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OCTOBER CROP PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia - All other hay production is forecast at 1,003,000 tons, down 6 percent from the August 1 forecast of 1,062,000 tons, and down 2 percent from 2023. All other hay harvested acreage is expected to total 590,000 acres in 2024, unchanged from the August 1 forecast, but down 2 percent from 2023. Yield is expected to average 1.70 tons per acre, down 0.10 ton per acre from the August 1 forecast, but unchanged from 2023. The October 1 production forecast for alfalfa hay is not published for West Virginia. The next alfalfa hay estimate will be published in January 2025.

United States - Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures dry hay production 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.

Other hay production 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. A record high yield is expected in Wyoming, while a record low production is expected in Ohio.

Corn production for grain is forecast at 15.2 billion bushels, up less than 1 percent from the previous forecast, but down 1 percent from 2023. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 183.8 bushels per harvested acre, up 0.2 bushel from the previous forecast and up 6.5 bushels from last year. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 82.7 million acres, unchanged from the previous forecast, but down 4 percent from the previous year.

Soybean production for beans is forecast at a record high 4.58 billion bushels, down slightly from the previous forecast, but up 10 percent from 2023. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average a record high 53.1 bushels per acre, down 0.1 bushel from the previous forecast, but up 2.5 bushels from 2023. Area harvested for beans in the United States is forecast at 86.3 million acres, unchanged from the previous forecast, but up 5 percent from 2023.