



Alfalfa is the most important hay crop and on the basis of value of production is the fourth most important crop in the United States. Alfalfa and other leguminous hay and leguminous hay mixed with other grasses comprise more than two-thirds of the acreage of hay harvested in the United States.

Alfalfa made up more than two-fifths of the acreage of all hay harvested in 1959. The proportion of the total acreage of hay represented by the total acreage of alfalfa was nearly twice as large in 1959 as in 1939. Alfalfa has accounted for an increasing part of total hay production since 1939. The data in the follow-