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Idaho Dry Bean Production Down

Idaho dry bean production for 2007 is forecast to be 1.54 million cwt, down 19 percent from last year's 1.91 million cwt, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Yields are expected to average 1,750 pounds per acre, a decrease of 100 pounds per acre from 2006 and 150 pounds below the August forecast. Harvested acreage is expected to total 88,000 acres, down 15 percent from last year's 103,000 acres harvested. Dry Bean estimates include garbanzo beans, which are grown primarily in North Idaho. Production of alfalfa hay is estimated at 5.04 million tons, down 1 percent from 2006. Harvested acreage, at 1.20 million acres, is up 2 percent from last year's 1.18 million acres. Other hay production is estimated at 464,000 tons from 290,000 harvested acres, down from the 646,000 tons from 340,000 acres in 2006. Idaho sugarbeet production for 2007 is forecast to be 5.09 million tons, down 14 percent from the 5.93 million tons a year ago. Yield of 30.5 tons per acre is down from last year's record 31.7 tons per acre. Harvested area of 167,000 acres is down from the 187,000 acres harvested in 2006. Corn planted for 2007 is estimated at a record 310,000 acres, up 40,000 acres from the previous record set last year. Of the 310,000 acres planted, 95,000 acres are expected to be harvested for grain, up from last year's 65,000 acres harvested. If realized, this harvested acreage will be a record high for corn for grain in Idaho.

U.S. dry edible bean production is forecast at 25.3 million cwt for 2007, up 6 percent from the August forecast and 4 percent above last year. Harvested acreage is forecast at 1.46 million acres, 2 percent above the August forecast but 5 percent below last year. The average U.S. yield is forecast at 1,727 pounds per acre, an increase of 78 pounds from the August forecast and 150 pounds above last year. Production of corn for grain is forecast at a record 13.3 billion bushels, 26 percent above 2006. Production of alfalfa hay is forecast at 72.3 million tons, up 3 percent from the August forecast and up 1 percent from last year. Other hay production is forecast at 75.6 million tons, up slightly from the August forecast and up 8 percent from 2006. U.S. sugarbeet production is forecast at 30.4 million tons, 1 percent above the September forecast but 11 percent below last year's production. The yield is forecast at 24.5 tons per acre, up 0.3 ton from September but down 1.6 tons from the 2006 record high yield. Harvested area is expected to total 1.24 million acres, unchanged from last month but 5 percent below last year.



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