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### ND'S RANK IN AGRICULTURE

**N**orth Dakota Farmers and ranchers in the state maintained North Dakota's #1 ranking in the production of spring and durum wheat, barley, canola, sunflowers, flaxseed, pinto beans, navy beans, dry

edible peas and lentils in 2007 compared with other states. In 2007, all wheat and oat production moved to number one from last year's ranking of second and seventh, respectively. The last time North Dakota's all wheat was ranked number one was in 1996.

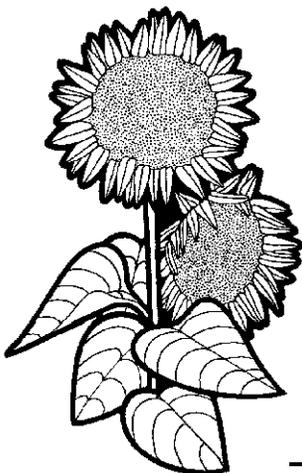
Durum wheat production in North Dakota accounted for 61 percent of the U.S. total, up from 59 percent in 2006, while spring wheat accounted for 49 percent, up from 46 percent last year. Flaxseed production accounted for 94 percent of the U.S. total, unchanged from 2006. Canola, dry edible peas, pinto beans, sunflower, navy beans, lentils, barley, and oats production accounted for 91, 65, 65, 52, 42, 39, 37 and 17 percent of the U.S. total, respectively.

North Dakota ranks first in the nation for honey production in 2007 for the fourth consecutive year. North Dakota bee colonies produced 21 percent of the U.S. production, up from 17 percent in 2006. Sugarbeet production rank fell one spot to third place, behind Minnesota and Idaho.



### North Dakota's Top Agricultural Commodities, 2007

2007 Rank in the U.S.	Commodity	Percent of Nation's Production
#1	Spring Wheat	49%
	Durum Wheat	61%
	All Wheat	15%
	Barley	37%
	Oats	17%
	Canola	91%
	All Sunflower	52%
	Oil Sunflower	52%
	Non-oil Sunflower	52%
	Flaxseed	94%
	All Dry Edible Beans	42%
	Pinto Beans	65%
	Navy Beans	42%
	Dry Edible Peas	65%
Lentils	39%	
Honey	21%	
#3	Sugarbeets	18%
#4	Potatoes	5%
#9	Soybeans	4%
	Alfalfa	5%
#10	All Hay	3%



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# NORTH DAKOTA'S RANK IN AGRICULTURE (Continued)

## The 10 Leading States and North Dakota's Rank

Item	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	North Dakota's Rank	Percent of Nation <sup>1</sup>
<b>Crop Production – 2007</b>												
Corn, Grain	IA	IL	NE	MN	IN	SD	OH	KS	MO	WI	13	2
Silage	CA	WI	NY	PA	MN	IA	ID	SD	MI	TX	19	2
Wheat, Durum	ND	MT	AZ	CA	ID	SD					1	61
Spring	ND	MN	MT	SD	ID	WA	OR	CO	UT	WI	1	49
Winter	KS	TX	WA	OK	SD	CO	NE	MT	ID	IL	16	1
All	ND	KS	MT	SD	TX	WA	OK	CO	NE	ID	1	15
Oats	ND	MN	WI	SD	IA	PA	TX	NY	OH	MI	1	17
Barley	ND	ID	MT	WA	CO	MN	WY	AZ	PA	MD	1	37
Flaxseed	ND	MT	MN/SD								1	94
Potatoes	ID	WA	WI	ND	CO	MN	OR	ME	CA	MI	4	5
Sugarbeets	MN	ID	ND	MI	CA	MT	NE	CO	WY	OR	3	18
Soybeans	IA	IL	MN	IN	OH	NE	MO	SD	ND	AR	9	4
Dry Edible Beans, Navy	ND	MN	MI	SD	ID	WY	OR				1	42
Pinto	ND	NE	ID	CO	WY	MN	WA	MT	NM	KS	1	65
All	ND	MI	MN	NE	ID	CA	WA	CO	WY	MT	1	42
Dry Edible Peas	ND	MT	WA	ID	OR						1	65
Lentils	ND	MT	WA	ID							1	39
Sunflower, Oil	ND	SD	KS	MN	CO	NE	TX				1	52
Non-oil	ND	MN	SD	TX	KS	CO	NE				1	52
All	ND	SD	KS	MN	CO	NE	TX				1	52
Canola	ND	MN	MT								1	91
Hay, Alfalfa	CA	SD	ID	IA	NE	WI	MT	MN	ND	CO	9	5
All Other	TX	MO	OK	KY	KS	AR	SD	PA	TN	CA	14	2
All	TX	CA	SD	MO	OK	KS	NE	IA	ID	ND	10	3
Total Acreage												
Principal Crops Planted	IA	IL	KS	TX	ND	MN	NE	SD	MO	IN	5	7
Principal Crops Harvested	IA	IL	ND	KS	TX	MN	NE	SD	MO	IN	3	7
Grain Storage, December 1												
On-Farm Capacity	IA	IL	MN	NE	ND	IN	SD	MO	OH	KS	5	6
Off-Farm Capacity	IL	IA	KS	NE	TX	MN	IN	OH	ND	WI	9	3
<b>Livestock on Hand – January 1, 2008</b>												
All Cattle & Calves	TX	KS	NE	CA	OK	MO	IA	SD	WI	CO	16	2
Cattle & Calves on Feed	TX	NE	KS	CO	IA	CA	SD	AZ	OK	MN	22	*
Cows That Have Calved	TX	CA	MO	OK	NE	SD	KS	MT	WI	KY	16	2
Milk	CA	WI	NY	PA	ID	MN	TX	MI	NM	OH	33	*
Beef	TX	MO	OK	NE	SD	MT	KS	KY	TN	IA	13	3
All Hogs & Pigs - Dec 1, 2007	IA	NC	MN	IL	IN	NE	MO	OK	KS	OH	24	*
All Sheep & Lambs	TX	CA	WY	CO	SD	MT	UT	IA	ID	OR	17	2
<b>Livestock Production – 2007</b>												
Calf Crop	TX	MO	CA	OK	NE	SD	MT	KS	WI	IA	14	2
Lamb Crop	TX	SD	WY	MT	CA	UT	IA	ID	CO	OR	14	2
Pig Crop	NC	IA	MN	IL	OK	NE	MO	IN	KS	OH	22	1
Wool Production	TX	WY	CA	CO	MT	SD	UT	ID	IA	OR	14	2
Honey Production	ND	CA	SD	FL	MT	MN	TX	WI	MI	ID	1	21

\* Less than one-half of one percent. <sup>1</sup> North Dakota's percent of Nation's total.

## AGRICULTURAL PRICES

### North Dakota

The Index of Prices Received for All Farm Products in February is 206 percent of the 1990-1992 base. This is up 63 percent from last year and 81 percent above two years ago. The All Crops Index, at 244 percent of the base, is up 86 percent from February 2007 and the All Livestock and Products Index, at 116 percent, is up 2 percent from last year. February indexes are calculated using preliminary mid-month prices.

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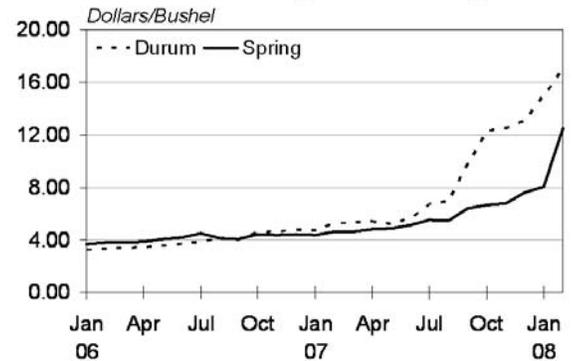
The February All Farm Products Index is 145 percent of its 1990-92 base, unchanged from the January index but 13 percent above the February 2007 index. The All Crops Index is 159, up 1 percent from January and 15 percent above February 2007. The Livestock and Products Index, at 132, is 1 percent above last month and up 10 percent from February 2007.

#### Index Numbers of Farm Prices North Dakota and United States, February 2008

Indexes and Ratios	North Dakota			United States		
	Feb 2007	Jan 2008	Feb 2008	Feb 2007	Jan 2008	Feb 2008
	(1990-92 = 100)					
<b>Prices Received</b>						
All Farm Products	126	183	206	128	145	145
Crops	131	211	244	138	158	159
Food Grains	150	272	405	154	246	298
Feed Grains & Hay	139	174	178	150	174	184
Oil Bearing Crops <sup>1/</sup>	124	192	203	124	178	197
Potatoes & Dry Beans <sup>2/</sup>	108	124	118	128	129	127
Livestock and Products	114	114	116	120	131	132
Meat Animals	114	114	116	114	111	114
Dairy Products	108	100	108	114	157	148
Other Livestock Products <sup>3/</sup>	111	111	112	139	157	163
<b>Prices Paid</b>	NA	NA	NA	156	170	172
<b>Ratio <sup>4/</sup></b>	NA	NA	NA	82	85	84

1/ Includes non-oil sunflower. 2/ North Dakota includes sugarbeets. 3/ United States excludes wool. 4/ Ratio of Index of Prices Received to Index of Prices Paid. NA=Not applicable.

#### Durum & Spring Wheat: Prices Received North Dakota, January 2006-February 2007



#### Prices Received by Farmers North Dakota and United States, February 2008

Item	Unit	North Dakota			United States			Effective U.S. Parity Price Feb 2008
		Entire Month		Preliminary	Entire Month		Preliminary	
		Feb 2007	Jan 2008	Feb 2008	Feb 2007	Jan 2008	Feb 2008	
		<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	
Wheat, All	Bu	4.71	8.31	12.70	4.71	7.93	10.40	12.30
Durum	Bu	5.21	15.00	17.00	5.16	13.20	16.40	NA
Spring	Bu	4.64	8.04	12.50	4.73	7.99	11.90	NA
Winter	Bu	4.39	7.70	9.00	4.67	7.78	9.22	NA
Corn	Bu	3.08	3.66	3.90	3.44	3.97	4.25	7.75
Oats	Bu	2.17	2.46	2.50	2.35	2.96	2.97	5.03
Barley, All	Bu	2.89	4.07	4.12	3.09	4.34	4.06	8.46
Feed	Bu	2.85	4.00	4.20	3.15	4.85	4.29	NA
Malting	Bu	2.90	4.09	4.10	3.08	4.11	3.97	NA
Sunflower, All	Cwt	14.70	18.70	22.40	14.90	19.00	22.80	38.60
Oil	Cwt	14.40	18.40	<sup>1/</sup>	NA	NA	NA	NA
Non-oil	Cwt	16.70	20.40	<sup>1/</sup>	NA	NA	NA	NA
Baled Hay, All <sup>2/</sup>	Ton	67.00	57.00	62.00	113.00	129.00	133.00	NA
Alfalfa <sup>2/</sup>	Ton	70.00	61.00	64.00	115.00	135.00	138.00	NA
Other <sup>2/</sup>	Ton	49.00	44.00	45.00	108.00	118.00	122.00	NA
Canola	Cwt	13.00	18.10	20.50	NA	17.90	20.50	35.20
Flaxseed	Bu	6.39	13.80	16.90	6.39	13.80	16.90	20.70
Soybeans	Bu	6.40	9.83	10.50	6.87	9.96	11.00	19.10
Dry Edible Beans, All	Cwt	22.60	23.50	26.00	25.40	27.30	29.50	62.30
Navy	Cwt	19.30	22.60	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pinto	Cwt	22.90	23.30	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Potatoes, All	Cwt	5.75	7.20	7.00	7.42	7.33	7.14	19.00
Fresh <sup>3/</sup>	Cwt	6.80	8.90	NA	10.10	9.26	NA	NA
Processing	Cwt	5.15	6.35	NA	6.04	6.17	NA	NA
Beef Cattle	Cwt	88.40	89.00	90.70	86.10	87.30	87.80	234.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	95.40	96.30	98.00	91.40	93.40	93.20	NA
Cows	Cwt	48.50	44.30	49.00	47.00	46.30	49.70	NA
Calves	Cwt	107.00	113.00	114.00	114.00	117.00	118.00	340.00
Sheep	Cwt	35.00	28.00	NA	37.30	31.90	NA	107.00
Lambs	Cwt	98.00	102.00	NA	94.80	97.50	NA	267.00
Hogs	Cwt	47.50	36.90	NA	47.50	37.20	41.90	128.00

1/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms. 2/ Alfalfa, other and all hay are preliminary prices only. 3/ Fresh market prices only, includes table stock. NA=Not applicable.

# HONEY PRODUCTION

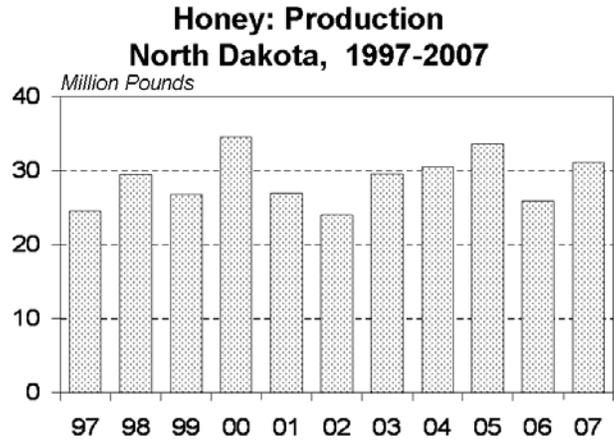
**N**orth Dakota Honey production in 2007 from North Dakota producers with five or more colonies totaled 31.1 million pounds, up 20 percent from 2006. North Dakota ranked first in the nation for honey production for the fourth consecutive year.

There were 420,000 honey producing colonies in North Dakota during 2007, up 70,000 from 2006. Yield per colony remained unchanged from the previous year at 74 pounds. Producer stocks were 9.01 million pounds on December 15, 2007, up from 7.77 million pounds a year earlier.

Prices for the 2007 crop averaged 92 cents per pound, unchanged from the previous year's revised price. Prices

were based on retail sales by producers and sales to private processors and cooperatives. Total value of honey produced in 2007 was 28.6 million dollars, up 20 percent from 2006.

**U**nited States Honey production in 2007 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 148 million pounds, down 4 percent from 2006. There were 2.44 million colonies producing honey in 2007, up 2 percent from 2006. Yield per colony averaged 60.8 pounds, down 6 percent from the 64.7 pounds in 2006. Producer honey stocks were 52.5 million pounds on December 15, 2007, down 13 percent from a year earlier. The 2007 all honey price was 103.2 cents, down slightly from 103.6 cents in 2006.



**Honey: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price, and Value, Selected States and United States, 2006-2007**

State	Producing Colonies		Yield Per Colony		Production		Stocks on Hand Dec. 15 <sup>1/</sup>		Average Price Per Pound		Value of Production	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	1,000	1,000	Pounds	Pounds	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds	Cents	Cents	1,000 Dollars	1,000 Dollars
<b>North Dakota</b>	350	420	74	74	25,900	31,080	7,770	9,013	92	92	23,828	28,594
California	380	340	52	40	19,760	13,600	7,706	3,672	99	104	19,562	14,144
Florida	170	160	81	71	13,770	11,360	1,790	1,363	101	99	13,908	11,246
Minnesota	125	130	80	68	10,000	8,840	3,300	2,564	96	99	9,600	8,752
Montana	132	135	79	68	10,428	9,180	1,981	2,203	96	94	10,011	8,629
South Dakota	225	255	47	52	10,575	13,260	10,575	10,608	95	93	10,046	12,332
<b>United States</b>	2,393	2,442	64.7	60.8	154,907	148,482	60,548	52,484	103.6	103.2	160,484	153,233

1/ Held by producers.

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