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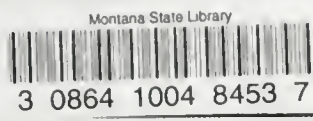


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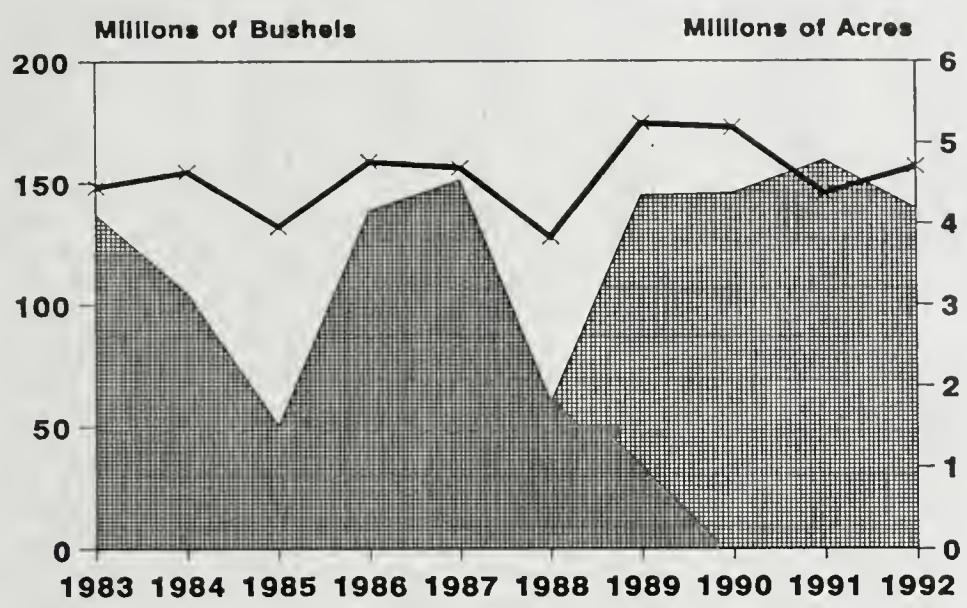
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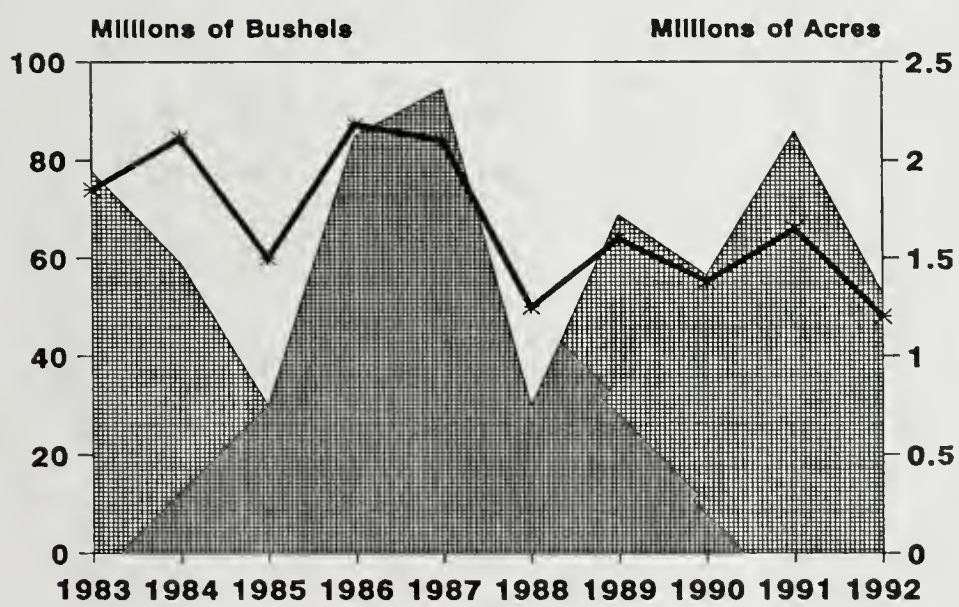
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Montana Barley



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1992 CROP PRODUCTION

Montana's 1992 small grain growing season started early and finished late. Warm, dry weather through the winter months encouraged winter wheat to break dormancy early, and by the end of February about 30 percent of the acreage was out of dormancy.

All wheat production in 1992 totaled 139.6 million bushels, 12 percent less than last year's large crop, but 5 percent above the five-year average.

Barley production, from 27 percent fewer acres than last year, was down 38 percent, and was 21 percent less than the five-year average.

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MONTANA ANNUAL CROP SUMMARY, 1992 1/

	Year	Acreage		Unit	Yield		% Prev Year	Season Avg. Price	% Prev Year	Value of Prod	% Prev Year	U.S. Prod
		Plant	Harv		Per Acre	Total Prod						
		Thousands			Thou							
Winter Wheat	1989	2,500	1,500	Bu.	36.0	54,000	+35	3.73	-3	201,420	+31	1,454,642
	1990	2,700	2,500		35.0	87,500	+62	2.53	-32	221,375	+10	2,030,874
	1991	2,350	1,800		40.0	72,000	-18	3.13	+24	225,360	+2	1,372,617
	1992	2,600	2,100		29.0	60,900	-15	3.30	+5	200,970	-11	1,606,534
Durum Wheat	1989	340	335	Bu.	18.0	6,030	+191	3.31	-36	19,959	+85	92,229
	1990	245	235		19.0	4,465	-26	2.72	-18	12,145	-39	122,430
	1991	180	179		33.0	5,907	+32	2.81	+3	16,599	+37	103,957
	1992	160	157		33.0	5,181	-12	3.05	+9	15,802	-5	97,196
Other Spring Wheat	1989	3,500	3,400	Bu.	25.0	85,000	+372	3.64	-11	309,400	+319	489,747
	1990	2,800	2,450		22.0	53,900	-37	2.80	-23	150,920	-51	583,124
	1991	2,600	2,400		34.0	81,600	+51	3.24	+16	264,384	+75	504,565
	1992	2,650	2,450		30.0	73,500	-10	3.60	+11	264,600	0	755,100
All Wheat	1989	6,340	5,235	Bu.	27.7	145,030	+142	3.66	-8	530,779	+122	2,036,618
	1990	5,745	5,185		28.1	145,865	+1	2.65	-28	384,440	-28	2,736,428
	1991	5,130	4,379		36.4	159,507	+9	3.17	+20	506,343	+32	1,981,139
	1992	5,410	4,707		29.7	139,581	-12	3.45	+9	481,372	-5	2,458,830
Barley	1989	1,700	1,600	Bu.	43.0	68,800	+129	2.21	-22	152,048	+80	404,203
	1990	1,600	1,380		41.0	56,580	-18	2.30	+4	130,134	-14	422,196
	1991	1,800	1,650		52.0	85,800	+52	2.34	+2	200,722	+54	464,326
	1992	1,350	1,200		44.0	52,800	-38	2.60	+11	137,280	-32	456,348
Oats	1989	250	145	Bu.	46.0	6,670	+139	1.42	-37	9,471	+50	373,587
	1990	160	70		40.0	2,800	-58	1.25	-12	3,500	-63	357,524
	1991	200	110		55.0	6,050	+116	1.30	+4	7,865	+125	243,451
	1992	165	70		56.0	3,920	-35	1.20	-8	4,704	-40	294,604
Corn for Grain 2/	1989	80	4	Bu.	80.0	320	-85	2.60	-17	832	-88	7,525,493
	1990	65	9		95.0	855	+167	2.50	-4	2,138	+157	7,934,028
	1991	75	15		120.0	1,800	+111	2.70	+8	4,860	+127	7,475,480
	1992	70	25		110.0	2,750	+53	2.50	-7	6,875	+41	9,478,914
Corn for Silage	1989	--	75	Tons	18.0	1,350	+6	--	--	--	--	86,109
	1990	--	55		19.0	1,045	-23	--	--	--	--	86,844
	1991	--	59		18.0	1,062	+2	--	--	--	--	80,543
	1992	--	43		21.0	903	-15	--	--	--	--	86,862
Fall Potatoes	1989	8.2	8.1	Cwt.	275.0	2,228	+3	8.25	+6	18,381	+10	324,673
	1990	9.0	8.9		280.0	2,492	+12	8.60	+4	21,431	+17	352,507
	1991	9.4	9.3		300.0	2,790	+12	5.70	-34	15,903	-26	371,730
	1992	8.6	8.5		290.0	2,465	-12	8.20	+44	20,213	+27	366,064
Dry Beans	1989	6.0	5.9	Cwt.	22.0	130	+71	27.50	-2	3,575	+68	23,729
	1990	13.5	13.0		16.9	220	+69	13.60	-51	2,992	-16	32,379
	1991	9.0	8.3		19.0	158	-28	13.20	-3	2,086	-30	33,765
	1992	10.2	9.5		19.0	181	+15	19.10	+45	3,457	+66	22,047
Sugar Beets	1989	52.7	51.9	Tons	19.9	1,033	0	43.60	-4	45,039	-3	25,131
	1990	55.2	55.1		22.5	1,240	+20	43.20	-1	53,568	+19	27,513
	1991	56.6	56.3		23.3	1,312	+6	37.30	-14	48,938	-9	28,203
	1992	55.9	55.8		22.8	1,272	-3	--	--	--	--	28,848
Alfalfa Hay	1989	--	1,350	Tons	2.20	2,970	+42	--	--	--	--	77,370
	1990	--	1,350		2.50	3,375	+14	65.00	--	219,375	--	83,555
	1991	--	1,500		2.50	3,750	+11	51.50	-21	193,125	-12	83,795
	1992	--	1,400		2.35	3,290	-12	72.00	40	236,880	+23	79,652
Other Hay	1989	--	1,000	Tons	1.50	1,500	+114	--	--	--	--	--
	1990	--	800		1.40	1,120	-25	56.00	--	62,720	--	63,265
	1991	--	900		1.60	1,440	+29	46.00	-18	66,240	+6	69,530
	1992	--	850		1.60	1,120	-22	62.00	+35	84,320	+27	69,488
All Hay 3/	1989	--	2,350	Tons	1.90	4,470	+60	69.50	-18	300,900	+27	145,512
	1990	--	2,150		2.09	4,495	+1	64.00	-8	282,095	-6	146,820
	1991	--	2,400		2.16	5,190	+15	50.50	-21	259,365	-8	153,325
	1992	--	2,250		2.07	4,650	-10	71.00	+41	321,200	+24	149,140
Sweet 4/ Cherries	1989	--	--	Tons	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	190,930
	1990	--	--		--	150	--	1,670.00	--	250	--	132,350
	1991	--	--		--	--	--	--	--	--	--	143,400
	1992	--	--		--	340	--	988.00	--	336	--	177,082
All Main Crops	1989	--	--		--	--	--	--	--	1,061,025	+66	--
	1990	--	--		--	--	--	--	--	880,548	-17	--
	1991	--	--		--	--	--	--	--	1,052,135	+19	--
	1992	--	--		--	--	--	--	5/	1,075,055	+2	--

1/ All estimates for 1992 are preliminary. 2/ Planted acreage of corn for all purposes. 3/ Price of baled hay. 4/ Utilized production in actual tons. 5/ 1991 price used to compute value of production for 1992 sugar beet crop.