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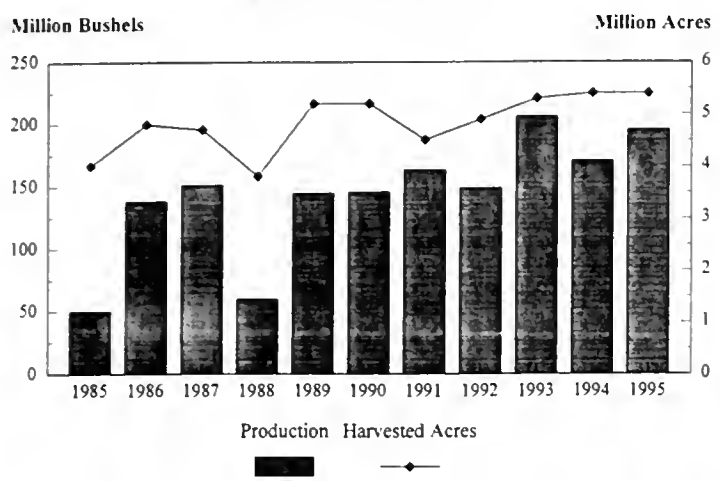
## Annual Summary 1995

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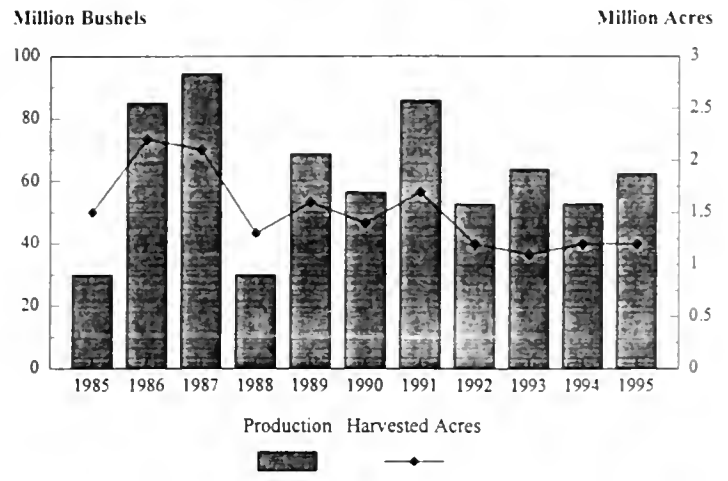
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### Montana All Wheat



### Montana Barley



## MONTANA 1995 CROP PRODUCTION SECOND LARGEST ON RECORD

Montana farmers produced the second largest wheat crop on record in 1995. The spring started out wet and cool, causing some apprehension among farmers for the lateness of the crop. Sufficient moisture and heat were able to produce above average yields by the end of the summer. The eastern portion of the state did suffer some heat damage which lowered potential yields. Winter wheat seedings totaled 1.5 million acres, the smallest seeding since 1951. The dry fall of 1994 caused many farmers to switch to spring wheat for the 95 crop year. Farmers harvested 1.37 million acres with a average yield of 40 bushels per acre, the second highest yield on record. Total production was estimated at 54.8 million bushels, down 15% from last year.

The decrease in winter wheat acreage was made up by a large increase in other spring wheat. Farmers planted the largest other spring wheat acreage since 1953 when durum and other spring wheat were combined. There were 3.95 million acres planted with 3.8 million acres harvested. Yields average 35 bushels to the acre, also the second highest yield, only behind 1993's record. The increase in acreage and good yield produced the largest spring wheat crop ever. Better prices resulted in a large increase in durum wheat acreage planted. Farmers seeded 270,000 acres in 1995 compared with 180,000 in 1994. Yields averaged 30 bushels to the acre on the 265,000 acres harvested. Yields, in the northeast where most of the durum is grown, were hurt by prolonged heat stress. Total production of durum was estimated at 7.95 million bushels, up 49% from the previous year.

Barley growers planted 1.3 million acres and harvested 1.2 million acres this year, both unchanged from 1994. Producers realized a yield of 52 bushels per acre, which tied with the second highest yield on record. Total production was 62.4 million bushels, up 18% from a year ago.

Oat production totaled 4.72 million bushels, up 31% from 1994. Producers harvested 80,000 acres with an average yield of 59 bushels per acre. Farmers also realized a record year for all hay production at 5.36 million tons. Yields average 2.23 tons per acre on 2.4 million acres. Alfalfa harvested acreage accounted for 1.6 million acres of the total with a yield of 2.5 tons per acre for a record production of 4.0 million tons. Other hay harvested acreage was 800,000 acres with a yield of 1.7 tons per acre which ties the highest other hay yield record.

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MONTANA ANNUAL CROP SUMMARY, 1992-95 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	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	3.45	223,338	1,661,943
	1995	1,500	1,370	40.0	54,800	**4.60	252,080	1,547,311
Durum Wheat	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	4.83	25,792	96,747
	1995	270	265	30.0	7,950	5.05	40,148	102,280
Other Spring Wheat	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	3.51	352,755	562,291
	1995	**3,950	**3,800	35.0	**133,000	**4.55	**605,150	535,948
All Wheat	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	3.54	601,935	2,320,981
	1995	5,720	5,435	36.0	195,750	**4.60	**897,378	2,185,539
Barley	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	2.22	117,216	374,862
	1995	1,300	1,200	52.0	62,400	**3.10	193,440	359,102
Oats	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	229,008
	1995	145	80	59.0	4,720	1.45	6,844	161,847
Corn for Grain 2/	1992	70	25	110.0	**2,750	\$2.50	\$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	10,102,735
	1995	*55	16	120.0	1,920	3.00	5,760	7,373,876
		Thousands		Tons	Thousands	Thousands		Thousands
Corn for Silage	1992	--	43	21.0	903	--	--	87,663
	1993	--	55	18.0	990	--	--	81,289
	1994	--	39	**21.0	819	--	--	88,588
	1995	--	38	20.0	760	--	--	77,867
Sugar beets	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	41.90	54,763	31,853
	1995	55.7	55.5	21.5	1,193	--	--	27,954
Alfalfa Hay	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	71.50	254,898	81,336
	1995	--	**1,600	2.50	**4,000	68.00	272,000	84,980
Other Hay 3/	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	62.50	60,938	68,724
	1995	--	800	**1.70	1,360	57.50	78,200	69,806
All Hay 3/	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	71.00	315,836	150,060
	1995	--	2,400	**2.23	**5,360	66.50	**350,200	154,786
Sweet Cherries 4/	1992	--	--	--	340	\$988.00	\$336	191,650
	1993	--	--	--	105	1,590.00	167	160,575
	1994	--	--	--	640	1,200.00	770	192,910
	1995	--	--	--	540	1,340.00	721	152,850
		Thousands		Cwt.	Thousands	Thousands		Thousands
Fall Potatoes 5/	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	6.90	22,080	467,924
	1995	9.8	9.8	300.0	2,940	**10.80	**31,752	442,309
Dry Beans	1992	10.2	9.5	19.1	181	\$19.10	\$3,457	22,615
	1993	12.0	11.0	14.1	155	27.30	4,232	21,913
	1994	10.0	10.0	**22.0	220	16.90	3,718	29,028
	1995	11.0	10.8	19.0	205	16.10	3,301	31,032

1/ 1994 estimates are revised. 2/ Planted acreage of corn for all purposes 3/ Price of baled hay 4/ Utilized production in actual tons 5/ U.S. totals are for all potatoes \*Record low \*\*Record high