

# South Dakota OCTOBER CROP REPORT

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## **FORECASTED PRODUCTION UP FROM LAST MONTH FOR CORN AND SOYBEANS**

**SIoux FALLS, October 12, 2005** – South Dakota's October 1 **corn** production is forecast at 466.1 million bushels, up 3 percent from last month but down 14 percent from last year's level according to the South Dakota Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Yield is forecast at 118 bushels per acre, up 2 bushels from the September forecast but down 12 bushels from last year. Acres to be harvested for grain are forecast at 3.95 million, up 1 percent from the previous forecast but down 5 percent from last year.

**Soybean** production is forecast at 138.6 million bushels, up 5 percent from last month but 1 percent below last year. Yield, at 36 bushels per acre, is up 3 bushels from the previous forecast and up 2 bushels from last year. Acres for harvest are forecast at 3.85 million, down 4 percent from the previous forecast and down 7 percent from last year.

**Sorghum** production is forecast at 6.6 million bushels, up 6 percent from last month and 5 percent above last year's level. Yield, at 60 bushels per acre, is up 8 bushels from last month and 18 bushels above last year. Grain sorghum harvested acres, forecast at 110,000, are down 27 percent from last year.

**All sunflower** production is forecast at 734.9 million pounds, up 21 percent from last year. The estimated yield, at 1,389 pounds per acre, is down 73 pounds (5 percent) from last year. Harvested acres, at 529,000, are up 27 percent from last year.

**Alfalfa hay**, with a forecasted production of 4.73 million tons, yielded 2.1 tons per acre from 2.25 million acres harvested. **Other hay**, with a forecasted production of 2.38 million tons, has a yield of 1.4 tons per acre from 1.70 million acres harvested.

**Dry edible bean** production is forecast at 270,000 cwt. for 2005, up 65 percent from last year. Producers plan to harvest 15,000 acres with a forecasted yield of 1,800 pounds per acre.

*The complete report can be accessed at [www.usda.gov/nass/](http://www.usda.gov/nass/)  
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