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CROP PRODUCTION – OCTOBER 1, 2023

UTAH HIGHLIGHTS

Based on October 1 conditions, **alfalfa and alfalfa mixture hay** production in Utah is forecast at 2.20 million tons, according to the October 1 Agricultural Yield Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. This forecast is up 3 percent from the August 1 forecast and up 10 percent from last year's 2.01 million ton crop. Farmers and ranchers expect to harvest 550,000 acres of alfalfa hay, an increase of 60,000 acres from 2022. Alfalfa hay yield is expected to average 4.00 tons per acre, up 0.1 ton from the August 1 forecast but down 0.1 ton from the final 2022 yield.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Production of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixture** dry hay for 2023 is forecast at 52.7 million tons, up 8 percent from the August forecast and up 10 percent from 2022. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 3.37 tons per acre, up 0.24 ton from the August forecast and up 0.15 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 15.7 million acres, unchanged from the Acreage report but up 5 percent from 2022. Production of **other hay** is forecast at 70.1 million tons, up less than 1 percent from the August forecast and up 8 percent from 2022. Based on October 1 conditions, the United States yield is expected to average 1.93 tons per acre, up 0.01 ton from the August forecast and up 0.06 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 36.3 million acres, unchanged from the Acreage report but up 5 percent from 2022.

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