

## 2021 Ag Yield Survey Information Sheet

### Overview:

Collecting information on the 2021 crop year: acres planted, acres to be harvested, expected yield, hay production, current stocks, irrigated/non-irrigated crops, single/double cropped, harvest complete. This information varies by month, commodity, and state. Survey is conducted in all states except for Alaska and Hawaii

### Purpose:

- The purpose of our Ag Yield surveys is to provide accurate estimates on yield and production.
- Producers use the information when developing marketing plans for their operations.
- Enables the industry to forecast transportation and storage requirements and evaluate export potential.
- USDA agencies use the information to determine crop insurance and disaster aid payments along with other program benefits.
- Congress relies on current yield and production data in formulating farm legislation.

### Crops Asked:

- Small Grains (May – August):
  - Winter wheat-planted early fall of the previous year
    - Acres planted for all purposes (previous year)
  - Durum Wheat, Other Spring Wheat (other than Durum), Barley, & Oats
- Hay Production & Stocks (May, August, & October):
  - Dry hay produced in 2018 and amount still on hand.
    - Regardless of when or where it was produced.
  - All Hay, Alfalfa, & Other Hay
- Tobacco (July – October):
  - 6 types
- Row Crops (August – November):
  - Corn, Pima & Upland Cotton, Dry Edible Beans, Peanuts, Rice, Soybeans, Sorghum, Sugarcane, Canola, & Sunflower (oil/non-oil)

### Things to Remember:

- Small Grains/Row Crops: asking for acres harvested for grain or seed only
  - Exclude any other uses (silage, haylage, cover crop, etc.)
- Dry Hay: asking for dry hay ONLY
  - Exclude haylage and green chop
  - Looking for the *Total* expected yields for the entire year, not just what has been harvested to point in time.

### Definitions:

- Cropland – land which can produce a crop for harvest.
- Irrigated – cropland that normally receives or has the potential to receive water by artificial means to supplement natural rainfall.
- Double Cropped – two (or more) different crops grown and harvested or to be harvested from the same area in one growing season.

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### **Survey Program Changes:**

Corn will be added to the September Ag Yield survey in Montana.

The harvest complete question will be dropped for Montana, Oregon, Utah, West Virginia, and Wyoming corn in October Ag Yield.