down 0.09 ton from 2021. Production of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** in 2022 was estimated at 48.0 million tons, down 3 percent from the 2021 total. Harvested area, at 14.9 million acres, was 2 percent below 2021. Average yield was estimated at 3.22 tons per acre, down 0.01 ton from 2021. Production of **all other hay** in 2022 totaled 64.8 million tons, down 9 percent from the 2021 total. Harvested area, at 34.6 million acres, was down 2 percent from 2021. Average yield was estimated at 1.87 tons per acre, down 0.13 ton from 2021. **New seedings of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** totaled 1.68 million acres during 2022, up 2 percent from 2021. 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, 2022, totaled 71.9 million tons, down 9 percent from December 1, 2021, which is the lowest December 1 stocks since 1954. Disappearance from May 1, 2022 - December 1, 2022, totaled 57.7 million tons, down 3 percent from the same period in 2021.

Peanut production was estimated at 5.57 billion pounds, down 12 percent from 2021. Planted area was estimated at 1.45 million acres, down 8 percent from 2021. Harvested area was estimated at 1.39 million acres, down 10 percent from 2021. The average yield was estimated at 4,019 pounds per acre, down 111 pounds from 2021.

All cotton production is estimated at 14.7 million 480-pound bales, down 16 percent from 2021. The United States yield is estimated at a record 947 pounds per acre, up 128 pounds from last year. Harvested area, at 7.44 million acres, is down 28 percent from last year. Upland cotton production was estimated at 14.2 million 480-pound bales, down 17 percent from the previous year. The United States yield for **Upland** cotton is estimated at 939 pounds per acre, up 126 pounds from 2021. Upland planted area, estimated at 13.6 million acres, was up 22 percent from the previous year. Harvested area, at 7.26 million acres, was down 28 percent from the previous year. **American Pima** producers planted 183,000 acres in 2022, up 45 percent from 2021. Harvested area, at 178,200 acres, was up 44 percent from the previous year. Production was estimated at 474 thousand 480-pound bales, up 43 percent from 2021. The United States yield was estimated at 1,277 pounds per acre, down 10 pounds from the previous year.

Winter wheat seeded area for 2023 is expected to total 37.0 million acres, up 11 percent from 2022. Approximate class acreage breakdowns are: Hard Red Winter, 25.3 million; Soft Red Winter, 7.90 million; and White Winter, 3.73 million.

For a full copy of the *Crop Production 2022 Summary* report, please visit www.nass.usda.gov.