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2009 Annual Crop Production Summary

North Dakota

Corn for grain production is estimated at 208 million bushels, down 2 percent from the November forecast and 27 percent below the record high 2008 crop. This is according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, North Dakota Field Office. The average grain yield is estimated at 119 bushels per harvested acre, down 2 bushels from November and 5 bushels below 2008's final yield of 124 bushels. The 2009 yield is the third highest on record, behind 2005's yield of 129 bushels per acre and 2008's 124 bushels per acre. Area harvested for grain, at 1.75 million acres, is down from 2008's 2.30 million acres and the record high 2.35 million acres harvested in 2007.

Soybean production is estimated at 116 million bushels, up 1 percent from the November forecast and 10 percent above 2008. This is the second highest production on record, behind 2006's production of 122 million bushels harvested. The average yield was 30.0 bushels per harvested acre, showing no change from the November forecast but up 2.0 bushels from 2008. Acres harvested are estimated at 3.87 million, up from 3.76 million acres the previous year.

Oil sunflower production is estimated at 1.16 billion pounds, down 13 percent from 2008 and 11 percent below 2007. Yield is estimated at 1,520 pounds per harvested acre, up 90 pounds from the previous year and 70 pounds above 2007. Acres harvested are estimated at 760,000, down from 930,000 in 2008 and 895,000 in 2007. **Non-oil sunflower** production is estimated at 162 million pounds, down 11 percent from 2008 and 20 percent below 2007. Yield is estimated at 1,500 pounds per harvested acre, up 290 pound from the previous year and 230 pounds above 2007. An estimated 108,000 acres were harvested, compared with 150,000 in 2008 and 160,000 in 2007.

Canola production for 2009 is estimated at 1.33 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2008 and 1 percent above 2007. Yield for the 2009 crop is a record high 1,840 pounds per harvested acre, up from the previous year's yield of 1,460 pounds and the previous high of 1,630 pounds in 2004. Harvested acres totaled 725,000 acres, down from 895,000 acres harvested from the 2008 crop.

Flaxseed production is estimated at 7.03 million bushels, up 28 percent from 2008 and 27 percent above 2007. Yield per harvested acre is a record high 24.0 bushels, up from 17.0 bushels the previous year. Acres harvested are estimated at 293,000 acres, compared with 323,000 acres the previous year and 317,000 acres in 2007.

Dry edible pea production is estimated at a record high 11.5 million hundredweight (cwt), up 46 percent from 2008 and 6 percent above the previous high set in 2007. Yield is estimated at a record high 2,400 pounds per acre, up from the previous year's record low 1,580 pounds and above the previous high of 2,340 pounds set in 2004. Acres harvested are estimated at 480,000, down 20,000 acres from both 2008 and 2007. Records for dry edible pea acreage and production began in 1998.

Lentil production is estimated at a record high 2.56 million cwt, up from 828,000 cwt in 2008 and 1.44 million cwt in 2007. The previous record high production was 1.97 million cwt set in 2005. Yield is estimated at a record high 1,560 pounds per harvested acre, up from the previous year's yield of 920 pounds and above 2007's 1,360 pounds. The previous record high yield was 1,550 pounds per acre in 1999. Lentil acres harvested, at 164,000, is also a record high, up from 2008's 90,000 acres and above 2007's 106,000 acres. The previous record high for harvested acres was 148,000 set in 2006. Records for lentil acreage and production began in 1998.

Sugarbeet production for 2009 is estimated at 4.80 million tons, down from 2008's 5.10 million tons and down from 5.71 million tons in 2007. Yield is estimated at 22.0 tons per harvested acre, down from 25.9 tons the previous year and 23.1 tons in 2007. Acres harvested are set at 218,000 acres, up from 197,000 acres the previous year but down from 247,000 acres in 2007.

United States

Corn for grain production is estimated at a record 13.2 billion bushels, up 2 percent from the November 1 forecast, and 1 percent above the previous record of 13.0 billion bushels set in 2007. U.S. grain yield is also estimated at a record level for 2009, at 165.2 bushels per acre. This is up 2.3 bushels from the November forecast and 4.9 bushels above the previous record of 160.3 bushels per acre set in 2004.

Soybean production in 2009 totaled 3.36 billion bushels, up 1 percent from the November 1 forecast and up 13 percent from 2008. U.S. production is the largest on record. The average yield per acre is estimated at a record high 44.0 bushels, 0.7 bushel above the November 1 forecast and 4.3 bushels above the previous year's yield. Harvested area is up 2 percent from 2008 to a record 76.4 million acres.

Production of **oil-type sunflower** varieties, at 2.58 billion pounds, decreased 14 percent from 2008. The average yield for oil-type varieties is the second highest on record, up 111 pounds from 2008 to 1,563 pounds per acre. Harvested acres are down 20 percent from the previous year. Production of **non-oil sunflower** varieties, at 452 million pounds, increased 5 percent from the previous year. The average yield increased by 221 pounds from last year to a record high 1,506 pounds per acre. Area harvested, at 300,500 acres, is down 10 percent from 2008.

Canola production in 2009 is 1.47 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2008 but down 2 percent from the October 1 forecast. The yield, at 1,811 pounds per acre, is up 350 pounds from the previous year's yield but down 50 pounds from October. The yield is the highest since records began in 1991.

**Annual Crop Summary: Area Planted and Harvested
North Dakota and United States, 2008-2009 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	1,650	1,210	1,540	1,130	4,246	3,567	3,779	3,113
Corn for Grain ²	2,550	1,950	2,300	1,750	85,982	86,482	78,570	79,630
Corn for Silage			220	170			5,965	5,605
Hay, All			3,220	2,960			60,152	59,755
Alfalfa			1,660	1,780			21,060	21,227
All Other			1,560	1,180			39,092	38,528
Oats	320	350	130	165	3,247	3,404	1,400	1,379
Rye ³					1,260	1,241	269	252
Wheat, All	9,230	8,680	8,640	8,415	63,193	59,133	55,699	49,868
Winter	630	580	550	545	46,307	43,311	39,608	34,485
Durum	1,800	1,650	1,690	1,570	2,721	2,554	2,574	2,428
Spring	6,800	6,450	6,400	6,300	14,165	13,268	13,517	12,955
Canola	910	730	895	725	1,011	827	989	814
Flaxseed	335	295	323	293	354	317	340	314
Mustard Seed ³					79.5	51.5	71.5	49.8
Rapeseed ³					0.2	1.0	0.2	0.9
Safflower ³					202.0	175.0	195.0	165.5
Soybeans	3,800	3,900	3,760	3,870	75,718	77,451	74,681	76,407
Sunflower, All	1,115	885	1,080	868	2,516.5	2,030.0	2,396.0	1,953.5
Oil	960	770	930	760	2,163.0	1,698.0	2,062.0	1,653.0
Non-oil	155	115	150	108	353.5	332.0	334.0	300.5
Sugarbeets	208	225	197	218	1,090.7	1,183.2	1,004.5	1,145.3
Dry Edible Beans, All	660.0	610.0	640.0	580.0	1,495.0	1,537.5	1,445.2	1,463.0
Navy	123.0	86.0	118.0	82.0	250.6	194.9	242.1	186.5
Great Northern	6.7	8.0	6.5	7.2	76.1	53.9	71.1	48.3
Pinto	446.0	439.0	433.0	419.0	629.3	690.3	606.9	654.6
Dark Red Kidney	1.4	1.5	1.3	1.2	50.8	50.5	49.3	47.3
Pink	12.5	11.0	12.4	10.9	30.6	27.6	30.2	27.0
Small Red	6.0	2.5	5.9	2.3	42.3	35.1	41.4	34.3
Black	53.5	46.0	53.0	43.0	171.9	187.4	168.9	179.3
Chickpeas, All (Garbanzo)	9.3	13.2	8.4	11.8	83.5	96.0	82.1	93.9
Small	4.0	9.0	3.3	8.3	11.7	22.5	10.9	21.7
Large	5.3	4.2	5.1	3.5	71.8	73.5	71.2	72.2
Other	1.6	2.8	1.5	2.6	159.9	201.8	153.2	191.8
Dry Edible Peas	520	490	500	480	882.5	863.3	847.3	837.9
Lentils	95	165	90	164	271	415	261	407
Fall Potatoes, All	82.0	83.0	81.0	75.0	931.1	937.1	922.0	919.6
Irrigated ^{4,5}	28.0	26.5	27.8	24.4				
Types, Reds ⁵	17.5	20.0	17.3	16.9				
Whites ⁵	22.5	27.0	22.3	24.7				
Yellows ⁵	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.9				
Russets ⁵	41.0	35.0	40.5	32.5				

¹ Data are latest estimates available. ² Area planted for all purposes. ³ Published at U.S. level only. ⁴ Included in all potatoes. ⁵ Published at state level only.

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North Dakota and United States, 2008-2009 ¹**

Crop	Unit	North Dakota				United States			
		Yield		Production		Yield		Production	
		2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
				<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
Barley	Bu	56.0	70.0	86,240	79,100	63.6	73.0	240,193	227,323
Corn for Grain	Bu	124	119	285,200	208,250	153.9	165.2	12,091,648	13,151,062
Corn for Silage	Tons	10.0	12.0	2,200	2,040	18.7	19.3	111,619	108,209
Hay, All	Tons	1.28	1.77	4,118	5,240	2.43	2.47	146,270	147,442
Alfalfa	Tons	1.40	1.85	2,324	3,293	3.33	3.35	70,180	71,030
All Other	Tons	1.15	1.65	1,794	1,947	1.95	1.98	76,090	76,412
Oats	Bu	51.0	68.0	6,630	11,220	63.7	67.5	89,135	93,081
Rye ²	Bu					29.7	27.8	7,979	6,993
Wheat, All	Bu	36.0	44.8	311,200	377,190	44.9	44.4	2,499,164	2,216,171
Winter	Bu	41.0	48.0	22,550	26,160	47.1	44.2	1,867,333	1,522,718
Durum	Bu	25.0	39.0	42,250	61,230	32.6	44.9	83,827	109,042
Spring	Bu	38.5	46.0	246,400	289,800	40.5	45.1	548,004	584,411
Canola	Lbs	1,460	1,840	1,306,700	1,334,000	1,461	1,811	1,445,064	1,474,130
Flaxseed	Bu	17.0	24.0	5,491	7,032	16.8	23.6	5,716	7,423
Mustard Seed ²	Lbs					577	991	41,255	49,364
Rapeseed ²	Lbs					1,500	1,700	300	1,530
Safflower ²	Lbs					1,592	1,462	310,433	241,970
Soybeans	Bu	28.0	30.0	105,280	116,100	39.7	44.0	2,967,007	3,361,028
Sunflower, All	Lbs	1,399	1,518	1,511,400	1,317,200	1,429	1,554	3,422,840	3,036,460
Oil	Lbs	1,430	1,520	1,329,900	1,155,200	1,452	1,563	2,993,510	2,584,010
Non-oil	Lbs	1,210	1,500	181,500	162,000	1,285	1,506	429,330	452,450
Sugarbeets	Tons	25.9	22.0	5,102	4,796	26.8	25.8	26,881	29,519
Dry Edible Beans, All ³	Cwt	1,570	1,470	10,048	8,526	1,768	1,733	25,558	25,360
Navy ³	Cwt	1,770	1,540	2,087	1,263	1,876	1,787	4,542	3,332
Great Northern ³	Cwt	1,690	1,570	110	113	2,248	2,068	1,598	999
Pinto ³	Cwt	1,540	1,460	6,660	6,106	1,690	1,667	10,257	10,914
Dark Red Kidney ³	Cwt	1,540	1,580	20	19	2,012	1,797	992	850
Pink ³	Cwt	1,700	1,380	211	150	1,844	1,841	557	497
Small Red ³	Cwt	1,440	1,520	85	35	1,971	2,050	816	703
Black ³	Cwt	1,380	1,420	731	610	1,731	1,679	2,923	3,010
Chickpeas, All (Garbanzo) ³	Cwt	1,420	1,640	119	194	1,362	1,538	1,118	1,444
Small ³	Cwt	1,330	1,600	44	133	1,183	1,378	129	299
Large ³	Cwt	1,470	1,740	75	61	1,389	1,586	989	1,145
Other ³	Cwt	1,670	1,380	25	36	1,798	1,883	2,755	3,611
Dry Edible Peas ³	Cwt	1,580	2,400	7,900	11,520	1,448	2,045	12,270	17,137
Lentils ³	Cwt	920	1,560	828	2,558	917	1,440	2,393	5,859
Fall Potatoes, All	Cwt	280	255	22,680	19,125	411	428	378,586	393,503
Irrigated ^{4,5}	Cwt	405	400	11,260	9,760				
Types, Reds ⁵	Cwt	197	173	3,415	2,930				
Whites ⁵	Cwt	194	178	4,325	4,405				
Yellows ⁵	Cwt	178	160	160	144				
Russets ⁵	Cwt	365	358	14,780	11,646				

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