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ANNUAL CROP SUMMARY – 2022

MONTANA HIGHLIGHTS

The 2022 **corn for grain** crop is estimated at 7.39 million bushels, 23 percent above last year's production of 6.00 million bushels, according to the December 1 Agricultural Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The average yield of 112.0 bushels per acre is 12.0 bushels per acre above the yield realized last year. Area harvested for grain in 2022, at 69,000 acres, is 9,000 acres above last year. Acreage cut for **corn silage** is estimated at 54,000 acres, up 7,000 acres from last year, with production estimated at 1.20 million tons, compared with 846,000 tons produced last year.

Oat seedings in Montana totaled 85,000 acres, up 25,000 acres from last year. Producers harvested 24,000 acres for grain or seed, up 8,000 acres from 2021. Oat production totaled 912,000 bushels in 2022, up 63 percent from last year. Oat yield is 38.0 bushels per acre in 2022, up 3.0 bushels per acre from the previous year.

Montana's **barley** seeded area, at 1.03 million acres, is up 60,000 acres from last year and the highest planted acreage since 2003. Harvested area, at 840,000 acres, is up 190,000 acres from 2021. Barley yield, at 41.0 bushels per acre, is up 3.0 bushels per acre from last year. Barley production in 2022 is estimated at 34.44 million bushels, up 39 percent from the previous year.

All wheat production in Montana, estimated at 139.30 million bushels, is up 38 percent from 2021. All wheat yield was 28.3 bushels per acre, up 6.1 bushels per acre from a year ago. **Winter wheat** producers seeded 2.05 million acres in the fall of 2021 for harvest in 2022, up from 1.95 million acres seeded for the previous year's crop. Acreage harvested for grain increased 70,000 acres from last year to 1.80 million acres in 2022. Winter wheat production is estimated at 59.40 million bushels, up 11 percent from last year. Winter wheat yield, at 33.0 bushels per acre, is up 2.0 bushel per acre from last year.

Spring wheat seedings, at 2.70 million acres, are down 200,000 acres from last year. Acreage harvested totaled 2.44 million acres, up from 2.18 million acres harvested last year. Spring wheat production is estimated at 61.00 million bushels, up 65 percent from last year. Spring wheat yield, at 25.0 bushels per acre, is up 8.0 bushels per acre from last year.

Durum wheat seedings, at 710,000 acres, are up 40,000 acres from last year. Acreage harvested totaled 675,000 acres, up from 620,000 acres harvested last year. Durum wheat production is estimated at 18.90 million bushels, up 91 percent from last year. Durum wheat yield, at 28.0 bushels per acre, is up 12.0 bushels per acre from last year.

All hay production for 2022 is estimated at 4.12 million tons, up 14 percent from the 2021 total. **Alfalfa hay** production is estimated at 2.87 million tons from 1.40 million acres harvested, up 235,000 tons from 2021. Harvested area is the lowest since 2004. Average yield for the 2022 crop is 2.05 tons per acre, up 0.35 ton per acre from last year. **All other hay** production totaled 1.25 million tons from 890,000 acres harvested, up 284,000 tons from 2021. The average yield of 1.40 tons per acre is up 0.10 ton per acre from last year. New **seedings of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** in Montana are estimated at 60,000 acres, down 25 percent from 2021.

As of December 1, producers in Montana were storing 3.25 million tons of **all hay**, up 12 percent from the 2.90 million tons stored last year.

Montana **canola** growers planted 180,000 acres in 2022, down 5,000 acres from 2021. Harvested area totaled a record high 168,000 acres, up 7,000 acres from last year. The 2022 canola yield is 1,030 pounds per acre, up 130 pounds per acre from a year ago. Canola production totaled 173.04 million pounds, up from 144.90 million pounds in 2021. Montana's **flaxseed** production in 2022 is 902,000 bushels, up from 495 million bushels a year ago. Growers planted 98,000 acres and harvested 82,000 acres in 2022, compared with 135,000 acres planted and 99,000 acres harvested in 2021. The average yield for 2022 is 11.0 bushels per acre, up 6.0 bushels per acre from a year ago. Production of **safflower** in 2022 totaled 20.65 million pounds, compared with 14.81 million pounds in 2021. Planted acres are 44,000, up 4,000 acres from last year. Harvested acres are 35,000, compared with 33,000 acres in 2021. Safflower yield averaged 590 pounds per acre in 2022, up 20 pounds per acre from last year.

The state's **sugarbeet** crop of 1.02 million tons for 2022 is down 2 percent from the 1.30 million tons produced in 2021. Producers harvested 33,500 acres in 2022, down from 43,500 acres in 2021. Average yield is estimated at 30.5 tons per acre, 0.7 ton per acre above 2021.

All chickpea production is 1.36 million hundredweight, compared with 1.10 million hundredweight in 2021. Planted area totaled 187,000 acres, up from 175,000 planted acres last year. Harvested area is 177,000 acres, compared with 158,000 acres last year. The yield is 770 pounds per acre, up 70 pounds per acre from last year.

Montana's 2022 **lentil** production is 4.01 million hundredweight, compared with 2.12 million hundredweight a year ago. Planted area is 500,000 acres, with harvested area at 450,000 acres, compared with last year's 530,000 acres planted and 400,000 acres harvested. Lentil yield for 2022 is 890 pounds per acre, up 360 pounds per acre from 2021. **Dry edible pea** production for 2022 in Montana is 7.13 million hundredweight, up 109 percent from a year ago. Dry pea yield for 2022 is 1,440 pounds per acre, up 700 pounds per acre from 2021. Planted and harvested acreages are 535,000 and 495,000 acres, respectively. Last year, growers planted 565,000 acres and harvested 460,000 acres of dry peas.

Winter wheat seedings last fall for harvest in 2023 are estimated at 2.10 million acres, up 2 percent from last year.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Corn for grain production in 2022 was estimated at 13.7 billion bushels, down 9 percent from the 2021 estimate. The average yield in the United States was estimated at 173.3 bushels per acre, 3.4 bushels below the 2021 record high yield of 176.7 bushels per acre. Area harvested for grain was estimated at 79.2 million acres, down 7 percent from the 2021 estimate. **Corn silage** production was estimated at 129 million tons for 2022, down 1 percent from the 2021 estimate. The United States silage yield was estimated at 18.7 tons per acre, down 1.4 tons from 2021.

Oat production was estimated at 57.7 million bushels, up 45 percent from 2021. Yield was estimated at 64.8 bushels per acre, up 3.5 bushels from the previous year. Harvested area, at 890 thousand acres, was 37 percent above last year.

Barley production was estimated at 174 million bushels, up 45 percent from the revised 2021 total of 120 million bushels. The average yield, at 71.7 bushels per acre, was up 11.4 bushel from the previous year. Producers seeded 2.95 million acres in 2022, up 9 percent from 2021. Harvested area, at 2.43 million acres, was up 22 percent from 2021.

All wheat production totaled 1.65 billion bushels in 2022, up less than 1 percent from the 2021 total of 1.65 billion bushels. Area harvested for grain totaled 35.5 million acres, down 4 percent from the previous year. The United States yield was estimated at 46.5 bushels per acre, up 2.2 bushels from the previous year. The levels of production and changes from 2021 by type were: winter wheat, 1.10 billion bushels, down 14 percent; other spring wheat, 482 million bushels, up 46 percent; and Durum wheat, 64.0 million bushels, up 70 percent. **Winter wheat** production for 2022 totaled 1.10 billion bushels, down 14 percent from the 2021 total of 1.28 billion bushels. The United States yield, at 47.0 bushels per acre, was down 3.2 bushels from 2021. Area harvested for grain was estimated at 23.5 million acres, down 8 percent from the previous year. Compared with 2021, harvested acreage was down 11 percent in the major Hard Red Winter (HRW) growing States, the primary winter wheat-producing area. HRW production totaled 531 million bushels, down 29 percent from 2021. In the Soft Red Winter (SRW) growing area, planted and harvested acreage decreased from 2021. SRW production totaled 337 million bushels, down 7 percent from 2021. White winter wheat production totaled 236 million bushels, up 41 percent from the previous year. Harvested acreage was up 3 percent from 2021. **Other spring wheat** production for 2022 was estimated at 482 million bushels, up 46 percent from the 2021 total of 331 million bushels. Harvested area totaled 10.4 million acres, up 3 percent from 2021. The United States yield was estimated at 46.2 bushels per acre, up 13.6 bushel from 32.6 bushels per acre in 2021. Of the total production, 446 million bushels were Hard Red Spring wheat, up 50 percent from the 2021 total. **Durum wheat** production for 2022 was estimated at 64.0 million bushels, up 70 percent from the 2021 total of 37.6 million bushels. Area harvested for grain totaled 1.58 million acres, up 4 percent from the previous year. The United States yield was estimated at 40.5 bushels per acre, up 15.8 bushels from the 2021 yield.

Production of **all dry hay** for 2022 was estimated at 112.8 million tons, down 6 percent from the 2021 total. Area harvested was estimated at 49.5 million acres, down 2 percent from 2021. The average yield, at 2.28 tons per acre, was down 0.09 ton from 2021. Production of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** in 2022 was estimated at 48.0 million tons, down 3 percent from the 2021 total. Harvested area, at 14.9 million acres, was 2 percent below 2021. Average yield was estimated at 3.22 tons per acre, down 0.01 ton from 2021. Production of **all other hay** in 2022 totaled 64.8 million tons, down 9 percent from the 2021 total. Harvested area, at 34.6 million acres, was down 2 percent from 2021. Average yield was estimated at 1.87 tons per acre, down 0.13 ton from 2021. **New seedings of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** totaled 1.68 million acres during 2022, up 2 percent from 2021. New seedings of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures are normally harvested for the first time in the year following planting.

All hay stored on United States farms as of December 1, 2022, totaled 71.9 million tons, down 9 percent from December 1, 2021, which is the lowest December 1 stocks since 1954. Disappearance from May 1, 2022 - December 1, 2022, totaled 57.7 million tons, down 3 percent from the same period in 2021.

Canola production in 2022 was estimated at a record high 3.82 billion pounds, up 40 percent from 2021. The average yield, at 1,762 pounds per acre, is up 460 pounds from last year's average and is the sixth highest on record. Planted area was estimated at 2.21 million acres, 3 percent above the previous year's acreage. Harvested area, at 2.17 million acres, was up 4 percent from 2021. Both the planted and harvested area are the highest on record for the Nation.

Production of **flaxseed** in 2022 totaled 4.30 million bushels, up 58 percent from the 2021 revised production. Harvested area totaled 244,000 acres in 2022, down 10 percent from 2021. The average United States yield for 2022, at 17.6 bushels per acre, was up 7.5 bushels from 2021.

Production of **safflower** in 2022, at 164 million pounds, was up 22 percent from 2021. Growers planted 150,200 acres in 2022, a decline of 2 percent from the previous year and represents the third lowest planted for the Nation since records began in 1991. Harvested area for the Nation, at 135,300 acres, was up 1 percent from 2021 but is the fourth lowest harvested area on record. The average yield for the Nation, at 1,213 pounds per acre, increased 209 pounds from the 2021 average yield per acre.

Sugarbeet production for 2022 was estimated at 32.6 million tons, down 11 percent from the previous year's revised production. Growers in the 11 major sugarbeet-producing States planted 1.16 million acres, down slightly from the 2021 revised area. Harvested area, at 1.14 million acres, was up 3 percent from the previous year. Estimated yield, at 28.6 tons per acre, was down 4.6 tons from last year.

Production of **lentils** in 2022 was estimated at 5.49 million cwt, up 61 percent from 2021. Planted area, at 660,000 acres, was down 7 percent from last year. Harvested area, at 602,000 acres, was up 6 percent from last year. The average yield was 912 pounds per acre, was up 309 pounds from last year.

Production in 2022 of **all chickpeas** was estimated at 3.66 million cwt, up 29 percent from 2021. Area planted for all chickpeas for the 2022 crop year was estimated at 353,100 acres, down 4 percent from the previous year. Area harvested was estimated at 341,900 acres, 2 percent below 2021. The average yield at 1070 pounds per acre is up 255 pounds from the 2021 season.

Production in 2022 of **dry edible peas** was estimated at 15.1 million cwt, up 75 percent from last year. Planted area, at 919,000 acres, down 5 percent from 2021. Harvest area at 862,000 acres, was up 2 percent from the previous year. The average United States yield for dry edible peas for the 2022 season is 1,751 pounds per acre, up 730 pounds from 2021.

Winter wheat seeded area for 2023 is expected to total 37.0 million acres, up 11 percent from 2022. Approximate class acreage breakdowns are: Hard Red Winter, 25.3 million; Soft Red Winter, 7.90 million; and White Winter, 3.73 million.

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