

## **Dry beans**

Dry beans planted in Wisconsin during 2009, at 5,600, acres was 900 acres below last year. From 2008 to 2009, acres for harvest are also expected to decline by 900 to 5,500 acres. State dry bean production in 2008 totaled 136,000 cwt. with a yield of 2,130 pounds per acre. Dry bean growers received an average of \$53.50 per cwt for their dry beans last year for a total value of production of \$7.28 million.

U.S. dry bean growers planted 1.46 million acres for 2009, down 2 percent from last year. Acres to be harvested are estimated at 1.40 million, a decline of 3 percent from 2008.