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## OCTOBER CROP PRODUCTION

**Charleston, West Virginia - All other hay** production is forecast at 990,000 tons, up 6 percent from the August 1 forecast of 935,000 tons, and up 16 percent from the 2021 crop. All other hay harvested acreage is expected to total 550,000 acres in 2022, this is unchanged from the August 1 forecast, but up 10 percent from 2021. Yield is expected to average 1.80 tons per acre, up 0.10 ton per acre from the August 1 forecast and up 0.10 ton per acre from 2021. The October 1 production forecast for alfalfa hay is not published for West Virginia. The next alfalfa hay estimate will be published in January 2023.

**United States - Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures dry hay** production for 2022 is forecast at 48.8 million tons, down 1 percent from the August forecast and down 1 percent from 2021. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 3.16 tons per acre, down 0.01 ton from the August forecast and down 0.07 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 15.5 million acres, unchanged from the *Acreage* report, but up 1 percent from 2021. A record high yield is forecasted in Wyoming.

**Other hay** production is forecast at 63.2 million tons, down 7 percent from the August forecast and down 11 percent from 2021. Based on October 1 conditions, the United States yield is expected to average 1.75 tons per acre, down 0.13 ton from the August forecast and down 0.25 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 36.0 million acres, unchanged from the *Acreage* report, but up 2 percent from 2021. A record high yield is expected in Idaho.

**Corn** production for grain is forecast at 13.9 billion bushels, down less than 1 percent from the previous forecast and down 8 percent from 2021. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 171.9 bushels per harvested acre, down 0.6 bushel from the previous forecast and down 4.8 bushels from last year. After a thorough review of all available data, acreage estimates are unchanged from last month. Total planted area, at 88.6 million acres, is unchanged from the previous estimate, but down 5 percent from the previous year. Area harvested for grain, forecast at 80.8 million acres, is unchanged from the previous forecast, but down 5 percent from the previous year.

**Soybean** production for beans is forecast at 4.31 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the previous forecast and down 3 percent from 2021. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 49.8 bushels per acre, down 0.7 bushel from the previous forecast and down 1.9 bushels from 2021. After a thorough review of all available data acreage estimates are unchanged from last month. Total planted area, at 87.5 million acres, is unchanged from the previous estimate, but up less than 1 percent from the previous year. Area harvested for beans in the United States is forecast at 86.6 million acres, unchanged from the previous forecast, but up less than 1 percent from 2021.