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ANNUAL CROP SUMMARY – 2023

NEW MEXICO HIGHLIGHTS

Production of the 2023 **corn for grain** crop in New Mexico is estimated at 7.29 million bushels, up 36 percent, or 1.92 million bushels, from last year's production of 5.36 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 155.0 bushels per acre is 6.0 bushels above last year. Planted area totaled 125,000 acres, compared with 100,000 acres last year. Area harvested for grain in 2023, at 47,000 acres, is 11,000 acres above last year. Area harvested for **corn silage** is estimated at 69,000 acres, up 14,000 acres, or 25 percent, from last year, with production estimated at 1.45 million tons, compared with 1.32 million tons produced last year.

Winter wheat production in New Mexico, estimated at 935,000 bushels, is down 39 percent from 2022 and is the lowest winter wheat production since 912,000 bushels were produced in 1956. Winter wheat producers seeded 405,000 acres in the fall of 2022 for harvest in 2023, up 13 percent from the 360,000 acres seeded for the previous year's crop. Area harvested for grain, at 85,000 acres, was down 5,000 acres from last year. Winter wheat yield, at 11.0 bushels per acre, is down 8.0 bushels from last year, and represents the lowest yield since 1956.

All dry hay production in New Mexico for 2023 is estimated at 953,000 tons, up 21 percent from the 2022 total production of 788,000 tons. **Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures dry hay** production is estimated at 744,000 tons from 155,000 acres harvested, up 96,000 tons from 2022. Average yield for the 2023 crop is 4.80 tons per acre, unchanged from last year. **All other dry hay** production totaled 209,000 tons from 110,000 acres harvested, up 69,000 tons from 2022. This represents the largest all other hay production in New Mexico since 2012, and the largest harvested area of all other hay since 2007. The average yield of 1.90 tons per acre is 0.50 ton above last year. New **seedings of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** in New Mexico are estimated at 20,000 acres, up 10,000 acres from 2022.

As of December 1, producers in New Mexico were storing 250,000 tons of **all dry hay** on farms, up 25 percent from the 200,000 tons stored last year.

Peanut production in New Mexico for 2023 is estimated at 21.00 million pounds, up 35 percent from the 15.55 million pounds produced last year. Growers planted 11,000 acres this year, compared with 6,500 acres in 2022. Harvested area, estimated at 10,000 acres, is up 4,600 acres from last year. Average yield is estimated at 2,100 pounds per acre, down 780 pounds from last year, and represents the lowest per acre yield since 1974.

Based on January 1 conditions, **all cotton** production in New Mexico is expected to total 80,000 480-lb bales, 9 percent below the 88,000 480-lb bales produced in 2022. Area of all cotton harvested, at 37,800 acres, is down 9,900 acres from last year. The all cotton yield is forecast at 1,016 pounds per acre, up 130 pounds from 2022. **Upland cotton** planted area is estimated at 32,000 acres for 2023, with 22,000 acres expected to be harvested. Upland cotton production is expected to total 55,000 bales, down 11 percent from the 2022 crop. Yield is estimated at 1,200 pounds per acre, up 207 pounds from last year. **American Pima cotton** planted area is estimated at 16,000 acres for 2023, with 15,800 acres expected to be harvested. Arizona's 2023 American Pima production is forecast at 25,000 bales with an average yield of 759 pounds per acre.

Winter wheat seedings in New Mexico for the 2024 crop year are estimated at 370,000 acres, down 35,000 acres from the final planted area realized in 2023.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Corn for grain production in 2023 was estimated at a record high 15.3 billion bushels, up 12 percent from the 2022 estimate. The average yield in the United States was estimated at a record high 177.3 bushels per acre, 3.9 bushels above the 2022 yield of 173.4 bushels per acre. Area harvested for grain was estimated at 86.5 million acres, up 10 percent from the 2022 estimate. **Corn silage** production was estimated at 130 million tons for 2023, up 1 percent from the 2022 estimate. The United States silage yield was estimated

at 20.1 tons per acre, up 1.4 tons from 2022. Area harvested for silage was estimated at 6.47 million acres, down 6 percent from the 2022 estimate.

All wheat production totaled 1.81 billion bushels in 2023, up 10 percent from the 2022 total of 1.65 billion bushels. Area harvested for grain totaled 37.3 million acres, up 5 percent from the previous year. The United States yield was estimated at 48.6 bushels per acre, up 2.1 bushels from the previous year. The levels of production and changes from 2022 by type were: winter wheat, 1.25 billion bushels, up 13 percent; other spring wheat, 505 million bushels, up 5 percent; and Durum wheat, 59.3 million bushels, down 7 percent. **Winter wheat** production for 2023 totaled 1.25 billion bushels, up 13 percent from the 2022 total of 1.10 billion bushels. The United States yield, at 50.6 bushels per acre, was up 3.6 bushels from 2022. Area harvested for grain was estimated at 24.7 million acres, up 5 percent from 2022. Compared with 2022, harvested acreage was up 2 percent in the major Hard Red Winter (HRW) growing States, the primary winter wheat-producing area. HRW production totaled 601 million bushels, up 13 percent from 2022. In the Soft Red Winter (SRW) growing area, planted and harvested acreage increased from 2022. Coupled with several States estimated record high yields, SRW production totaled 449 million bushels, up 34 percent from 2022. White winter wheat production totaled 198 million bushels, down 16 percent from 2022. Harvested acreage was down 3 percent from 2022.

Production of **all dry hay** for 2023 was estimated at 119 million tons, up 6 percent from the 2022 total. Area harvested was estimated at 52.8 million acres, up 8 percent from 2022. The average yield, at 2.25 tons per acre, was down 0.04 ton from 2022. Production of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures hay** in 2023 was estimated at 49.9 million tons, up 2 percent from the 2022 total. Harvested area, at 15.6 million acres, was 3 percent above 2022. Average yield was estimated at 3.19 tons per acre, down 0.03 ton from 2022. Production of **all other hay** in 2023 totaled 68.9 million tons, up 9 percent from the 2022 total. Harvested area, at 37.2 million acres, was up 11 percent from 2022. Average yield was estimated at 1.85 tons per acre, down 0.02 ton from 2022. Growers seeded 1.74 million acres of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** during 2023, up 4 percent from 2022. 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, 2023, totaled 76.7 million tons, down 7 percent from December 1, 2022. Disappearance from May 1, 2023 - December 1, 2023, totaled 56.4 million tons, down 1 percent from the same period in 2022.

Peanut production was estimated at 5.89 billion pounds, up 6 percent from 2022. Planted area was estimated at 1.65 million acres, up 14 percent from 2022. Harvested area was estimated at 1.57 million acres, up 14 percent from 2022. The average yield was estimated at 3,742 pounds per acre, down 270 pounds from 2022.

All cotton production is estimated at 12.4 million 480-pound bales, down 14 percent from 2022. The United States yield is estimated at 845 pounds per acre, down 108 pounds from last year. Harvested area, at 7.06 million acres, is down 3 percent from last year. **Upland cotton** production was forecasted at 12.1 million 480-pound bales, down 13 percent from the previous year. The United States yield for upland cotton is forecasted at 841 pounds per acre, down 104 pounds from 2022. Upland planted area, forecasted at 10.1 million acres, was down 26 percent from the previous year. Harvested area, at 6.92 million acres, was down 3 percent from the previous year. **American Pima** producers planted 147,000 acres in 2023, down 19 percent from 2022. Harvested area, at 139,800 acres, was down 21 percent from the previous year. Production was forecasted at 307,000 480-pound bales, down 35 percent from 2022. The United States yield was forecasted at 1,054 pounds per acre, down 227 pounds from the previous year.

Winter wheat seeded area for 2024 is expected to total 34.4 million acres, down 6 percent from 2023. Approximate class acreage breakdowns are: Hard Red Winter, 24.0 million; Soft Red Winter, 6.86 million; and White Winter, 3.54 million.

For a full copy of the *Crop Production 2023 Summary* report, please visit www.nass.usda.gov.