



CROP PRODUCTION

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MINNESOTA RECORD CORN PRODUCTION FORECASTED

CORN production for Minnesota is forecast at 1,072.1 million bushels, up 10 percent from 2003, according to the Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service. If realized, this would be a new record for corn production, up 2 percent from the previous record high production set in 2002. The August 1 yield is forecast at 151 bushels per acre, up 5 bushels from last year. Corn for grain harvested acres is estimated at 7.1 million acres, up 7 percent from last year.

SOYBEAN production is forecast at 292.0 million bushels, up 27 percent from last year. Based on August 1 conditions, the yield is forecast at 40 bushels per acre, up 9 bushels from 2003.

The **SPRING WHEAT** crop is estimated at 80.1 million bushels, down 23 percent from last year. Yield is estimated at 51 bushels per acre, up 4 bushels from the July forecast, but down 7 bushels per acres from last year.

BARLEY production is forecast at 5.9 million bushels, up 12 percent from last month, but down 54 percent from 2003. Yield is forecast at 65 bushels per acre, up 7 bushels per acre from July, but down 10 bushels per acre from last year.

OAT production is estimated at 14.2 million bushels, up 16 percent from last month, but down 25 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 71.0 bushels per acre, up 10 bushels from July and unchanged from last year.

The **SUGARBEET** crop is estimated at 9.4 million tons, down 6 percent from 2003. Yield is estimated at 19.6 tons per acre, down 1 ton per acre from last year. Sugarbeet planted acres has been revised to 485,000 acres.

This year's **DRY BEAN** production is estimated at 1.9 million hundredweight, up 3 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 1,600 pounds per acre, 100 pounds per acre less than last year.

Minnesota's **ALFALFA HAY** production is estimated at 4.9 million tons, up 19 percent from 2003. Yield is forecast at 3.7 tons per acre, up 0.7 ton per acre from last year.

U.S. HIGHLIGHTS

CORN production is forecast at 10.9 billion bushels, up 8 percent from last year and 22 percent above 2002. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average 148.9 bushels per acre, up 6.7 bushels from last year. If realized, both production and yield would be the largest on record.

SOYBEAN production is forecast at 2.88 billion bushels, up 19 percent from 2003 and 4 percent from 2002. If realized, this would be the second largest U.S. soybean production on record. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 39.1 bushels per acre, up 5.7 bushels from 2003.

SPRING WHEAT production is forecast at 545 million bushels, up 9 percent from last month and 2 percent above 2003. Acreage intended for harvest is unchanged from last month.

MINNESOTA & U.S. HARVESTED ACRES, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION

COMMODITY	2003 HARVESTED ACRES (000)	2004 HARVESTED ACRES (000)	2003 YIELD	2004 YIELD	2003 PRODUCTION (000)	2004 PRODUCTION (000)
MINNESOTA						
CORN (Bu)	6,650	7,100	146.0	151.0	970,900	1,072,100
SOYBEANS (Bu)	7,400	7,300	31.0	40.0	229,400	292,000
SPRING WHEAT (Bu)	1,800	1,570	58.0	51.0	104,400	80,070
BARLEY (Bu)	170	90	75.0	65.0	12,750	5,850
OATS (Bu)	265	200	71.0	71.0	18,815	14,200
SUGARBEETS (Ton)	487	479	20.6	19.6	10,032	9,388
DRY BEANS 1/	110	120	1,700	1,600	1,870	1,920
ALFALFA HAY (Ton)	1,375	1,325	3.00	3.70	4,125	4,903
OTHER HAY (Ton)	700	650	1.60	1.80	1,120	1,170
UNITED STATES						
CORN (Bu)	71,139	73,377	142.2	148.9	10,113,887	10,923,099
SOYBEANS (Bu)	72,321	73,655	33.4	39.1	2,417,565	2,876,627
SPRING WHEAT (Bu)	13,429	13,210	39.7	41.2	532,820	544,535
BARLEY (Bu)	4,688	4,152	58.9	65.7	276,087	272,824
OATS (Bu)	2,224	1,938	65.0	66.0	144,649	127,950
SUGARBEETS (Ton)	1,347.9	1,326.3	22.7	21.4	30,583	28,378
DRY BEANS 1/	1,346.9	1,301.1	1,672	1,639	22,515	21,323
ALFALFA HAY (Ton)	23,578	22,226	3.24	3.48	76,307	77,264
OTHER HAY (Ton)	39,764	39,363	2.03	2.15	80,816	84,499

1/ Yield in lb: production in cwt.