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MONTANA HIGHLIGHTS

Montana's **principal crop** planted area, which includes acreage planted to all major crops and those expected to be cut for all hay, is up 4 percent from 2022 to 9.8 million acres, according to the June 1 Agricultural Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

Producers in Montana planted 115,000 acres of **corn** this year of which, they intend to harvest 59,000 acres for grain, down from the 69,000 acres harvested in 2022. This is a decrease of 14 percent from last year's harvested grain acreage, and a 12 percent decrease in acreage planted for all purposes. **Oat** seedings, at 75,000 acres, are down 12 percent from the previous year, while the area expected to be harvested for grain, at 30,000 acres, is up 25 percent, or 6,000 acres, from 2022.

Barley planted area, at 1.25 million acres, is up 220,000 acres, or 21 percent, from last year's final acreage. This represents the largest area seeded to barley since 1998. Expected harvested area, at 845,000 acres, is up 5,000 acres from 2022.

Winter wheat producers planted 1.90 million acres in the fall of 2022 for harvest in 2023, down from 2.05 million acres planted during the previous crop season. Of this, 1.65 million acres are expected to be harvested for grain, a decrease of 150,000 acres, or 8 percent, from last year. Area seeded to **Durum wheat**, at 650,000 acres, is down 60,000 acres when compared with a year ago. Area harvested for grain is expected to total 620,000 acres, down from 675,000 acres harvested last year. **Spring wheat** seedings, at 2.80 million acres, are up 100,000 acres when compared with 2022. Of this, producers expect to harvest 2.55 million acres for grain, up 110,000 acres, or 5 percent from last year.

The area expected to be harvested for **all dry hay** is forecast at 2.65 million acres. **Alfalfa hay** is expected to be harvested from 1.60 million acres, up 200,000 acres, or 14 percent, from 2022. **All other hay** harvested area is expected to total 1.05 million acres, up 160,000 acres, or 18 percent, from last year's final estimate. If realized, this would represent the largest area of other hay harvested since 2005.

Canola growers planted an estimated 160,000 acres this year, down 20,000 acres from last year's final estimate. Harvested area is expected to total 150,000 acres, down from 168,000 harvested in 2022. **Flaxseed** planted area, at 40,000 acres, is 58,000 acres below last year. Area expected for harvest, at 37,000 acres, is down 45,000 acres from last year. Producers in Montana planted 45,000 acres of **safflower** in 2023, up 1,000 acres from last year. At 40,000 acres, harvested area is up from the 35,000 acres harvested in 2022.

Sugarbeet plantings decreased 9,600 acres from last year to 24,000 acres. The expected harvested area, at 23,000 acres, is 10,500 acres below last year. The area planted to **all chickpeas**, at 205,000 acres, is up 10 percent from last year, with 194,500 acres expected to be harvested. **Small chickpeas** were planted on 50,000 acres, with 47,500 acres expected to be harvested, and **large chickpeas** were planted on 155,000 acres, with 147,000 acres expected to be harvested.

Producers planted 400,000 acres to **lentils** in 2023, 100,000 acres below last year. At 360,000 acres, harvested area is down from 450,000 acres harvested last year. **Dry edible pea** growers planted an estimated 590,000 acres this year, up 55,000 acres from last year. Harvested area is expected to total 540,000 acres, up from 495,000 acres harvested in 2022.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Corn planted area for all purposes in 2023 is estimated at 94.1 million acres, up 6 percent or 5.52 million acres from last year. This represents the third highest planted acreage in the United States since 1944. Compared with last year, planted acreage is expected to be up or unchanged in 43 of the 48 estimating States. Area harvested for grain, at 86.3 million acres, is up 9 percent from last year.

Area seeded to **oats** for the 2023 crop year is estimated at 2.51 million acres, down 3 percent from 2021. Planted acreage is down in 17 of the 23 major producing States compared with last year. Area for harvest, forecast at 794,000 acres, is down 11 percent from 2022.

Producers seeded 3.4 million acres of **barley** for the 2023 crop year, up 14 percent from the previous year. Harvested area, forecast at 2.53 million acres, is up 4 percent from 2022.

All wheat planted area for 2023 is estimated at 49.6 million acres, up 9 percent from 2022. The 2023 winter wheat planted area, at 37.0 million acres, is up 11 percent from last year but down 1 percent from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 25.7 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 7.66 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.68 million acres are White Winter. Area expected to be planted to other spring wheat for 2023 is estimated at 11.1 million acres, up 3 percent from 2022. Of this total, about 10.5 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. Durum planted area for 2023 is expected to total 1.48 million acres, down 9 percent from the previous year.

Producers intend to harvest 52.0 million acres of **all hay** in 2023, up 5 percent from 2022. **Alfalfa** harvested acreage is expected to be 15.7 million acres, up 5 percent from 2022. **All other hay (excluding alfalfa)** is expected to be up 5 percent from last year, at 36.3 million acres.

Planted area of **canola** is at a record high estimated at 2.28 million acres in 2023, up 3 percent from last year's planted area. Area for harvest is forecast at 2.24 million acres, up 3 percent from last year.

Flaxseed growers intend to plant 140,000 acres of flaxseed in 2023, a decrease of 47 percent from 2022 planted acres and will represent the lowest total for the Nation since 1996, if realized. Area for harvest is forecast at 132,000 acres, down 50 percent from last year.

Area planted to **safflower** in 2023 is estimated at 143,000 acres, down 7,200 acres from 2022 and represents the third lowest planted area for the Nation since records began in 1991. Area for harvest is forecast at 133,500 acres, down 1,800 acres from last year.

Area planted to **sugarbeets** for the 2023 crop year is estimated at 1.13 million acres, down 3 percent from 2022. Harvested area is forecasted at 1.11 million acres, down 2 percent from last year.

Area planted for **all chickpeas** for the 2023 crop year is estimated at 387,000 acres, up 10 percent from the previous year. Area harvested for all chickpeas is forecast at 374,600 acres, 10 percent above 2022. **Small chickpea** area planted is estimated at 99,500 acres, up 25 percent from 2022. Area harvested for small chickpeas is forecast at 96,400 acres, up 22 percent from the previous year. Area planted for **large chickpeas** in 2023 is estimated at 287,500 acres, up 5 percent from the previous year. Large chickpea area harvested is forecast at 278,200 acres, up 6 percent from 2022.

Area planted to **dry edible peas** for the 2023 crop year is estimated at 999,000 acres, up 9 percent from the previous season. Area harvested is forecasted to total 934,000 acres, up 8 percent from the previous season.

Area planted to **lentils** for the 2023 crop year is estimated at 533,000 acres, down 19 percent from the previous season. Area harvested is forecast to total 487,000 acres, down 19 percent from the previous season. All estimating States show a decrease in area planted compared to last year.

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