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## CROP PRODUCTION – OCTOBER 1, 2023

### WYOMING HIGHLIGHTS

Based on October 1 conditions, **alfalfa and alfalfa mixture hay** production in Wyoming is forecast at 1.54 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 down 3 percent from the August 1 forecast and down 4 percent from last year's 1.60 million ton crop. Farmers and ranchers expect to harvest 530,000 acres of alfalfa hay, a decrease of 20,000 acres from 2022. Alfalfa hay yield is expected to average 2.90 tons per acre, down 0.1 ton from the August 1 forecast but unchanged from the final 2022 yield. Producers expect to harvest 540,000 acres of **other hay** in 2023, down 20,000 acres from last year. Other hay production is forecast at 972,000 tons, unchanged from the August 1 forecast but up 24 percent from the 784,000 tons produced last year. Other hay yield is expected to average 1.80 tons per acre, unchanged from the August 1 forecast and unchanged from the final 2022 yield. If realized, this would represent a record high tying yield, first established in 2015.

**Sugarbeet** production is forecast at 844,000 tons, up less than 1 percent from the September 1 forecast and up 4 percent from the 812,000 tons produced in 2022. Harvested area, forecast at 28,500 acres, is up 600 acres from last year. Yields are expected to average 29.6 tons per acre, up 0.2 ton from the September 1 forecast and up from 29.1 tons a year ago. As of October 1, the sugarbeet crop was rated 18 percent fair and 82 percent good. Producers had harvested 29 percent of the crop, compared with 28 percent last year and the 5-year average of 24 percent.

**Dry bean** production for 2023 is forecast at 315,000 hundredweight, down 4 percent from the August 1 forecast and down 1 percent from the 319,000 hundredweight produced last year. Yields are expected to average 2,250 pounds per acre, down 100 pounds from the August 1 forecast but up 120 pounds from last year. Planted area is estimated at 15,000 acres, down 1,000 acres from the 16,000 acres planted in 2022. Growers expect to harvest 14,000 acres this year, down 1,000 acres from the 15,000 acres harvested last year. As of October 1, the dry bean crop was rated 17 percent fair and 83 percent good. Producers had harvested 33 percent of the crop, compared with 52 percent last year and the 5-year average of 70 percent.

### 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.

Production of **sugarbeets** for the 2023 crop year is forecast at 35.3 million tons, up 3 percent from last month and up 8 percent from last year. Producers expect to harvest 1.12 million acres up 1 percent from last month but down 2 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 31.5 tons per acre, up 0.6 ton from last month and up 2.9 tons from last year.

Production of **dry edible beans** is forecast at 22.4 million cwt, down 1 percent from previous forecast and down 13 percent from 2022. Area planted is estimated at 1.18 million acres, down 4 percent from the August forecast and down 5 percent from 2022. Area harvested is forecast at 1.14 million acres, down 4 percent from the August forecast and down 7 percent from 2022. The yield is forecast at 1,962 pounds per acre, an increase of 63 pounds from the previous forecast but a decrease of 151 pounds from last season.

For a full copy of the *Crop Production* report, please visit [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov).