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November Crop Production

North Dakota

Soybean production in North Dakota is forecast at 116 million bushels, unchanged from the October forecast but up 10 percent from the 2008 crop, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, North Dakota Field Office. Area to be harvested is estimated at 3.85 million acres, up 2 percent from 2008. Based on conditions as of November 1, yields are expected to average 30 bushels per harvested acre, unchanged from October but up 2 bushels from last year.

Corn for Grain production is estimated at 212 million bushels, down 2 percent from the October forecast and 26 percent from last year's record high. Area to be harvested for grain is estimated at 1.75 million acres, down 24 percent from 2008. Corn for grain yields are expected to average 121 bushels per harvested acre, down 2 bushels from the October forecast and 3 bushels from last year.

Dry edible pea production is estimated at a record high 11.5 million cwt (hundredweight) since records began in 1998, up 46 percent from last year. Area to be harvested is estimated at 480,000 acres, down 4 percent from last year. Average yield is estimated at a record high 2,400 pounds per harvested acre, up 820 pounds from 2008 and up 60 pounds from the previous high set in 2004.

Lentil production is forecast at a record high 2.54 million cwt since records began in 1998, up from 828,000 cwt last year. Area for harvest is estimated at 163,000 acres, up from 90,000 in 2008. Average yield is estimated at a record high 1,560 pounds per harvested acre, up 640 pounds from last year and up 10 pounds from the previous high set in 1999.

Fall potato production is expected to be 18.8 million cwt, down 17 percent from last year and down 21 percent from 2007. Planted area, at 83,000 acres, is up 1,000 acres from last year but down 14,000 from 2007. Acres harvested are estimated at 75,000, down 6,000 acres from last year and 16,000 acres from 2007. The average yield is forecast at 250 cwt per harvested acre, down 30 cwt from last year's record high and down 10 cwt from 2007. Producers expect to sell 89.0 percent of the total production, compared with 89.1 percent actually marketed last year and the 2004-2008 average of 89.4 percent

Production forecasts in this report are based on yield projections and acreage reports collected from a cross-section of North Dakota producers on or around November 1. This report is based on conditions at the time and assumes no extreme conditions during the remainder of the crop season.

United States

Soybean production is forecast at a record high 3.32 billion bushels, up 2 percent from the October forecast and up 12 percent from last year. Area for harvest is forecast at 76.6 million acres, unchanged from last month but up 3 percent from 2008. Harvested area, if realized, will be the largest on record. Based on November 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 43.3 bushels per acre, up 0.9 bushel from last month and up 3.6 bushels from 2008. If realized, this will be the highest U.S. yield on record.

Corn production is forecast at 12.9 billion bushels, down 1 percent from last month but 7 percent higher than 2008. Area harvested and to be harvested for grain is forecast at 79.3 million acres, unchanged from October but up 1 percent from 2008. If realized, area harvested for grain will be the second largest on record since 1944, behind only the 86.5 million acres harvested in 2007. Based on conditions as of November 1, yields are expected to average 162.9 bushels per acre, down 1.3 bushels from October but 9.0 bushels above last year. Despite the drop in yield from October, this yield will be the highest on record if realized.

Dry edible pea production is forecast at 17.4 million cwt, up 42 percent from the 2008 estimate. All five program States showed increased production from last season and, if realized, this will be the highest production since records began in 1928. Area for harvest, at 835,900 acres, is 1 percent below a year ago. Average yield is forecast at 2,079 pounds per acre, up 631 pounds from last season.

Lentil production is forecast at 5.83 million cwt, up 144 percent from last year. Acreage, yield, and production increased in all four program States. Area for harvest is forecast at 405,000 acres, up 55 percent from the previous year. Average yield is expected to be 1,439 pounds per acre, up 522 pounds per acre from 2008.

Potato production in 2009 from all four seasons is forecast at 430 million cwt, up 4 percent from last year. Harvested area, at 1.04 million acres, is virtually unchanged from last year. Yield is forecast at 411 cwt per acre, up 15 cwt from the previous year record high of 396 cwt per acre.

Crop Summary: Area Planted and Harvested
North Dakota and United States, 2008 and Forecasted November 1, 2009 ¹

Crop	North Dakota				United States			
	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Area Planted		Area Harvested	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>
Barley ²	1,650	1,210	1,540	1,130	4,246	3,567	3,779	3,113
Corn for Grain ³	2,550	1,950	2,300	1,750	85,982	86,351	78,640	79,294
Corn for Silage			220				5,965	
Hay, All			3,220	2,620			60,062	60,177
Alfalfa			1,660	1,500			20,980	20,982
All Other			1,560	1,120			39,082	39,195
Oats ²	320	350	130	165	3,247	3,404	1,400	1,379
Rye ^{2,4}					1,260	1,241	269	252
Wheat, All ²	9,230	8,680	8,640	8,415	63,193	59,133	55,699	49,868
Winter ²	630	580	550	545	46,307	43,311	39,608	34,485
Durum ²	1,800	1,650	1,690	1,570	2,721	2,554	2,574	2,428
Spring ²	6,800	6,450	6,400	6,300	14,165	13,268	13,517	12,955
Canola	910	730	895	715	1,011.0	831.0	989.0	807.5
Flaxseed	335	330	323	320	354	353	340	341
Mustard Seed ⁴					79.5	53.5	71.5	50.5
Rapeseed ⁴					0.2	0.9	0.2	0.8
Safflower ⁴					202	194	195	187
Soybeans	3,800	3,900	3,760	3,850	75,718	77,510	74,681	76,619
Sunflower, All	1,115	885	1,080	850	2,516.5	2,032.0	2,396.0	1,939.0
Oil	960	770	930	740	2,163.0	1,698.0	2,062.0	1,624.0
Non-oil	155	115	150	110	353.5	334.0	334.0	315.0
Sugarbeets	208	230	197	216	1,090.8	1,185.0	1,004.6	1,150.5
Dry Edible Beans, All	660	610	640	550	1,495.0	1,532.6	1,445.2	1,435.0
Dry Edible Peas	520	490	500	480	882.5	865.3	847.3	835.9
Lentils	95	165	90	163	271	413	261	405
Fall Potatoes, All	82	83	81	75	931.1	936.9	922.0	919.9

¹ Data are latest estimates available. ² Spring and durum wheat, barley and oats revised based on September Ag Survey re-interview. Winter wheat and rye estimates carried forward from September Small Grains 2009 Summary. ³ Area planted for all purposes. ⁴ Published at U.S. level only.

Crop Summary: Yield and Production
North Dakota and United States, 2008 and Forecasted November 1, 2009 ¹

Crop	Unit	North Dakota				United States					
		Yield		Production		Yield		Production			
		2008	2009		2008	2009	2008	2009		2008	2009
			Oct 1	Nov 1				Oct 1	Nov 1		
			<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>				<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>		
Barley ²	Bu	56.0	70.0	86,240	79,100	63.6	73.0	240,193	227,323		
Corn for Grain	Bu	124	123	121	285,200	211,750	153.9	164.2	162.9	12,101,238	12,920,928
Corn for Silage	Tons	10.0			2,200		18.7			111,619	
Hay, All ³	Tons	1.28	1.61	1.61	4,118	4,230	2.43	2.54	2.54	145,672	152,729
Alfalfa ³	Tons	1.40	1.70	1.70	2,324	2,550	3.32	3.43	3.43	69,620	71,977
All Other ³	Tons	1.15	1.50	1.50	1,794	1,680	1.95	2.06	2.06	76,052	80,752
Oats ²	Bu	51.0	68.0	6,630	11,220	63.7	67.5	89,135	93,081		
Rye ^{2,4}	Bu					29.7	27.8	7,979	6,993		
Wheat, All ²	Bu	36.0	44.8	311,200	377,190	44.9	44.4	2,499,164	2,216,171		
Winter ²	Bu	41.0	48.0	22,550	26,160	47.1	44.2	1,867,333	1,522,718		
Durum ²	Bu	25.0	39.0	42,250	61,230	32.6	44.9	83,827	109,042		
Spring ²	Bu	38.5	46.0	246,400	289,800	40.5	45.1	548,004	584,411		
Canola ³	Lbs	1,460	1,900	1,900	1,306,700	1,358,500	1,461	1,861	1,861	1,445,064	1,502,820
Flaxseed	Bu	17.0			5,491		16.8			5,716	
Mustard Seed ⁴	Lbs						577			41,255	
Rapeseed ⁴	Lbs						1,500			300	
Safflower ⁴	Lbs						1,592			310,433	
Soybeans	Bu	28.0	30.0	30.0	105,280	115,500	39.7	42.4	43.3	2,967,007	3,319,270
Sunflower, All ³	Lbs	1,399	1,557	1,557	1,511,400	1,323,400	1,429	1,538	1,538	3,422,840	2,981,670
Oil	Lbs	1,430			1,329,900		1,452			2,993,510	
Non-oil	Lbs	1,210			181,500		1,285			429,330	
Sugarbeets	Tons	25.9	24.5	22.0	5,102	4,752	26.7	26.8	25.6	26,837	29,445
Dry Edible Beans, All ^{3,5}	Cwt	1,570	1,500	1,500	10,048	8,250	1,768	1,754	1,754	25,558	25,170
Dry Edible Peas ⁵	Cwt	1,580	2,400	7,900	11,520	11,520	1,448	2,079	12,270	17,378	
Lentils ⁵	Cwt	920	1,560	828	2,543	2,543	917	1,439	2,393	5,827	
Fall Potatoes, All	Cwt	280	250	22,680	18,750	411	426	378,588	391,529		

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