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## CROP PRODUCTION JULY 12, 2012

### COLORADO HIGHLIGHTS

**Winter wheat** production in Colorado is now forecast at 83.25 million bushels according to the Colorado Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. This is down 5 percent from the June 1 forecast but 7 percent above last year's production. Growers expect to harvest 2.25 million acres this year, up 250,000 acres from 2011. The state's average yield is forecast at 37.0 bushels per acre, 2.0 bushels per acre below the yield attained the previous year and 2.0 bushels per acre below the June forecast. **Barley** production is initially forecast at 6.88 million bushels, down 13 percent from the 2011 crop. Acreage harvested is expected to total 55,000 acres, down from 63,000 harvested last year and yield is forecast at 125.0 bushels per acre, 1.0 bushel less than last year. **Fall potato** growers in the San Luis Valley planted 55,100 acres this year, up 2 percent from last year. Area for harvest is expected to total 55,000 acres, up 1,100 acres from 2011. The first 2012 fall potato production forecast will be released November 9, 2012. **Summer potato** production is expected to reach 2.01 million hundredweight for 2012 up 24 percent from the 2011 crop. Growers expect to harvest 5,300 acres this year, up 20 percent from the previous year and 300 acres above the acreage forecast released in June. Average yield is initially forecast at 380 hundredweight per acre, 10 hundredweight above last year's yield.

### UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

**Winter wheat** production is forecast at 1.67 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the June 1 forecast but up 12 percent from 2011. Based on July 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 47.7 bushels per acre, up 0.4 bushel from last month and 1.5 bushels more than last year. The area expected to be harvested for grain or seed totals 35.0 million acres, unchanged from the *Acreage* report released on June 29, 2012 but up 8 percent from last year. Hard Red Winter, at 1.01 billion bushels, is down 1 percent from a month ago. Soft Red Winter production is up slightly from last month and now totals 429 million bushels. White Winter production totals 232 million bushels, up slightly from last month. Of this total, 14.0 million bushels are Hard White and 218 million bushels are Soft White.

**Other spring wheat** production is forecast at 472 million bushels, up 4 percent from last year. Area harvested for grain is expected to total 11.7 million acres, unchanged from the *Acreage* report released June 29, 2012 but down 3 percent from last year. The United States yield is forecast at 40.4 bushels per acre, 2.7 bushels above 2011. Of the total production, 435 million bushels are Hard Red Spring wheat, up 10 percent from last year.

**Oats** production is forecast at 65.3 million bushels, up 22 percent from the record low production in 2011. If realized, this will be the second lowest production on record. Based on conditions as of July 1, the average yield for the United States is forecast at 59.8 bushels per acre, up 2.7 bushels from 2011. Growers expect to harvest 1.09 million acres for grain or seed, unchanged from *Acreage* report released June 29, 2012 but up 16 percent from the record low last year.

**Barley** production for 2012 is forecast at 217 million bushels, up 39 percent from 2011. Based on conditions as of July 1, the average yield for the United States is forecast at 66.3 bushels per acre, down 3.3 bushels from last year. Area harvested for grain or seed, at 3.27 million acres, is unchanged from the previous forecast but up 46 percent from 2011.

**Potato** growers across the United States planted an estimated 1.15 million acres of potatoes in all four seasons of the 2012 crop year, up 5 percent from the previous year. Area for harvest, forecast at 1.13 million acres, is up 5 percent from 2011. Area planted to **fall potatoes** in 2012 is estimated at 1.00 million acres, up 5 percent from the 2011 crop year. Harvested area forecast at 990,800 acres, is up 6 percent from 2011. In Idaho, acreage is at the highest level since 2007. In Washington, planted acreage is the highest since 2000. In the eastern United States, a warm, dry spring allowed planting to progress ahead of schedule. Maine growers reported optimal growing conditions due to warm weather and timely rainfall. In North Dakota, potato emergence was ahead of average in May and June and topsoil moisture was reported to be adequate to surplus in the major growing areas.

Production of **summer potatoes** is forecast at 16.3 million cwt, up 25 percent from 2011. Harvested area is estimated at 47,500 acres, 3 percent above last year. Average yield is forecast at 342 cwt per acre, up 60 cwt from 2011. Mid-Atlantic potato acreage benefitted from timely rains and hot weather leading to excellent growth. In Colorado, an early Spring allowed growers to plant ahead of schedule but yields were reportedly variable due to limited water availability.

**Acres, yield, and production, Colorado and United States, 2011-2012**

Area and Crop	Planted Acres		Harvested Acres		Unit	Yield Per Acre		Production	
	2011	2012	2011	2012		2011	2012	2011	2012
	1,000 acres		1,000 acres			Units per acre		1,000 units	
<b>Colorado:</b>									
All Corn 1/ .....	1,500	1,420	1,300	1,220	Bu.	133	5/	172,900	5/
All Sorghum 1/.....	220	230	140	170	Bu.	35	5/	4,900	5/
All Wheat.....	2,345	2,420	2,044	2,269	Bu.	40	6/	81,828	6/
Winter Wheat .....	2,300	2,400	2,000	2,250	Bu.	39	37	78,000	83,250
Spring Wheat .....	45	20	44	6/	Bu.	87	6/	3,828	6/
Oats .....	45	50	10	6/	Bu.	70	6/	700	6/
Barley.....	66	58	63	55	Bu.	126	125	7,938	6,875
Proso Millet .....	250	200	230	4/	Bu.	27	4/	6,210	4/
All Hay .....	...	...	1,620	1,540	Tons	2.54	5/	4,110	5/
Alfalfa Hay.....	...	...	800	790	Tons	3.6	5/	2,880	5/
Other Hay.....	...	...	820	750	Tons	1.5	5/	1,230	5/
Sugarbeets.....	29.4	31.8	28.7	31.4	Tons	28.9	5/	829	5/
Dry edible beans .....	38	50	37	47	Cwt.	1,580	5/	585	5/
Sunflowers, All .....	128	85	113	79	Lbs.	1,099	7/	124,200	7/
Sunflowers, Oil.....	110	75	97	70	Lbs.	1,000	7/	97,000	7/
Sunflowers, Non-Oil .....	18	10	16	9	Lbs.	1,700	7/	27,200	7/
All potatoes .....	58.5	8/	58.3	8/	Cwt.	393	8/	22,919	8/
Summer potatoes.....	4.5	5.4	4.4	5.3	Cwt.	370	380	1,628	2,014
Fall potatoes .....	54.0	55.1	53.9	55.0	Cwt.	395	8/	21,291	8/
Apples.....	...	...	...	...	Lbs.	...	...	9,000	5/
Peaches.....	...	...	...	...	Tons	...	...	12.0	5/
<b>United States:</b>									
All Corn 1/ .....	91,921	96,405	83,981	88,851	Bu.	147.2	5/	12,358,412	5/
All Sorghum 1/.....	5,481	6,210	3,929	5,238	Bu.	54.6	5/	214,443	5/
All Wheat 2/.....	54,409	56,017	45,705	48,826	Bu.	43.7	45.6	1,999,347	2,224,075
Winter Wheat .....	40,646	41,819	32,314	35,023	Bu.	46.2	47.7	1,493,677	1,670,346
Spring Wheat .....	12,394	11,995	12,079	11,681	Bu.	37.7	40.4	455,188	471,769
Oats .....	2,496	2,746	939	1091	Bu.	57.1	59.8	53,649	65,276
Rye .....	1,266	1,251	242	275	Bu.	26.1	6/	6,326	6/
Barley.....	2,559	3,678	2,239	3,268	Bu.	69.6	66.3	155,780	216,690
Proso Millet .....	370	315	338	4/	Bu.	27.1	4/	9,149	4/
All Hay .....	...	...	55,633	57,669	Tons	2.36	5/	131,144	5/
Alfalfa Hay.....	...	...	19,213	18,827	Tons	3.4	5/	65,332	5/
Other Hay.....	...	...	36,420	38,842	Tons	1.81	5/	65,812	5/
Sugarbeets.....	1,232.7	1,244.1	1,213.1	1,215.9	Tons	23.8	5/	28,828	5/
Dry edible beans .....	1,205.9	1,632.7	1,155.9	1,573.6	Cwt.	1,716	5/	19,833	5/
Sunflowers, All .....	1,543	1,804.5	1,457.8	1,735.4	Lbs.	1,398	7/	2,038,275	7/
Sunflowers, Oil.....	1,289.5	1,496.0	1,233.4	1,451.0	Lbs.	1,397	7/	1,722,675	7/
Sunflowers, Non-Oil .....	253.5	308.5	224.4	284.4	Lbs.	1,406	7/	315,600	7/
All potatoes 3/ .....	1,098.9	1,149.0	1,076.7	1,134.4	Cwt.	397	8/	427,406	8/
Summer potatoes.....	48.2	48.4	46.0	47.5	Cwt.	282	342	12,960	16,261
Fall potatoes .....	957.4	1,002.9	939.2	990.8	Cwt.	414	8/	388,873	8/
Soybeans.....	74,976	76,080	73,636	75,315	Bu.	41.5	5/	3,056,032	5/
Apples.....	...	...	...	...	Lbs.	...	...	9,420,000	5/
Peaches.....	...	...	...	...	Tons	...	...	1,071.8	...

1/ Planted for all purposes; harvested for grain. 2/ Includes Durum Wheat. 3/ Includes Winter and Spring Crops. 4/ January 2013.  
5/ August 10, 2012. 6/ September 28, 2012. 7/ October 11, 2012. 8/ November 9, 2012.

**MILK PRODUCTION  
JUNE 2012**

Milk production in **Colorado** during June 2012 totaled 267 million pounds, up 14 million pounds from the same period a year earlier. The average number of milk cows for June of this year was 133,000 head, up 6,000 head from June 2011. Production per cow averaged 2,010 pounds for June, up from 1,990 pounds produced a year ago.

Milk production in the **23 major States** during June totaled 15.5 billion pounds, up 1.0 percent from June 2011. May revised production at 16.4 billion pounds, was up 1.9 percent from May 2011. The May revision represented a decrease of 22 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,827 pounds for June, 7 pounds above June 2011. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.51 million head, 57,000 head more than June 2011, and 14,000 head less than May 2012. Milk production in the United States during the April - June quarter totaled 51.5 billion pounds, up 2.0 percent from the April - June quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.26 million head, 66,000 head more than the same period last year.

**Milk Production, June, 2011-2012**

Item	Unit	2011	2012
<b>Colorado:</b>			
Milk Cows <u>1/</u> .....	1,000 head	127	133
Milk Per Cow <u>2/</u> .....	Lbs.	1,990	2,010
Production <u>2/</u> .....	Mil. lbs.	253	267
<b>United States:</b>			
Milk Cows <u>1/</u> .....	1,000 head	8,450	8,507
Milk Per Cow <u>2/</u> .....	Lbs.	1,820	1,827
Production <u>2/</u> .....	Mil. lbs.	15,382	15,543

1/ Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

**UPCOMING REPORTS**

Colorado and U.S. data from most of the following reports will appear in subsequent issues of AG UPDATE. However, those who have an immediate need for the data may call this office after 1:15 P.M. on the day of release - toll free 1-800-392-3202. The complete USDA report is also available on the Worldwide Web at: <http://www.usda.gov/nass/>

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