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CROP PRODUCTION – MAY 1, 2024

NEW MEXICO HIGHLIGHTS

Hay stocks on New Mexico farms and ranches as of May 1, 2024, totaled 110,000 tons, an increase of 267 percent from stocks of 30,000 tons on hand last year, according to the May 1 Agricultural Yield Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. All hay production for 2023 totaled 953,000 tons, 21 percent higher than production in 2022. Disappearance from December 1, 2023 – May 1, 2024, was 140,000 tons, compared with 170,000 tons during the same period a year earlier.

Final **all cotton** production in New Mexico for 2023 totaled 51,000 480-lb bales, 42 percent below 2022. Area of all cotton harvested, at 33,800 acres, was down 13,900 acres from last year. The all cotton yield was 724 pounds per acre, down 162 pounds from 2022. **Upland cotton** planted area was estimated at 32,000 acres for 2023, with 17,000 acres harvested. Upland cotton production totaled 23,000 480-lb bales, down 62 percent from the 2022 crop. Yield was estimated at 649 pounds per acre, down 344 pounds from last year. **American Pima** cotton planted area was estimated at 17,000 acres for 2023, with 16,800 acres harvested. New Mexico's 2023 American Pima production was estimated at 28,000 480-lb bales, with an average yield of 800 pounds per acre.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.28 billion bushels, up 2 percent from 2023. As of May 1, the United States yield is forecast at 50.7 bushels per acre, up 0.1 bushel from last year's average yield of 50.6 bushels per acre. Area expected to be harvested for grain or seed totals 25.2 million acres, up 2 percent from last year. Hard Red Winter production, at 705 million bushels, is up 17 percent from a year ago. Soft Red Winter, at 344 million bushels, is down 23 percent from 2023. White Winter, at 229 million bushels, is up 16 percent from last year. Of the White Winter production, 17.3 million bushels are Hard White and 211 million bushels are Soft White.

All hay stored on United States farms as of May 1, 2024, totaled 21.0 million tons, up 47 percent from May 1, 2023. Disappearance from December 1, 2023 – May 1, 2024, totaled 55.7 million tons, down 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

All cotton production is estimated at 12.1 million 480-pound bales, 17 percent lower than the 2022 crop. The United States yield for all cotton is estimated at 899 pounds per acre, down 54 pounds from the previous year. **Upland cotton** production is estimated at 11.8 million 480-pound bales, down 16 percent from the 2022 crop. The United States yield for upland cotton is estimated at 895 pounds per acre, down 50 pounds from 2022. **American Pima** production is estimated at 316,000 480-pounds bales, down 33 percent from 2022. The United States yield is estimated at 1,101 pounds per acre, down 180 pounds from the previous season.

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