



NEWS RELEASE

United States Department of Agriculture
NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE
UTAH FIELD OFFICE
P.O. BOX 150969 · Lakewood, CO 80215-0969



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
October 11, 2024

Contact: John Hilton
(800) 392-3202

CROP PRODUCTION – OCTOBER 1, 2024

UTAH HIGHLIGHTS

Based on October 1 conditions, **alfalfa and alfalfa mixture dry hay** production in Utah is forecast at 2.01 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 5 percent from the August 1 forecast and up 3 percent from last year's 1.96-million-ton crop. Farmers and ranchers expect to harvest 515,000 acres of alfalfa hay, an increase of 25,000 acres from 2023. Alfalfa hay yield is expected to average 3.90 tons per acre, up 0.2 ton from the August 1 forecast but down 0.1 ton from the final 2023 yield.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Production of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixture dry hay** for 2024 is forecast at 54.0 million tons, up 3 percent from the August forecast and up 8 percent from 2023. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 3.45 tons per acre, up 0.10 ton from the August forecast and up 0.26 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 15.6 million acres, unchanged from the *Acreage* report but down slightly from 2023. Record high yields are forecast for California, Oregon, and Texas. Production of **other hay** is forecast at 72.9 million tons, down 2 percent from the August forecast but up 6 percent from 2023. Based on October 1 conditions, the United States yield is expected to average 2.03 tons per acre, down 0.04 ton from the August forecast but up 0.18 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 35.9 million acres, unchanged from the *Acreage* report but down 3 percent from 2023.

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