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North Dakota's 2008 Rank Among the States

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 2008 compared with other states, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, North Dakota Field Office. North Dakota is also the leading producer of honey in the U.S. For total wheat production, North Dakota ranks second, behind Kansas.

Durum wheat production in North Dakota accounted for 50 percent of the U.S. total, down from 60 percent in 2007, while spring wheat accounted for 45 percent, down from 49 percent last year. Flaxseed production accounted for 96 percent of the U.S. total, up from 94 percent in 2007. Canola, dry edible peas, pinto beans, sunflower, navy beans, lentils, and barley production accounted for 90, 64, 65, 44, 46, 35, and 36 percent of the U.S. total, respectively.

North Dakota ranks first in the nation for honey production in 2008 for the fifth consecutive year. North Dakota bee colonies produced 22 percent of the U.S. production, up from 21 percent in 2007. North Dakota's share of oat production decreased in 2008, moving its rank from number one to number four, behind Minnesota, Wisconsin and South Dakota. North Dakota's rank in sugarbeet production moved up one spot to second place, behind Minnesota.

2008 Rank in the U.S.	Commodity	Percent of Nation's Production
#1	Barley	36%
	Beans, Dry Edible, All	39%
	Beans, Navy	46%
	Beans, Pinto	65%
	Canola	90%
	Flaxseed	96%
	Honey	22%
	Lentils	35%
	Peas, Dry Edible	64%
	Sunflower, All	44%
	Sunflower, Non-Oil	42%
	Sunflower, Oil	44%
	Wheat, Durum	50%
Wheat, Spring	45%	
#2	Sugarbeets	19%
	Wheat, All	12%
#4	Oats	7%
#5	Potatoes	6%
#11	Alfalfa	3%
	Soybeans	4%
#12	Corn for Grain	2%

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 ¹
Crop Production – 2008												
Wheat, All	KS	ND	SD	OK	MT	WA	MN	TX	ID	OH	2	12
Durum	ND	CA	AZ	MT	ID	SD					1	50
Spring	ND	MN	SD	MT	ID	WA	OR	CO	WI	UT	1	45
Winter	KS	OK	SD	TX	WA	MT	OH	IL	NE	ID	22	1
Barley	ND	ID	MT	WA	CO	MN	WY	AZ	PA	MD	1	36
Oats	MN	WI	SD	ND	TX	IA	PA	NY	MI	OH	4	7
Sunflower, All	ND	SD	KS	MN	CO	TX	NE				1	44
Oil	ND	SD	KS	CO	MN	TX	NE				1	44
Non-oil	ND	SD	MN	TX	NE	CO	KS				1	42
Canola	ND	MN	MT								1	90
Soybeans	IA	IL	MN	IN	NE	MO	OH	SD	AR	KS	11	4
Flaxseed	ND	SD	MT	MN							1	96
Corn, Grain	IA	IL	NE	MN	IN	SD	KS	OH	WI	MO	12	2
Silage	WI	CA	NY	PA	MN	ID	MI	IA	TX	SD	15	2
Dry Edible Beans, All	ND	MI	NE	MN	ID	CA	WA	WY	CO	NY	1	39
Navy	ND	MI	MN	ID	SD	WY					1	46
Pinto	ND	NE	WY	CO	ID	MN	NM	MT	WA	KS	1	65
Dry Edible Peas	ND	MT	WA	ID	OR						1	64
Lentils	ND	MT	WA	ID							1	35
Potatoes	ID	WA	WI	CO	ND	MN	OR	MI	CA	ME	5	6
Sugarbeets	MN	ND	MI	ID	CA	NE	MT	CO	WY	OR	2	19
Hay, All	TX	MO	CA	SD	KS	NE	ID	OK	IA	MN	13	3
Alfalfa	CA	SD	ID	IA	MN	WI	NE	MT	KS	CO	11	3
Other	TX	MO	KY	OK	KS	TN	AR	VA	NE	SD	15	2
Total Acreage												
Principal Crops Planted	IA	ND	IL	KS	TX	MN	NE	SD	MO	IN	2	7
Principal Crops Harvested	IA	IL	ND	KS	MN	NE	TX	SD	MO	IN	3	7
Grain Storage, December 1												
On-Farm Capacity	IA	IL	MN	NE	IN	ND	SD	MO	OH	KS	6	6
Off-Farm Capacity	IA	IL	KS	NE	TX	MN	IN	OH	ND	WI	9	3
Livestock on Hand – January 1, 2009												
All Cattle & Calves	TX	NE	KS	OK	CA	MO	IA	SD	WI	CO/MT	17	2
Cattle & Calves on Feed	TX	NE	KS	IA	CO	CA	SD	AZ	OK	MN	21	1
Cows That Have Calved	TX	CA	MO/OK		NE	SD	KS	WI	MT	KY	15	2
Milk	CA	WI	NY	ID	PA	MN	TX	MI	NM	OH	34	*
Beef	TX	OK	MO	NE	SD	KS	MT	KY	TN	FL	13	3
All Sheep & Lambs	TX	CA	WY	CO	SD	UT	MT	OR	ID	IA	17	2
All Hogs & Pigs - Dec 1, 2008	IA	NC	MN	IL	IN	NE	MO	OK	OH	KS	28	*
Livestock Production – 2008												
Calf Crop	TX	CA	MO	OK	NE	SD	MT	KS	WI	IA/KY	14	3
Lamb Crop	TX	SD	WY	MT	CA	UT	CO	ID	IA	OR	13	2
Pig Crop	NC	IA	MN	IL	MO	NE	OK	IN	SD	OH	21	1
Wool Production	TX	CA	WY	CO	UT	SD	MT	ID	OR	IA	15	2
Honey Production	ND	SD	CA	FL	MN	MT	MI	TX	WI	GA	1	22

* Less than one-half of one percent. ¹ North Dakota's percent of Nation's total.

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