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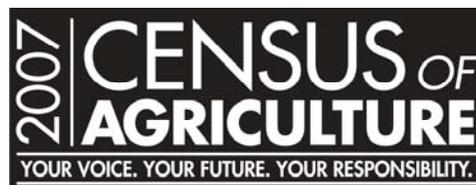
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Idaho Dry Bean Production Down 16 Percent

Idaho's 2007 dry edible bean production is expected to total 1.60 million cwt, down 16 percent from last year's production of 1.91 million cwt. Planted acreage of 90,000 and harvested acreage of 89,000 decreased from last year's 105,000 acres planted and 103,000 acres harvested. Average yield is expected to be 1,800 pounds per acre, down 50 pounds from the previous year.

Pinto production decreased from last year, but continues to account for the largest portion of Idaho's crop with 38.7 percent of Idaho's production. Chickpea (garbanzo) production also decreased from last year, but still accounts for 27.0 percent of the total. The majority of chickpea production is the large type. Pink production accounts for 9.2 percent of all production. Navy production accounts for 5.5 percent. Small red production accounts for 6.5 percent of production. Black production accounts for 3.2 percent of Idaho's production, and Great Northern production accounts for 3.1 percent. Dark red kidneys, light red kidneys, small whites, cranberries, and other classes made up the remaining dry edible bean production in Idaho. Of the twelve classes of dry edible beans estimated for Idaho during 2007, all posted production losses from last year, except for small red beans.

Nationally, U.S. dry edible bean production is forecast at 25.2 million cwt for 2007, virtually unchanged from the October forecast but 4 percent above the 2006 production. Harvested acreage is forecast at 1.48 million acres, 1 percent above the last forecast but 4 percent below the previous year's acreage. The average U.S. yield is forecast at 1,708 pounds per acre, a decrease of 19 pounds from the October forecast but 131 pounds above the 2006 yield. Production is up from a year ago for large lima, baby lima, pinto, light red kidney, black, and large chickpeas. Production decreased from last year for navy, great northern, small white, dark red kidney, pink, small red, cranberry, blackeye, and small chickpeas.



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