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## CROP PRODUCTION – AUGUST 1, 2024

### NEW MEXICO HIGHLIGHTS

Beginning this year, the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) reviewed all available data during preparation for the August *Crop Production* report. These data included survey data and the latest information from USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) and Risk Management Agency (RMA), for planted and harvested acreage for barley, corn, cotton, dry edible beans, oats, peanuts, rice, sorghum, soybeans, sugarbeets, Durum wheat, other spring wheat, and winter wheat. As such, **corn** planted area in New Mexico is estimated at 105,000 acres, unchanged from the June *Acreage* report but down 20,000 acres from 2023. Harvested area, forecast at 36,000 acres, is unchanged from June but down 11,000 acres from last year. **Winter wheat** planted area in New Mexico is estimated at 380,000 acres, unchanged from the June *Acreage* report but down 25,000 acres from 2023. Harvested area, forecast at 95,000 acres, is unchanged from June but up 10,000 acres from last year.

Based on August 1 conditions, **alfalfa hay** production in New Mexico is forecast at 585,000 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 down 21 percent from the 744,000 tons produced in 2023. Farmers and ranchers expect to harvest 130,000 acres of alfalfa hay this year, down from the 155,000 acres harvested last year. Alfalfa hay yield is expected to average 4.50 tons per acre, compared with last year's yield of 4.80 tons per acre.

**All cotton** production in New Mexico is expected to total 72,000 480-lb bales, up 41 percent from 2023. **Upland cotton** planted area is estimated at 40,000 acres, up 100 percent, or 20,000 acres, from the June *Acreage* report, and up 8,000 acres from last year. Area intended for harvest, at 27,000 acres, is up 10,000 acres from last year. As of August 1, producers expect to harvest 50,000 480-lb bales of upland cotton, up 117 percent from last year. Upland yield is forecast at 889 pounds per acre, up 240 pounds from last year. As of August 4, the upland cotton crop was rated 6 percent very poor, 18 percent poor, 21 percent fair, 27 percent good, and 28 percent excellent. Bolls had opened across 5 percent of crop. **American-Pima cotton** planted area is estimated at 15,000 acres, up 50 percent, or 5,000 acres, from the June *Acreage* report, but down 2,000 acres from last year. Area intended for harvest, at 14,000 acres, is down 2,800 acres from last year. As of August 1, producers expect to harvest 22,000 480-lb bales of Pima cotton, compared with 28,000 bales last year. Pima yield is forecast at 754 pounds per acre, down 46 pounds from last year.

### UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

**Corn** acreage updates were made based on a thorough review of all available data. Total planted area, at 90.7 million acres, is down 1 percent from the previous estimate and down 4 percent from 2023. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 82.7 million acres, down 1 percent from the previous forecast and down 4 percent from last year. Production for grain is forecast at 15.1 billion bushels, which if realized would be the third highest production for grain on record for the United States. Based on conditions as of August 1, the yield is forecast at a record high 183.1 bushels per acre, up 5.8 bushels from last year's final estimate of 177.3 bushels.

**All wheat** production for grain is forecast at 1.98 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the previous forecast but up 9 percent from 2023. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 52.2 bushels per harvested acre, up 0.4 bushel from the previous forecast and up 3.6 bushels from 2023. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 37.9 million acres, down 2 percent from the previous forecast but up 2 percent from 2023.

**Winter wheat** acreage updates were made based on a thorough review of all available data. Total planted area, at 33.5 million acres, is down 1 percent from the *Acreage* report released on June 28, 2024, and down 9 percent from 2023. Area expected to be harvested for grain or seed totals 25.6 million acres, down 1 percent from the *Acreage* report but up 4 percent from last year in comparable States. Production is forecast at 1.36 billion bushels, up 1 percent from the previous forecast and up 9 percent from 2023 in comparable States. Based on August 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 53.2 bushels per acre, up 1.2 bushels from last month and up 2.7 bushels from last year's average yield in comparable States.

Hard Red Winter production, at 776 million bushels, is up 2 percent from last month. Soft Red Winter, at 342 million bushels, is down less than 1 percent from the July forecast. White Winter, at 243 million bushels, is up 4 percent from last month. Of the White Winter production, 19.3 million bushels are Hard White and 224 million bushels are Soft White.

Production of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixture dry hay** for 2024 is forecast at 52.4 million tons, up 5 percent from 2023. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 3.35 tons per acre, up 0.16 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 15.6 million acres, unchanged from the *Acreage* report, but down slightly from 2023. Production of **other hay** is forecast at 74.5 million tons, up 8 percent from 2023. Based on August 1 conditions, the United States yield is expected to average 2.07 tons per acre, up 0.22 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 35.9 million acres, unchanged from the *Acreage* report, but down 3 percent from 2023.

**All cotton** production is forecast at 15.1 million 480-pound bales, up 25 percent from 2023. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average 840 pounds per harvested acre, down 59 pounds from 2023. **Upland cotton** production is forecast at 14.6 million 480-pound bales, up 24 percent from 2023. **Pima cotton** production is forecast at 553,000 bales, up 75 percent from 2023. All cotton area harvested is forecast at 8.63 million acres, up 34 percent from 2023. Acreage updates were made in based on a thorough review of all available data. All cotton planted area totaled 11.2 million acres, down 4 percent from the previous forecast but up 9 percent from 2023. Area planted to Upland cotton is estimated at 11.0 million acres, down 4 percent from the previous estimate but up 9 percent from 2023. Upland harvested area for the Nation is expected to total 8.44 million acres, up 34 percent from last year. Pima cotton planted area is estimated at 199,000 acres, up 9 percent from the previous forecast and up 35 percent from 2023. Expected Pima harvested area at 192,000 acres is up 39 percent from last year.

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