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## COUNTY ESTIMATES

**N**orth Dakota  
Cass County led all other North Dakota counties in spring wheat production in 2005 with 11.2 million bushels, up from second place in 2004. There were 268,000 acres harvested for grain in Cass County, which averaged 41.8 bushels per acre. Walsh County moved up to second place from third in 2004, with 9.32 million bushels produced. In third place, Ward County produced 9.29 million bushels.

Williams County topped all North Dakota counties in durum production for the fifth consecutive year, with 10.8 million bushels. Acres harvested for grain totaled 339,500, with an average yield of 31.8 bushels. Divide County came in second, with 8.79 million bushels produced, followed by Mountrail County, with 7.58 million bushels.

The largest barley producing county in North Dakota for the fifth consecutive year was Bottineau County, with 3.98 million bushels harvested from 82,000 acres. The average yield for Bottineau County

was 48.5 bushels. Renville County came in second, with 3.48 million bushels produced. In third place, Ramsey County produced 3.22 million bushels.

Cavalier County topped all North Dakota counties in canola production, with 269 million pounds, more than double the next highest county. Acres harvested for grain totaled 193,000, with an average yield of 1,395 pounds. McLean County came in second, with 111 million pounds produced, followed by Towner County, with 110 million pounds.

The top corn for grain producing county in 2005 was again Richland County, with 28.5 million bushels from 212,000 harvested acres. The average yield in Richland County was 134.3 bushels per harvested acre. Cass County remained in second place with 16.1 million bushels harvested from 111,500 acres. In third place, Dickey County produced 13.5 million bushels.

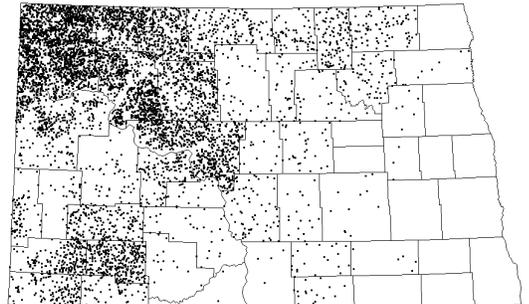
The largest soybean producing county in North Dakota was again Cass County, with 17.1 million bushels harvested from 439,500 acres. Cass County was also the Nation's number one producing soybean county in both acreage and total production. The average yield for Cass County was 38.9 bushels. Barnes County moved up to second place with 11.2 million bushels produced. It was followed by Richland County, with 10.7 million bushels.

### Spring Wheat: Production North Dakota, 2005



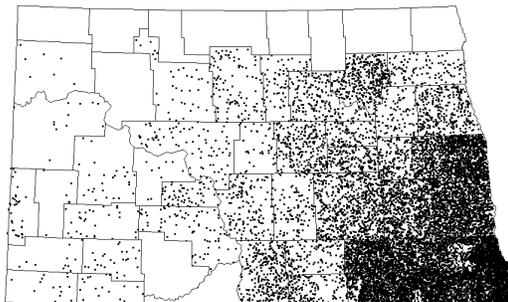
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### Durum Wheat: Production North Dakota, 2005



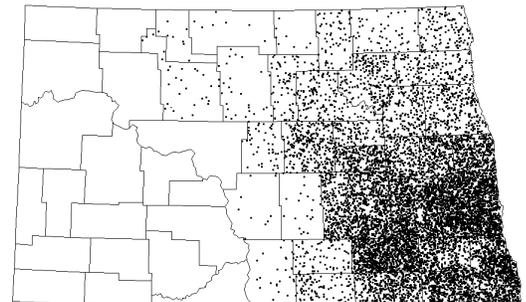
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### Corn for Grain: Production North Dakota, 2005



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### Soybeans: Production North Dakota, 2005



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**COUNTY ESTIMATES (Continued)**

**Spring Wheat, Durum Wheat and Barley: Acreage, Yield and Production, North Dakota by County, 2005 <sup>1/</sup>**

| District and County                    | Spring Wheat      |                |             |                | Durum Wheat       |                |             |               | Barley            |                |             |               |
|--|-------------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------|---------------|
|  | Area Planted      | Area Harvested | Yield       | Production     | Area Planted      | Area Harvested | Yield       | Production    | Area Planted      | Area Harvested | Yield       | Production    |
|  | -- 1,000 Acres -- |                | Bu          | 1,000 Bu       | -- 1,000 Acres -- |                | Bu          | 1,000 Bu      | -- 1,000 Acres -- |                | Bu          | 1,000 Bu      |
| Burke                                  | 85.0              | 84.0           | 34.3        | 2,880          | 120.0             | 119.5          | 37.8        | 4,520         | 20.0              | 19.5           | 46.7        | 910           |
| Divide                                 | 9.0               | 8.8            | 27.3        | 240            | 265.0             | 264.0          | 33.3        | 8,790         | 4.0               | 3.5            | 40.0        | 140           |
| Mountrail                              | 79.0              | 75.0           | 33.9        | 2,545          | 205.0             | 204.5          | 37.1        | 7,580         | 32.0              | 29.0           | 55.5        | 1,610         |
| Renville                               | 125.0             | 122.0          | 37.2        | 4,540          | 60.0              | 59.5           | 39.0        | 2,320         | 62.0              | 60.0           | 58.0        | 3,480         |
| Ward                                   | 240.0             | 235.0          | 39.5        | 9,290          | 120.0             | 119.0          | 40.0        | 4,760         | 48.0              | 45.0           | 58.2        | 2,620         |
| Williams                               | 52.0              | 50.2           | 28.2        | 1,415          | 340.0             | 339.5          | 31.8        | 10,800        | 29.0              | 28.0           | 48.6        | 1,360         |
| <b>Combined Counties Northwest</b>     | <b>590.0</b>      | <b>575.0</b>   | <b>36.4</b> | <b>20,910</b>  | <b>1,110.0</b>    | <b>1,106.0</b> | <b>35.1</b> | <b>38,770</b> | <b>195.0</b>      | <b>185.0</b>   | <b>54.7</b> | <b>10,120</b> |
| Benson                                 | 150.0             | 146.0          | 31.4        | 4,580          | 9.0               | 8.9            | 30.3        | 270           | 56.0              | 52.0           | 52.1        | 2,710         |
| Bottineau                              | 170.0             | 151.0          | 31.6        | 4,765          | 53.0              | 48.5           | 32.8        | 1,590         | 98.0              | 82.0           | 48.5        | 3,980         |
| McHenry                                | 140.0             | 137.0          | 33.0        | 4,520          | 15.5              | 13.0           | 31.2        | 405           | 45.0              | 36.5           | 53.8        | 1,965         |
| Pierce                                 | 120.0             | 118.0          | 33.4        | 3,940          | 11.5              | 11.4           | 29.8        | 340           | 32.0              | 30.0           | 54.3        | 1,630         |
| Rolette                                | 60.0              | 53.0           | 35.6        | 1,885          | 19.0              | 18.7           | 34.0        | 635           | 24.0              | 21.5           | 47.7        | 1,025         |
| <b>Combined Counties North Central</b> | <b>640.0</b>      | <b>605.0</b>   | <b>32.5</b> | <b>19,690</b>  | <b>108.0</b>      | <b>100.5</b>   | <b>32.2</b> | <b>3,240</b>  | <b>255.0</b>      | <b>222.0</b>   | <b>50.9</b> | <b>11,310</b> |
| Cavalier                               | 310.0             | 304.0          | 30.3        | 9,210          | 27.0              | 26.5           | 32.5        | 860           | 40.0              | 39.0           | 45.1        | 1,760         |
| Grand Forks                            | 235.0             | 228.0          | 38.7        | 8,825          |                   |                |             |               | 14.5              | 12.7           | 49.6        | 630           |
| Nelson                                 | 115.0             | 112.0          | 34.6        | 3,880          | 2.0               | 1.9            | 33.7        | 64            | 26.5              | 26.0           | 52.1        | 1,355         |
| Pembina                                | 225.0             | 216.0          | 29.5        | 6,380          |                   |                |             |               | 6.0               | 5.8            | 43.1        | 250           |
| Ramsey                                 | 125.0             | 116.0          | 31.7        | 3,680          | 19.0              | 18.0           | 31.5        | 567           | 64.0              | 61.0           | 52.8        | 3,220         |
| Towner                                 | 170.0             | 165.0          | 31.6        | 5,220          | 34.0              | 33.0           | 32.9        | 1,085         | 31.0              | 28.0           | 50.9        | 1,425         |
| Walsh                                  | 250.0             | 244.0          | 38.2        | 9,315          | 3.4               | 3.3            | 31.2        | 103           | 18.0              | 17.5           | 52.6        | 920           |
| <b>Combined Counties Northeast</b>     | <b>1,430.0</b>    | <b>1,385.0</b> | <b>33.6</b> | <b>46,510</b>  | <b>87.0</b>       | <b>84.0</b>    | <b>32.4</b> | <b>2,720</b>  | <b>200.0</b>      | <b>190.0</b>   | <b>50.3</b> | <b>9,560</b>  |
| Dunn                                   | 145.0             | 144.0          | 34.2        | 4,920          | 15.8              | 15.6           | 34.0        | 530           | 23.5              | 18.6           | 52.2        | 970           |
| McKenzie                               | 75.0              | 74.5           | 27.0        | 2,015          | 104.0             | 103.7          | 31.5        | 3,270         | 34.0              | 24.0           | 49.6        | 1,190         |
| McLean                                 | 215.0             | 214.5          | 38.4        | 8,230          | 160.0             | 159.7          | 38.5        | 6,155         | 26.0              | 25.5           | 61.2        | 1,560         |
| Mercer                                 | 63.0              | 61.0           | 31.5        | 1,920          | 31.0              | 30.9           | 40.3        | 1,245         | 17.0              | 10.3           | 48.1        | 495           |
| Oliver                                 | 67.0              | 66.0           | 33.3        | 2,195          | 4.2               | 4.1            | 39.0        | 160           | 9.5               | 6.6            | 52.3        | 345           |
| <b>Combined Counties West Central</b>  | <b>565.0</b>      | <b>560.0</b>   | <b>34.4</b> | <b>19,280</b>  | <b>315.0</b>      | <b>314.0</b>   | <b>36.2</b> | <b>11,360</b> | <b>110.0</b>      | <b>85.0</b>    | <b>53.6</b> | <b>4,560</b>  |
| Eddy                                   | 48.0              | 47.5           | 41.9        | 1,990          |                   |                |             |               | 23.0              | 22.5           | 65.8        | 1,480         |
| Foster                                 | 87.0              | 86.0           | 40.1        | 3,450          |                   |                |             |               | 29.0              | 28.5           | 61.8        | 1,760         |
| Kidder                                 | 52.0              | 51.5           | 36.7        | 1,890          | 4.8               | 4.6            | 37.4        | 172           | 11.0              | 10.5           | 53.8        | 565           |
| Sheridan                               | 93.0              | 92.0           | 34.2        | 3,150          | 5.0               | 4.9            | 31.4        | 154           | 27.0              | 24.5           | 61.4        | 1,505         |
| Stutsman                               | 180.0             | 176.0          | 37.0        | 6,510          | 3.8               | 3.7            | 30.8        | 114           | 34.0              | 33.0           | 57.3        | 1,890         |
| Wells                                  | 205.0             | 202.0          | 39.7        | 8,010          | 10.0              | 9.5            | 31.5        | 299           | 36.0              | 35.0           | 59.1        | 2,070         |
| <b>Combined Counties Central</b>       | <b>665.0</b>      | <b>655.0</b>   | <b>38.2</b> | <b>25,000</b>  | <b>24.5</b>       | <b>23.5</b>    | <b>32.6</b> | <b>765</b>    | <b>160.0</b>      | <b>154.0</b>   | <b>60.2</b> | <b>9,270</b>  |
| Barnes                                 | 210.0             | 205.0          | 38.1        | 7,810          |                   |                |             |               | 19.0              | 18.2           | 58.2        | 1,060         |
| Cass                                   | 270.0             | 268.0          | 41.8        | 11,210         |                   |                |             |               | 16.0              | 13.0           | 50.8        | 660           |
| Griggs                                 | 75.0              | 74.0           | 37.0        | 2,740          | 1.1               | 1.0            | 30.0        | 30            | 20.0              | 19.0           | 52.1        | 990           |
| Steele                                 | 105.0             | 104.0          | 35.4        | 3,680          |                   |                |             |               | 7.2               | 6.3            | 52.4        | 330           |
| Traill                                 | 120.0             | 119.0          | 38.2        | 4,550          |                   |                |             |               | 7.8               | 5.5            | 54.5        | 300           |
| <b>Combined Counties East Central</b>  | <b>780.0</b>      | <b>770.0</b>   | <b>38.9</b> | <b>29,990</b>  | <b>1.1</b>        | <b>1.0</b>     | <b>30.0</b> | <b>30</b>     | <b>70.0</b>       | <b>62.0</b>    | <b>53.9</b> | <b>3,340</b>  |
| Adams                                  | 155.0             | 137.0          | 22.8        | 3,130          | 25.0              | 22.0           | 24.7        | 543           | 7.0               | 4.8            | 47.9        | 230           |
| Billings                               | 19.0              | 18.5           | 31.1        | 575            | 7.0               | 6.7            | 38.4        | 257           | 3.9               | 2.0            | 55.0        | 110           |
| Bowman                                 | 82.0              | 79.0           | 27.6        | 2,180          | 55.0              | 49.0           | 25.7        | 1,260         | 25.0              | 12.0           | 48.3        | 580           |
| Golden Valley                          | 44.0              | 43.5           | 32.4        | 1,410          | 20.0              | 19.8           | 33.6        | 665           | 4.1               | 2.8            | 53.6        | 150           |
| Hettinger                              | 240.0             | 236.0          | 32.1        | 7,570          | 86.0              | 85.5           | 39.5        | 3,380         | 5.5               | 4.3            | 52.3        | 225           |
| Slope                                  | 95.0              | 92.0           | 36.3        | 3,340          | 45.0              | 44.0           | 42.4        | 1,865         | 12.0              | 5.0            | 53.0        | 265           |
| Stark                                  | 215.0             | 209.0          | 35.2        | 7,365          | 47.0              | 46.5           | 38.7        | 1,800         | 17.5              | 11.1           | 54.1        | 600           |
| <b>Combined Counties Southwest</b>     | <b>850.0</b>      | <b>815.0</b>   | <b>31.4</b> | <b>25,570</b>  | <b>285.0</b>      | <b>273.5</b>   | <b>35.7</b> | <b>9,770</b>  | <b>75.0</b>       | <b>42.0</b>    | <b>51.4</b> | <b>2,160</b>  |
| Burleigh                               | 100.0             | 96.0           | 34.1        | 3,270          | 17.5              | 16.5           | 39.4        | 650           | 15.0              | 13.5           | 48.1        | 650           |
| Emmons                                 | 154.0             | 152.5          | 32.2        | 4,905          | 1.3               | 1.2            | 30.0        | 36            | 20.0              | 19.5           | 73.3        | 1,430         |
| Grant                                  | 160.0             | 156.0          | 21.3        | 3,330          | 5.4               | 5.3            | 24.5        | 130           | 14.0              | 11.5           | 46.5        | 535           |
| Morton                                 | 220.0             | 210.0          | 25.5        | 5,345          | 10.0              | 9.8            | 27.6        | 270           | 25.0              | 17.6           | 52.3        | 920           |
| Sioux                                  | 36.0              | 35.5           | 18.0        | 640            | 1.8               | 1.7            | 20.0        | 34            | 1.0               | 0.9            | 50.0        | 45            |
| <b>Combined Counties South Central</b> | <b>670.0</b>      | <b>650.0</b>   | <b>26.9</b> | <b>17,490</b>  | <b>36.0</b>       | <b>34.5</b>    | <b>32.5</b> | <b>1,120</b>  | <b>75.0</b>       | <b>63.0</b>    | <b>56.8</b> | <b>3,580</b>  |
| Dickey                                 | 59.0              | 56.0           | 31.0        | 1,735          |                   |                |             |               | 4.5               | 3.5            | 58.6        | 205           |
| LaMoure                                | 101.0             | 97.0           | 35.1        | 3,405          | 1.7               | 1.6            | 34.4        | 55            | 16.5              | 16.0           | 59.4        | 950           |
| Logan                                  | 70.0              | 69.5           | 28.9        | 2,010          | 6.2               | 6.1            | 34.1        | 208           | 16.5              | 16.0           | 63.1        | 1,010         |
| McIntosh                               | 88.0              | 87.5           | 32.9        | 2,875          | 4.9               | 4.8            | 40.0        | 192           | 15.0              | 14.5           | 57.6        | 835           |
| Ransom                                 | 76.0              | 72.5           | 40.8        | 2,960          |                   |                |             |               | 3.1               | 2.9            | 55.2        | 160           |
| Richland                               | 135.0             | 128.0          | 33.2        | 4,250          |                   |                |             |               |                   |                |             |               |
| Sargent                                | 81.0              | 74.5           | 36.6        | 2,725          |                   |                |             |               |                   |                |             |               |
| <b>Combined Counties Southeast</b>     | <b>610.0</b>      | <b>585.0</b>   | <b>34.1</b> | <b>19,960</b>  | <b>0.6</b>        | <b>0.5</b>     | <b>40.0</b> | <b>20</b>     | <b>4.4</b>        | <b>4.1</b>     | <b>43.9</b> | <b>180</b>    |
| <b>Combined Districts</b>              |                   |                |             |                |                   |                |             |               |                   |                |             |               |
| <b>State Total</b>                     | <b>6,800.0</b>    | <b>6,600.0</b> | <b>34.0</b> | <b>224,400</b> | <b>1,980.0</b>    | <b>1,950.0</b> | <b>35.0</b> | <b>68,250</b> | <b>1,200.0</b>    | <b>1,060.0</b> | <b>54.0</b> | <b>57,240</b> |

<sup>1/</sup> Data published in combined counties or districts to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

**COUNTY ESTIMATES (Continued)**

**Canola, Corn and Soybeans: Acreage, Yield and Production, North Dakota by County, 2005 <sup>1/</sup>**

| District and County       | Canola            |                |       |            | All Corn          | Corn for Grain |       |            |                   | Soybeans       |       |            |  |
|---------------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------|------------|-------------------|----------------|-------|------------|-------------------|----------------|-------|------------|--|
|                           | Area Planted      | Area Harvested | Yield | Production | Area Planted      | Area Harvested | Yield | Production | Area Planted      | Area Harvested | Yield | Production |  |
|                           | -- 1,000 Acres -- |                | Lbs   | 1,000 Lbs  | -- 1,000 Acres -- |                | Bu    | 1,000 Bu   | -- 1,000 Acres -- |                | Bu    | 1,000 Bu   |  |
| Burke                     | 32.0              | 31.8           | 1,659 | 52,750     |                   |                |       |            |                   |                |       |            |  |
| Divide                    | 10.0              | 9.6            | 1,501 | 14,410     |                   |                |       |            |                   |                |       |            |  |
| Mountrail                 | 46.0              | 45.7           | 1,414 | 64,610     |                   |                |       |            |                   |                |       |            |  |
| Renville                  | 64.0              | 63.6           | 1,639 | 104,230    |                   |                |       |            | 2.7               | 2.6            | 28.8  | 75         |  |
| Ward                      | 73.0              | 71.4           | 1,521 | 108,610    | 5.4               | 3.9            | 95.6  | 373        | 11.4              | 11.3           | 26.5  | 299        |  |
| Williams                  | 7.0               | 6.9            | 1,397 | 9,640      | 2.5               | 0.8            | 90.0  | 72         |                   |                |       |            |  |
| Combined Counties         |                   |                |       |            | 4.1               | 2.8            | 73.2  | 205        | 0.4               | 0.3            | 36.7  | 11         |  |
| <b>Northwest</b>          | 232.0             | 229.0          | 1,547 | 354,250    | 12.0              | 7.5            | 86.7  | 650        | 14.5              | 14.2           | 27.1  | 385        |  |
| Benson                    | 41.5              | 40.4           | 1,292 | 52,180     | 24.0              | 19.1           | 96.1  | 1,835      | 50.0              | 47.9           | 31.8  | 1,522      |  |
| Bottineau                 | 70.0              | 65.0           | 1,353 | 87,920     |                   |                |       |            | 2.9               | 2.6            | 27.3  | 71         |  |
| McHenry                   | 33.5              | 32.4           | 1,566 | 50,750     | 20.0              | 11.1           | 95.5  | 1,060      | 8.5               | 8.4            | 33.7  | 283        |  |
| Pierce                    | 37.5              | 37.2           | 1,453 | 54,070     | 12.5              | 7.6            | 89.1  | 677        | 22.0              | 21.6           | 33.9  | 732        |  |
| Rolette                   | 47.5              | 45.0           | 1,401 | 63,030     |                   |                |       |            | 3.6               | 3.5            | 23.4  | 82         |  |
| Combined Counties         |                   |                |       |            | 6.5               | 5.2            | 84.2  | 438        |                   |                |       |            |  |
| <b>North Central</b>      | 230.0             | 220.0          | 1,400 | 307,950    | 63.0              | 43.0           | 93.3  | 4,010      | 87.0              | 84.0           | 32.0  | 2,690      |  |
| Cavalier                  | 195.0             | 193.0          | 1,395 | 269,200    |                   |                |       |            | 22.0              | 21.5           | 26.4  | 568        |  |
| Grand Forks               | 1.5               | 1.4            | 1,364 | 1,910      | 31.0              | 28.5           | 110.5 | 3,150      | 94.0              | 90.7           | 31.2  | 2,834      |  |
| Nelson                    | 22.0              | 21.7           | 1,435 | 31,140     | 10.0              | 8.4            | 103.9 | 873        | 61.0              | 60.1           | 30.3  | 1,823      |  |
| Pembina                   | 5.0               | 4.4            | 1,186 | 5,220      |                   |                |       |            | 44.0              | 42.0           | 28.3  | 1,190      |  |
| Ramsey                    | 46.0              | 44.4           | 1,352 | 60,030     | 37.5              | 35.5           | 105.1 | 3,730      | 80.0              | 75.2           | 28.7  | 2,157      |  |
| Towner                    | 91.0              | 88.7           | 1,243 | 110,250    |                   |                |       |            | 23.0              | 22.6           | 28.3  | 639        |  |
| Walsh                     | 14.5              | 14.4           | 1,438 | 20,700     | 10.0              | 9.0            | 123.3 | 1,110      | 54.0              | 53.9           | 31.5  | 1,699      |  |
| Combined Counties         |                   |                |       |            | 13.5              | 11.6           | 99.7  | 1,157      |                   |                |       |            |  |
| <b>Northeast</b>          | 375.0             | 368.0          | 1,354 | 498,450    | 102.0             | 93.0           | 107.7 | 10,020     | 378.0             | 366.0          | 29.8  | 10,910     |  |
| Dunn                      |                   |                |       |            | 15.2              | 3.8            | 67.4  | 256        |                   |                |       |            |  |
| McKenzie                  | 6.5               | 6.4            | 1,590 | 10,176     | 5.6               | 1.2            | 96.7  | 116        |                   |                |       |            |  |
| McLean                    | 73.0              | 72.7           | 1,529 | 111,144    | 10.7              | 8.1            | 95.9  | 777        |                   |                |       |            |  |
| Mercer                    | 8.0               | 7.9            | 1,275 | 10,070     | 6.0               | 1.3            | 66.2  | 86         |                   |                |       |            |  |
| Oliver                    |                   |                |       |            | 11.5              | 5.1            | 112.7 | 575        |                   |                |       |            |  |
| Combined Counties         | 2.5               | 2.3            | 1,374 | 3,160      |                   |                |       |            |                   |                |       |            |  |
| <b>West Central</b>       | 90.0              | 89.3           | 1,507 | 134,550    | 49.0              | 19.5           | 92.8  | 1,810      |                   |                |       |            |  |
| Eddy                      | 6.5               | 6.4            | 1,744 | 11,160     | 9.5               | 8.5            | 124.7 | 1,060      | 32.5              | 32.4           | 35.3  | 1,145      |  |
| Foster                    | 8.0               | 7.0            | 1,854 | 12,980     | 17.0              | 14.6           | 115.8 | 1,690      | 84.0              | 83.2           | 33.2  | 2,765      |  |
| Kidder                    | 1.9               | 1.8            | 1,522 | 2,740      | 15.5              | 8.8            | 131.9 | 1,161      | 7.1               | 6.7            | 32.4  | 217        |  |
| Sheridan                  | 18.0              | 17.8           | 1,581 | 28,150     | 5.5               | 3.1            | 107.1 | 332        | 14.4              | 14.3           | 31.2  | 446        |  |
| Stutsman                  | 7.1               | 7.0            | 1,770 | 12,390     | 62.0              | 57.5           | 123.7 | 7,115      | 280.0             | 277.2          | 38.2  | 10,587     |  |
| Wells                     | 18.5              | 18.1           | 1,523 | 27,560     | 25.5              | 21.5           | 115.9 | 2,492      | 84.0              | 83.2           | 35.1  | 2,920      |  |
| Combined Counties         |                   |                |       |            |                   |                |       |            |                   |                |       |            |  |
| <b>Central</b>            | 60.0              | 58.1           | 1,635 | 94,980     | 135.0             | 114.0          | 121.5 | 13,850     | 502.0             | 497.0          | 36.4  | 18,080     |  |
| Barnes                    |                   |                |       |            | 64.0              | 60.5           | 146.0 | 8,830      | 280.0             | 278.0          | 40.2  | 11,185     |  |
| Cass                      |                   |                |       |            | 115.0             | 111.5          | 144.0 | 16,055     | 440.0             | 439.5          | 38.9  | 17,095     |  |
| Griggs                    | 3.4               | 3.3            | 1,521 | 5,020      | 14.5              | 12.0           | 135.4 | 1,625      | 70.0              | 69.3           | 35.7  | 2,475      |  |
| Steele                    |                   |                |       |            | 34.5              | 33.0           | 128.2 | 4,230      | 90.0              | 88.2           | 34.1  | 3,010      |  |
| Traill                    |                   |                |       |            | 82.0              | 81.0           | 127.4 | 10,320     | 150.0             | 149.0          | 34.1  | 5,085      |  |
| Combined Counties         | 3.6               | 3.3            | 1,555 | 5,130      |                   |                |       |            |                   |                |       |            |  |
| <b>East Central</b>       | 7.0               | 6.6            | 1,538 | 10,150     | 310.0             | 298.0          | 137.8 | 41,060     | 1,030.0           | 1,024.0        | 37.9  | 38,850     |  |
| Adams                     |                   |                |       |            | 8.8               | 3.3            | 53.0  | 175        |                   |                |       |            |  |
| Billings                  |                   |                |       |            | 1.5               | 0.9            | 66.7  | 60         |                   |                |       |            |  |
| Bowman                    |                   |                |       |            | 6.8               | 2.3            | 60.0  | 138        |                   |                |       |            |  |
| Golden Valley             |                   |                |       |            | 4.4               | 3.5            | 89.7  | 314        |                   |                |       |            |  |
| Hettinger                 | 18.8              | 18.6           | 1,370 | 25,480     | 7.2               | 4.5            | 62.4  | 281        |                   |                |       |            |  |
| Slope                     | 2.4               | 2.3            | 1,583 | 3,640      | 2.6               | 1.5            | 66.0  | 99         |                   |                |       |            |  |
| Stark                     | 2.7               | 2.6            | 1,250 | 3,250      | 12.7              | 4.0            | 73.3  | 293        |                   |                |       |            |  |
| Combined Counties         | 2.1               | 1.8            | 1,406 | 2,530      |                   |                |       |            |                   |                |       |            |  |
| <b>Southwest</b>          | 26.0              | 25.3           | 1,379 | 34,900     | 44.0              | 20.0           | 68.0  | 1,360      |                   |                |       |            |  |
| Burleigh                  | 8.6               | 8.4            | 1,530 | 12,850     | 21.5              | 13.5           | 106.7 | 1,440      | 3.2               | 3.1            | 30.3  | 94         |  |
| Emmons                    |                   |                |       |            | 35.0              | 28.5           | 112.6 | 3,210      | 7.8               | 7.6            | 28.7  | 218        |  |
| Grant                     | 3.3               | 3.2            | 1,166 | 3,730      |                   |                |       |            |                   |                |       |            |  |
| Morton                    | 3.4               | 3.1            | 1,181 | 3,660      | 31.0              | 7.5            | 95.5  | 716        |                   |                |       |            |  |
| Sioux                     |                   |                |       |            |                   |                |       |            |                   |                |       |            |  |
| Combined Counties         | 0.7               | 0.5            | 1,520 | 760        | 17.5              | 5.5            | 80.7  | 444        | 0.9               | 0.8            | 28.8  | 23         |  |
| <b>South Central</b>      | 16.0              | 15.2           | 1,382 | 21,000     | 105.0             | 55.0           | 105.6 | 5,810      | 11.9              | 11.5           | 29.1  | 335        |  |
| Dickey                    |                   |                |       |            | 105.0             | 95.0           | 142.3 | 13,515     | 110.0             | 106.5          | 42.5  | 4,525      |  |
| LaMoure                   |                   |                |       |            | 87.0              | 82.0           | 146.6 | 12,020     | 230.0             | 227.0          | 41.3  | 9,370      |  |
| Logan                     | 1.9               | 1.5            | 1,607 | 2,410      | 16.0              | 11.7           | 116.2 | 1,360      | 21.0              | 20.6           | 38.1  | 785        |  |
| McIntosh                  | 2.1               | 2.0            | 1,480 | 2,960      | 16.0              | 12.8           | 121.5 | 1,555      | 30.0              | 29.0           | 37.6  | 1,090      |  |
| Ransom                    |                   |                |       |            | 60.0              | 56.0           | 137.5 | 7,700      | 93.0              | 91.4           | 42.5  | 3,885      |  |
| Richland                  |                   |                |       |            | 220.0             | 212.0          | 134.3 | 28,475     | 300.0             | 293.5          | 36.6  | 10,740     |  |
| Sargent                   |                   |                |       |            | 86.0              | 80.5           | 144.2 | 11,605     | 140.0             | 133.0          | 42.0  | 5,585      |  |
| Combined Counties         |                   |                |       |            |                   |                |       |            |                   |                |       |            |  |
| <b>Southeast</b>          | 4.0               | 3.5            | 1,534 | 5,370      | 590.0             | 550.0          | 138.6 | 76,230     | 924.0             | 901.0          | 39.9  | 35,980     |  |
| <b>Combined Districts</b> |                   |                |       |            |                   |                |       |            | 2.6               | 2.3            | 30.4  | 70         |  |
| <b>State Total</b>        | 1,040.0           | 1,015.0        | 1,440 | 1,461,600  | 1,410.0           | 1,200.0        | 129.0 | 154,800    | 2,950.0           | 2,900.0        | 37.0  | 107,300    |  |

<sup>1/</sup> Data published in combined counties or districts to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

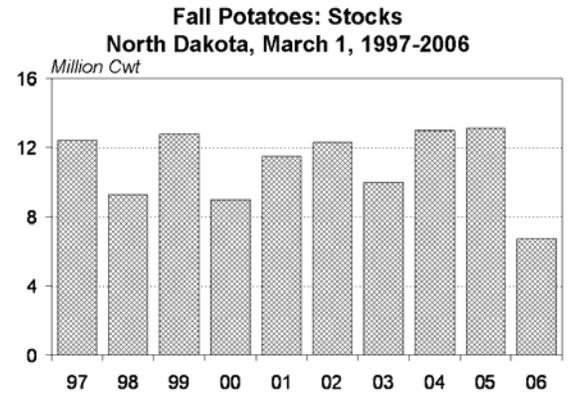
# POTATO STOCKS

**N**orth Dakota growers, dealers and processors held 6.70 million hundredweight (cwt) of potatoes in storage March 1, 2006, down 49 percent from a year ago and 48 percent from two years ago. This is the lowest level of March 1 potato stocks since 1990's 5.80 million cwt. Current stocks represent 33 percent of production, down from 49 percent last year. Total stocks are defined as all potatoes on hand, regardless of use, including those that will be lost through future shrinkage and dumping.

Disappearance from the start of harvest to March 1 totaled 13.8 million cwt, up from 13.7 million cwt a year ago, but down from 14.4 million cwt two years ago. February disappearance totaled 2.30 million cwt, up from 2.20 million

cwt a year ago and 2.00 million cwt two years ago.

**U**nited States The 13 major potato states held 154 million cwt of potatoes in storage March 1, 2006, down 8 percent from last year and 7 percent below March 1, 2004, for comparable states. Ohio and Pennsylvania were dropped from the potato stocks program starting with the 2005 storage season. Potatoes in storage account for 41 percent of the 2005 fall storage states' production, down 1 percent from last year. Disappearance of 219 million cwt of potatoes is down 6 percent from last year for comparable states. Processors in the 9 major states have used 115 million cwt of potatoes this season, down 3 percent from a year ago and 5 percent below two years ago. Dehydrating usage accounts for 23.2 million cwt of the total processing, down 11 percent from both last year and the same date in 2004.



**Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks  
15 Major States and United States, March 1, 2005-2006**

| State                               | Crop of 2004            |  | Crop of 2005            |                                      |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|--|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
|                                     | Production<br>1,000 Cwt | Stocks<br>March 1, 2005 <sup>1/</sup><br>1,000 Cwt | Production<br>1,000 Cwt | Stocks<br>March 1, 2006<br>1,000 Cwt |
| <b>North Dakota</b>                 | 26,765                  | 13,100   | 20,500                  | 6,700                                |
| California                          | 3,648                   | 1,500  | 3,240                   | 900                                  |
| Colorado                            | 23,791                  | 11,900   | 22,292                  | 10,200                               |
| Idaho                               | 131,970                 | 64,000   | 116,975                 | 55,000                               |
| Maine                               | 19,065                  | 9,400  | 15,736                  | 8,700                                |
| Michigan                            | 13,650                  | 3,600  | 13,920                  | 3,600                                |
| Minnesota                           | 18,920                  | 8,800  | 17,630                  | 7,100                                |
| Montana                             | 3,551                   | 2,400  | 3,434                   | 2,900                                |
| Nebraska                            | 9,288                   |  | 8,245                   | 3,300                                |
| New York                            | 5,184                   | 700  | 5,226                   | 1,300                                |
| Ohio <sup>2/</sup>                  | 1,080                   |  |                         |                                      |
| Oregon                              | 19,775                  | 9,000  | 22,023                  | 11,500                               |
| Pennsylvania <sup>2/</sup>          | 2,640                   | 700  |                         |                                      |
| Washington                          | 93,810                  | 29,000   | 95,480                  | 32,000                               |
| Wisconsin                           | 30,450                  | 10,700   | 27,880                  | 10,500                               |
| Other States                        |                         | 3,220  |                         |                                      |
| <b>15 State Total <sup>3/</sup></b> | <b>403,587</b>          | <b>168,020</b>                                     | <b>372,581</b>          | <b>153,700</b>                       |

<sup>1/</sup> Missing stocks combined into Other States. <sup>2/</sup> Stocks estimates discontinued in 2005. <sup>3/</sup> 13 states for the 2005 crop.

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