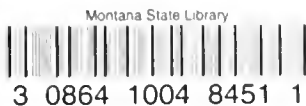


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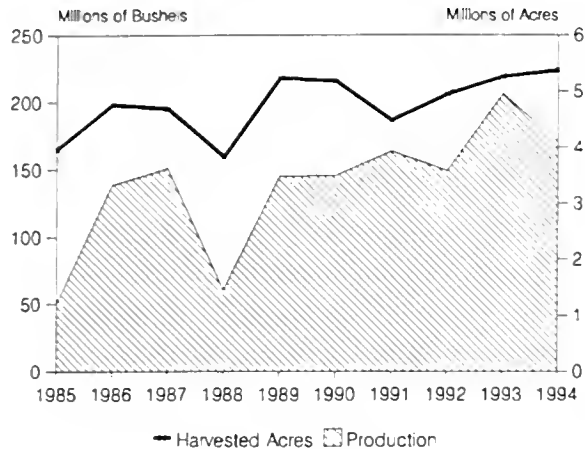
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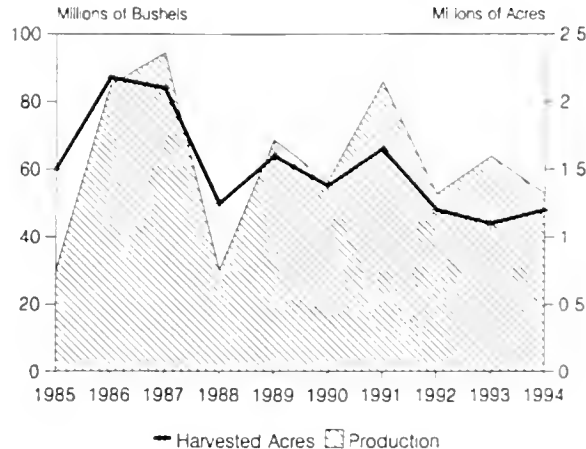
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Montana All Wheat



Montana Barley



1994 MONTANA CROP PRODUCTION

Although the year ended up very dry, most of Montana's small grain crops ended up near average. The year started off with good moisture supplies, benefiting from the reserves of the very wet 1993 season. The rains basically quit after mid-June and estimated yields deteriorated after that. All wheat production for the state ended up at 170.6 million bushels, down over 17% from 1993's record year. Yields for 1994 averaged 31.7 bushels per acre, down from 39.2 the previous year.

Winter wheat yields fared the best due to its early development characteristics and utilization of the good spring moisture. The average yield for winter wheat, down 7 bushels from a year ago, was set at 35 bushels per acre. Total production was off over 37% from last year not only due to a lower yield, but also to a smaller amount of acreage. Farmers weren't able to plant as much last fall because of the late, wet season. Production is estimated at 64.8 million bushels.

The decrease in winter wheat acreage was made up by a big increase in spring wheat. The increase in spring wheat acres allowed farmers to harvest the largest spring wheat crop on record. Spring wheat production was estimated at 100.5 million bushels, nearly 1% more than last year's record crop. Spring wheat yields averaged 30 bushels per acre, down 7 bushels from 1993. Harvested acreage was 3.35 million acres, up 650 thousand acres from a year ago.

Durum wheat acreage also showed a large increase over 1993. Harvested acreage was estimated at 178 thousand acres, up 64 thousand from last year. Total production was 5.34 million bushels with an average yield of 30 bushels per acre.

Barley harvested acreage increased slightly over last year, while yields fell 14 bushels per acre to 44 bushels per acre. Total production, at 52.8 million bushels, was off over 17% from a year ago. Oat yields fell 17 bushels per acre from 1993 and averaged 48 bushels per acre. Total production of oats was 3.6 million bushels, down nearly 35% from last year.

MONTANA ANNUAL CROP SUMMARY, 1991-94 1/

Crop	Year	Acreage		Yield Per Acre	Total Production	Season Avg Price	Value of Production	US Production
		Planted	Harvested					
		Thousands		Bushels	Thousands		Thousands	Thousands
Winter Wheat	1991	2,350	1,900	40.0	76,000	\$3.13	\$237,880	1,371,617
	1992	2,600	2,250	29.0	65,250	3.29	214,673	1,609,284
	1993	2,650	2,450	**42.0	102,900	3.26	335,454	1,760,143
	1994	1,950	1,850	35.0	64,750	3.65	236,338	1,661,043
Durum Wheat	1991	180	179	33.0	5,907	\$2.81	\$16,599	103,957
	1992	150	147	33.0	4,851	3.06	14,844	99,906
	1993	115	114	31.0	3,534	4.83	17,069	70,476
	1994	180	178	30.0	5,340	5.25	28,035	97,347
Other Spring Wheat	1991	2,600	2,400	34.0	81,600	\$3.24	\$264,384	504,565
	1992	2,750	2,550	31.0	79,050	3.54	279,837	757,608
	1993	2,800	2,700	**37.0	99,900	3.63	362,637	565,821
	1994	3,450	3,350	30.0	**100,500	3.80	**381,900	562,220
All Wheat	1991	5,130	4,479	36.5	163,507	\$3.17	\$518,863	1,980,139
	1992	5,500	4,947	30.1	149,151	3.42	509,534	2,466,798
	1993	5,565	5,264	**39.2	**206,334	3.50	**715,160	2,396,440
	1994	5,580	5,378	31.7	170,590	3.80	646,273	2,320,610
Barley	1991	1,800	1,650	52.0	85,800	\$2.34	\$200,772	464,326
	1992	1,350	1,200	44.0	52,800	2.39	126,192	455,090
	1993	1,300	1,100	**58.0	63,800	2.06	131,428	398,041
	1994	1,300	1,200	44.0	52,800	2.25	118,800	374,862
Oats	1991	200	110	55.0	6,050	\$1.30	\$7,865	243,851
	1992	165	90	56.0	5,040	1.23	6,199	294,229
	1993	140	85	**65.0	5,525	1.41	7,790	206,770
	1994	*140	75	48.0	3,600	1.30	4,680	229,857
Corn for Grain 2/	1991	75	15	120.0	1,800	\$2.70	\$4,860	7,474,765
	1992	70	25	110.0	2,750	2.0	6,875	9,476,698
	1993	65	8	105.0	840	2.90	2,436	6,336,470
	1994	60	20	**135.0	2,700	2.65	7,155	10,103,030
		Thousands	Thousands	Tons	Thousands		Thousands	Thousands
Corn for Silage	1991	--	59	18.0	1,062	--	--	81,216
	1992	--	43	21.0	903	--	--	87,663
	1993	--	55	18.0	990	--	--	81,289
	1994	--	39	21.0	819	--	--	87,949
Sugar beets	1991	56.6	56.3	23.3	**1,312	\$37.30	\$48,938	28,203
	1992	55.9	55.8	22.8	1,272	43.80	55,714	29,143
	1993	54.4	54.1	21.6	1,169	43.60	50,968	26,249
	1994	54.3	54.0	**24.2	1,307	--	--	32,008
Alfalfa Hay	1991	--	1,350	2.50	3,375	\$51.50	\$173,813	83,319
	1992	--	1,300	2.30	2,990	71.50	213,785	79,140
	1993	--	1,450	2.40	3,480	69.50	241,860	80,305
	1994	--	**1,550	2.30	**3,565	70.00	249,550	81,398
Other Hay	1991	--	800	1.60	1,280	\$46.00	\$58,880	68,754
	1992	--	780	1.60	1,248	60.50	75,504	67,763
	1993	--	780	**1.70	1,326	59.00	78,234	66,494
	1994	--	650	1.50	975	61.50	59,963	68,726
All Hay 3/	1991	--	2,150	2.17	4,655	\$50.50	\$232,693	152,073
	1992	--	2,080	2.04	4,238	69.50	289,289	146,903
	1993	--	2,230	2.16	4,806	68.00	**320,094	146,799
	1994	--	2,200	2.06	4,540	69.00	309,513	150,124
Sweet Cherries 4/	1991	--	--	--	--	--	--	139,900
	1992	--	--	--	340	\$988.00	\$336	192,050
	1993	--	--	--	105	1,590.00	167	160,575
	1994	--	--	--	640	1,200.00	768	192,810
		Thousands	Thousands	Cwt.	Thousands		Thousands	Thousands
Fall Potatoes	1991	9.4	9.3	300.0	2,790	\$5.70	\$15,903	417,622
	1992	8.6	8.5	290.0	2,465	8.40	20,706	425,367
	1993	9.1	9.0	300.0	2,700	8.95	24,165	428,693
	1994	10.0	10.0	**320.0	**3,200	8.20	**26,240	459,342
Dry Beans	1991	9.0	8.3	19.0	158	\$13.20	\$2,086	33,765
	1992	10.2	9.5	19.0	181	19.10	3,457	22,615
	1993	12.0	11.0	14.1	155	27.30	4,232	21,913
	1994	10.2	10.0	22.0	220	16.90	3,718	29,187

1/ All estimates for 1994 are preliminary 2/ Planted acreage of corn for all purposes 3/ Price of baled hay
 4/ Utilized production in actual tons *Record low **Record high