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2007 Selected Specialty Crops County Estimates

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The USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Montana Field Office released county estimates for selected 2007 pulse crops and oilseeds. This is the ninth year of the data series, but the first year camelina estimates were set. County-level data are not always published because of established disclosure rules. Funding for these county estimates was provided by the Montana Department of Agriculture. Estimates for dry beans, safflower, flaxseed, and mustard seed will be released at a later date.

Sheridan was the number one **lentil**-producing county in 2007, with 595,000 cwt, Daniels was second with 59,000 cwt, and Valley county was third with 50,000 cwt. Growers from the Northeast District produced 95 percent of the state's lentil crop. Total lentil production for 2007 was 842,000 cwt. Sheridan county was the largest **dry edible pea** producer in 2007 with 934,000 cwt, followed by Daniels county with 795,000 cwt, and Roosevelt county with 595,000 cwt. Northeast district farmers produced 3.2 million cwt or 86 percent of the state's total dry pea production of 3.7 million cwt. **Austrian winter pea** production during 2007 was 26,000 cwt. The North Central district produced 63 percent, or 16,300 cwt, of the state's total, followed by the Central district with 15 percent, or 3,900 cwt.

Pondera was the largest **canola**-producing county in 2007 with 3.4 million pounds, or 34 percent of the state's total, followed by Toole county with 1.9 million pounds. The North Central district produced 69 percent of the 10.1 million pounds of canola produced in 2007. Montana's **sunflower** production totaled 3.0 million pounds in 2007. The Northeast district accounted for 2.3 million pounds or 78 percent of the total production. Montana produced 12,197,000 pounds of **camelina** in 2007. Valley county was the top producer with 3,077,000 pounds, followed by Chouteau with 1,488,000 pounds, and Pondera with 1,257,000 pounds. The Northeast district produced 40 percent of the state's total, while the North Central district produced 36 percent of the total.

All of the preceding information, plus yield, planted and harvested acres by county, district, and state are now available in printed form or can be accessed by visiting our website at www.nass.usda.gov/mt/. We compile the only annual county estimates for Montana based on an acreage and production survey of Montana farmers conducted in the fall of 2007. Thanks to those who participated!

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