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CROP PRODUCTION – MAY 1, 2023

UTAH HIGHLIGHTS

Hay stocks on Utah farms and ranches as of May 1, 2023, totaled 480,000 tons, up 66 percent from stocks of 290,000 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. Hay production for 2022 totaled 2.64 million tons, 19 percent higher than production in 2021. Disappearance from December 1, 2022 – May 1, 2023, was 770,000 tons, compared with 710,000 tons during the same period a year earlier.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.13 billion bushels, up 2 percent from 2022. As of May 1, the United States yield is forecast at 44.7 bushels per acre, down 2.3 bushels from last year's average yield of 47.0 bushels per acre. Area expected to be harvested for grain or seed is forecast at 25.3 million acres, up 8 percent from last year. Hard Red Winter production, at 514 million bushels, is down 3 percent from a year ago. Soft Red Winter, at 406 million bushels, is up 21 percent from 2022. White Winter, at 210 million bushels, is down 11 percent from last year. Of the White Winter production, 10.2 million bushels are Hard White and 200 million bushels are Soft White.

All hay stored on United States farms as of May 1, 2023, totaled 14.5 million tons, down 13 percent from May 1, 2022. The May 1 hay stock level for the United States represents the second lowest amount stored since records began in 1950. Disappearance from December 1, 2022 – May 1, 2023, totaled 57.4 million tons, down 8 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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