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WYOMING HIGHLIGHTS

Based on August 1 conditions, **barley** production in Wyoming is forecast at 6.21 million bushels, according to the August 1 Agricultural Yield Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. This forecast is down 8 percent from July 1 but up 15 percent from last year's crop. Harvested area is expected to total 64,000 acres, up 6,000 acres from the 58,000 acres harvested in 2022. Barley yield is forecast at 97.0 bushels per acre, down 8.0 bushels from July 1 but 4.0 bushels above last year. As of July 30, Wyoming's barley crop condition was rated 21 percent fair, 78 percent good, and 1 percent excellent. Barley harvest was 10 percent complete, compared with 29 percent last year and the 5-year average of 16 percent.

Wyoming farmers and ranchers expect to harvest 530,000 acres of **alfalfa hay** this year, down 20,000 acres from 2022. Additionally, producers expect to harvest 540,000 acres of **other hay** in 2023, down 20,000 acres from last year. Alfalfa production is forecast at 1.59 million tons, down less than 1 percent from the 1.60 million tons produced in 2022. Other hay production is forecast at 972,000 tons, up 24 percent from the 784,000 tons produced a year ago. Yields are expected to average 3.00 tons per acre for alfalfa hay and 1.80 tons per acre for other hay, compared to last year's yields of 2.90 tons per acre for alfalfa hay and 1.40 tons per acre for other hay.

Dry bean production for 2023 is forecast at 329,000 hundredweight, up 3 percent from the 319,000 hundredweight produced a year earlier. Yields are expected to average 2,350 pounds per acre, down from 2,130 pounds per acre last year. Growers expect to harvest 14,000 acres this year, down 1,000 acres from last year. If realized, this would be the lowest dry bean harvested acreage since 10,000 acres were harvested in 1925. As of July 30, the dry bean crop was rated 9 percent poor, 17 percent fair, and 74 percent good. Blooming was evident across 53 percent of the dry bean crop, while 26 percent of the crop was setting pods, compared with 67 percent and 29 percent on average, respectively.

Sugarbeet production is forecast at 838,000 tons, up 3 percent from the 812,000 tons produced in 2022. Growers expect to harvest 29,000 acres this year, compared with 27,900 acres a year ago. Yields are expected to average 28.9 tons per acre, down from 29.1 tons a year ago. As of July 30, the sugarbeet crop was rated 15 percent fair and 85 percent good.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Barley acreage updates were made in several States based on a thorough review of all available data. Total planted area, at 3.19 million acres is down 5 percent from the previous estimate but up 8 percent from 2022. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 2.40 million acres, down 5 percent from the *Acreage* report and down 1 percent from last year. Production is forecast at 180 million bushels, up 3 percent from 2022. Based on conditions as of August 1, the average yield for the United States is forecast at 75.1 bushels per acre, up 3.4 bushels from last year.

Production of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixture dry hay** for 2023 is forecast at 48.9 million tons, up 2 percent from 2022. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 3.13 tons per acre, down 0.09 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 69.9 million tons, up 8 percent from 2022. Based on August 1 conditions, the United States yield is expected to average 1.92 tons per acre, up 0.05 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 36.3 million acres, unchanged from the *Acreage* report, but up 5 percent from 2022.

Production of **dry edible beans** is forecast at 22.7 million cwt, down 12 percent from 2022. Area planted is estimated at 1.24 million acres, up 2 percent from the *Acreage* report but down 1 percent from 2022. Area harvested is forecast at 1.19 million acres, up 2 percent from the *Acreage* report but down 2 percent from 2022. The yield is forecast at 1,899 pounds per acre, a decrease of 214 pounds from last season.

Production of **sugarbeets** for the 2023 crop year is forecast at 34.4 million tons, up 5 percent from 2022. Producers expect to harvest 1.11 million acres, down 2 percent from the last year. Yield is forecast at 30.9 tons per acre, up 2.3 tons from last year.

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