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Dear Respondent:

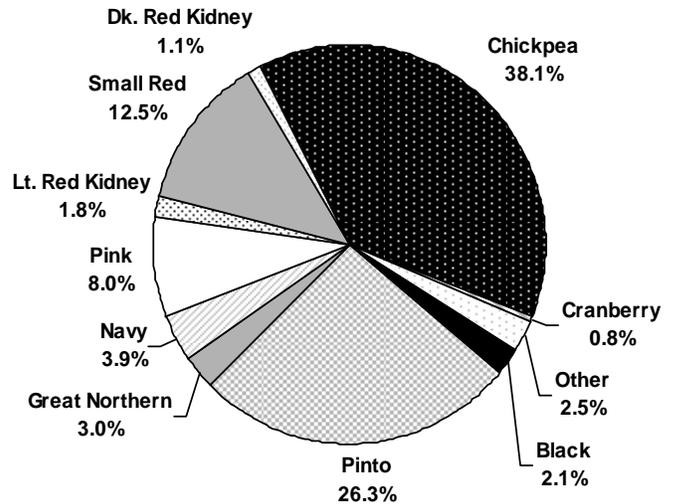
This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News covers the results of the July Dry Bean Dealers' survey and the August Dry Bean Growers' survey. Acreage, yield, and production are reported for selected states and the United States.

This release is sent to survey participants in appreciation for their time spent responding to the survey. Thank you for reporting and your continued support.

Sincerely,

William R. Meyer
Director

Idaho Dry Bean Classes Percent of 2008 Planted Acreage 1/



1/ Percentages do not add to 100 due to rounding.

Idaho Dry Bean Production Down 5 Percent from 2007

Idaho's 2008 dry edible bean production is expected to decrease 5 percent from last year. Production is forecast at 1.52 million cwt, down from last year's 1.60 million cwt. Planted acreage, at 80,000, and harvested acreage, at 78,000, are down from last year's 90,000 acres planted and 89,000 acres harvested. Yields are expected to average 1,950 pounds per acre, 150 pounds per acre more than last year.

Acreage planted to Idaho's largest two classes decreased substantially from last year. Chickpea acreage declined 27 percent, but still accounts for the largest area with 30,500 acres. Pinto bean plantings decreased 16 percent from last year to 21,000 acres. Small red acreage, at 10,000 acres, more than doubled from last year's 4,500 acres. Planted acreage of pinks increased 5 percent from last year to 6,400. Navy bean planted acreage decreased 6 percent to 3,100 acres. Acreage planted to Great Northerns increased 20 percent from last year to 2,400 acres. Black bean planted acreage decreased 29 percent from last year to 1,700 acres. Light red kidney planted acreage is up 8 percent from last year at 1,400 acres, while dark red kidneys are unchanged from last year at 900 planted acres. Cranberry planted acreage, at 600 acres, is down from last year's 900 acres. Planted acreage of other classes total 2,000 acres, down from the 2,100 acres for all other classes last year.

Nationally, dry edible bean production is expected to total 24.2 million cwt, down 5 percent from last year and slightly below 2006. Production is expected to be below last year in 11 of the 18 producing states, primarily due to reduced acreage. Planted acreage, at 1.40 million acres, decreased 8 percent from last year. Harvested acreage is forecast at 1.35 million acres, also down 8 percent from last year. Yields are expected to be 1,786 pounds per acre, an increase of 70 pounds from last year and 209 pounds more than two years ago. If realized, this will be the highest yield on record for the U.S. At the U. S. level, planted area of pinto beans is down 17 percent from last year. Blacks, chickpeas, light red kidneys, pinks, blackeyes, cranberries, and limas also declined in planted acreage from last year. Planted area increased from 2007 for great northerns, small reds, dark red kidneys, and small whites.

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All Dry Beans Harvested, Yield, and Production --
Selected States and U. S., 2007 and Forecasted August 1, 2008 ^{1/}

State	Harvested		Yield ^{2/}		Production ^{2/}	
	2007	2008	2007	August 1, 2008	2007	2008
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>1,000 Cwt.</i>	
California	58.0	51.0	2,090	2,100	1,212	1,071
Colorado	46.0	51.0	1,600	2,000	736	1,020
Idaho	89.0	78.0	1,800	1,950	1,602	1,521
Michigan	195.0	185.0	1,600	1,650	3,120	3,053
Minnesota	145.0	140.0	1,800	1,800	2,610	2,520
Nebraska	107.0	115.0	2,260	2,200	2,418	2,530
North Dakota	665.0	575.0	1,590	1,650	10,574	9,488
Oregon	7.9	4.7	1,850	1,800	146	85
Washington	60.0	50.0	1,700	1,700	1,020	850
Wyoming	24.0	30.0	2,310	2,360	555	708
U.S. Total	1,478.7	1,353.6	1,716	1,786	25,371	24,172

1/ Excludes garden bean seed.

2/ Clean basis.

Dry Bean Acreage Planted by Class -- Selected States and U.S., 2008

Class	CA	CO	ID	MI	MN	NE	ND	OR	WA	U.S.
	<i>Thousand Acres</i>									
Pinto	--	41.0	21.0	1.6	16.0	43.0	397.0	--	5.3	573.8
Small Red	--	--	10.0	20.0	1.6	--	4.7	--	3.2	39.5
Pink	--	--	6.4	--	8.8	--	9.0	--	2.5	26.7
Navy	--	--	3.1	65.0	62.0	--	111.0	--	--	247.4
Great Northern	--	--	2.4	--	0.5	61.0	8.3	--	--	74.7
Black	--	--	1.7	85.0	13.0	2.6	47.0	0.5	1.6	159.0
Lt. Red Kidney	2.0	9.0	1.4	6.0	9.4	10.5	--	1.0	0.5	47.1
Dk. Red Kidney	0.6	--	0.9	2.5	36.0	--	1.5	0.3	--	49.6
Cranberry	1.3	--	0.6	6.5	--	--	--	--	--	8.4
Chickpea	6.4	--	30.5	--	--	--	9.0	1.0	32.7	86.8
Other	41.7	5.0	2.0	3.4	2.7	2.9	2.5	2.0	4.2	88.9
All Dry Beans	52.0	55.0	80.0	190.0	150.0	120.0	590.0	4.8	50.0	1,401.9

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