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DRY EDIBLE BEAN PRODUCTION DECREASED

SIOUX FALLS, December 11, 2006 – The 2006 South Dakota dry edible bean production decreased 19 percent from last year, according to the South Dakota Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Production for 2006 was estimated at 245,000 hundredweight (cwt.), while the 2005 production was 301,000 hundredweight. Harvested acres, at 18,900, were up 9 percent from 17,400 last year. Planted acres, at 21,500 were up 4,000 acres from 2005.

The navy class of dry beans was the most dominant for 2006, with planted acres totaling 7,700 acres, up 2,200 acres from last year. Large garbanzo bean acres, at 6,800 were up 400 acres; pinto acres, at 4,200, were up 1,200 acres; all other varieties totaled 2,800 acres, up 200 acres from last year.

The overall 2006 yield of 1,300 pounds per acre was down 430 pounds from last year. The decrease in overall state yield was primarily due to weather issues. Production by class and change from a year ago are as follows: Pinto – 70,000 cwt., up 8 percent; Navy – 79,000 cwt., down 34 percent; Garbanzo – 53,000 cwt., down 24 percent; all other classes – 43,000 cwt., down 9 percent.

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