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MONTANA HIGHLIGHTS

Montana principal crop planted acreage, which includes acres planted to all major crops and those expected to be cut for all hay, is down 4 percent from 2019 to 9.52 million acres, according to the June 1 Agricultural Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

Montana **corn** producers planted 130,000 acres of corn this year of which they intend to harvest 75,000 acres for grain, up from 60,000 acres harvested in 2019. This is an increase of 25 percent from last year's harvested grain acreage and a 13 percent increase in planted acreage for all purposes. **Oat** seedings are set at 70,000 acres, unchanged from last year, with producers planning to harvest 25,000 acres for grain, up 1,000 acres from acreage harvested for grain in 2019. **Barley** planted area, at 1.01 million acres, is 10 percent more than last year's acreage. Expected harvested acres, at 810,000 acres, are 9 percent above 2019.

Winter wheat producers planted 1.55 million acres in the fall of 2019 for harvest in 2020, down from 2.00 million acres planted for the previous year's crop. Acreage expected to be harvested for grain is down 450,000 acres from last year to 1.45 million acres. **Durum wheat** acres planted, at 610,000 acres, are up 60,000 acres compared with a year ago. Acreage for harvest is expected to total 590,000 acres, up from 515,000 acres harvested last year. **Spring wheat** seedings, at 3.00 million acres, are up 100,000 acres compared with a year ago. Acreage for harvest is expected to total 2.85 million acres, up from 2.76 million acres harvested last year.

The area to be harvested for **hay** is expected to decrease 150,000 acres from a year ago to 2.85 million acres. **Alfalfa hay** harvested acreage is expected to decrease 200,000 acres to 1.90 million acres and **all other hay** harvested acreage is expected to increase 50,000 acres to 950,000 acres.

Canola growers planted an estimated 150,000 acres this year, unchanged from last year. Harvested acres are expected to total a record high 140,000 acres, up from 138,000 harvested in 2019. **Flaxseed** planted area, at 120,000 acres, is 21,000 acres above last year. Acreage for harvest is estimated at 108,000 acres, up 19,000 acres from last year. **Safflower** growers planted an estimated 55,000 acres this year, up 2,000 acres from last year. Harvested acres are expected to total 51,000 acres, up from 43,000 acres harvested in 2019.

Sugarbeet plantings increased 1,000 acres from last year to 42,800 acres. The expected harvested area, at 42,600 acres, is 6,100 acres above last year. Acres planted to **all chickpeas**, at 111,000 acres, are down 44 percent from last year with 107,500 acres expected to be harvested. **Small chickpeas** were planted on 41,000 acres, with 39,500 acres expected to be harvested, and **large chickpeas** were planted on 70,000 acres, with 68,000 acres expected to be harvested.

Dry edible pea growers planted an estimated 450,000 acres this year, down 80,000 acres from last year. Harvested acres are expected to total 420,000 acres, down from 500,000 acres harvested in 2019. **Lentil** planted area, at 330,000 acres, is 35,000 acres above last year. Acreage for harvest is estimated at 305,000 acres, up from 255,000 acres harvested last year.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Corn planted area for all purposes in 2020 is estimated at 92.0 million acres, up 3 percent or 2.31 million acres from last year. Compared with last year, planted acreage is expected to be up or unchanged in 28 of the 48 estimating States. Area harvested for grain, at 84.0 million acres, is up 3 percent from last year.

Area seeded to **oats** for the 2020 crop year is estimated at 3.1 million acres, up 12 percent from 2019. Planted acreage is up or unchanged in 19 of the 23 major producing States compared with last year. Area for harvest, forecast at 998,000 acres, is up 21 percent from 2019.

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Producers seeded 2.80 million acres of **barley** for the 2020 crop year, up 3 percent from the previous year. Harvested area, forecast at 2.23 million acres, is up 2 percent from 2019.

All wheat planted area for 2020 is estimated at 44.3 million acres, down 2 percent from 2019. This represents the lowest all wheat planted area since records began in 1919. The 2020 winter wheat planted area, at 30.6 million acres, is down 2 percent from last year and down 1 percent from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 21.5 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 5.63 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.42 million acres are White Winter. Area expected to be planted to other spring wheat for 2020 is estimated at 12.2 million acres, down 4 percent from 2019. Of this total, about 11.5 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. Durum planted area for 2020 is expected to total 1.50 million acres, up 12 percent from the previous year.

Producers intend to harvest 52.4 million acres of **all hay** in 2020, down slightly from 2019. If realized, this will represent the lowest total hay harvested area since 1908.

Planted area of **canola** is estimated at 1.87 million acres in 2020, down 8 percent from last year's planted area but represents the fourth highest planted area on record for the Nation.

Growers intend to plant 355,000 acres of **flaxseed** in 2020, a decrease of 5 percent from 2019 planted acres. Area planted to **safflower** is estimated at 145,000 acres in 2020, down 13 percent from 2019 and represents the second lowest planted area for the Nation since records began in 1991. Area for harvest is forecast at 137,500 acres, down 10 percent from last year and will be the second lowest harvested area on record for the Nation, if realized.

Area planted to **sugarbeets** for the 2020 crop year is estimated at 1.15 million acres, up 1 percent from 2019. Harvested area is forecast at 1.13 million acres, up 15 percent from last year.

Area planted for **all chickpeas** for the 2020 crop year is estimated at 304,000 acres, down 33 percent from the previous year. Area harvested is forecast at 298,400 acres, 26 percent below 2019 and, if realized will be, the lowest total since 2015. Small chickpea area planted is estimated at 77,000 acres, down 27 percent from 2019. Area harvested for small chickpeas is forecast at 75,200 acres, a 19 percent decline from 2019. Area planted for large chickpeas in 2020 is estimated at 227,000 acres, a 34 percent decline from the previous year. Large chickpea area harvested is forecast at 223,200 acres, a 28 percent decline from 2019.

Area planted to **dry edible peas** for the 2020 crop year is expected to total 947,000 acres, down 14 percent from the previous season. Area harvested is forecast to total 902,000 acres, also down 14 percent from 2019.

Area planted to **lentils** for the 2020 crop year is estimated at 492,000 acres, up 1 percent from 2019. Area forecasted to be harvested, at 461,000 acres, is up 7 percent from the previous season.

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