



NEWS RELEASE

**Dry Edible Bean Production
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North Dakota

Dry edible bean production in North Dakota is forecast at 7.80 million hundredweight (cwt) for 2003, down 10 percent from the October 1 forecast and 27 percent below last year's record high production, according to the North Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. The large drop in production is due mainly to the 32 percent decrease from last year's planted acreage along with a slight decline in the average yield.

The revised planted acreage totaled 540,000 acres, down from 2002's record high 790,000 acres but up from 2001's 440,000 acres. Harvested acreage, at 520,000 acres, is down from a record high 690,000 acres last year but up from 400,000 acres two years ago. Yield average 1,500 pounds per acre, down from 1,520 pounds last year. The record high yield of 1,550 pounds was set in 2001 and 1986.

Pintos accounted for 75.2 percent of total production, navies 14.9, black turtles 3.6, great northern 1.8 and pinks 1.7. All other dry edible bean classes totaled 2.8 percent of the State's total production.

United States

Dry edible bean production is forecast at 22.8 million cwt for 2003, down 3 percent from the October forecast and 24 percent below last year. Harvested acreage is forecast at 1.36 million acres, 4 percent below the last forecast and down 21 percent from 2002. The average U.S. yield is forecast at 1,678 pounds per acre, an increase of 13 pounds from the October forecast but 58 pounds below a year ago. Production is down from a year ago for black, small white, navy, garbanzo, cranberry, small lima, dark red kidney, pinto, and light red kidney. Production increased from last year for great northern, blackeye, large lima, pink, and small red.

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DRY EDIBLE BEANS, ACREAGE AND PRODUCTION

Class	Acres Planted		Acres Harvested		Yield per Acre		Production	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	--- 1,000 Acres ---				-- Cwt --		- 1,000 Cwt -	
	NORTH DAKOTA							
Navy	180.0	75.0	151.0	71.0	15.50	16.40	2,340	1,164
Pinto	515.0	410.0	460.0	397.0	15.60	14.80	7,184	5,864
Black Turtle	60.0	22.0	51.0	21.0	13.50	13.20	689	277
Dark Red Kidney	7.0	5.0	5.1	4.6	13.30	15.20	68	70
Pinks	9.0	8.5	7.8	7.7	15.90	16.90	124	130
Chickpeas, All (Garbanzo)	8.6	5.0	6.2	4.7	14.70	15.74	91	74
Large ^{1/}		4.0		3.8		15.80		60
Small ^{1/}		1.0		0.9		15.60		14
Great Northern	5.8	8.0	4.9	7.8	15.10	17.60	74	137
Other	4.6	6.5	4.0	6.2	14.00	13.50	56	84
TOTAL	790.0	540.0	690.0	520.0	15.40	15.00	10,626	7,800
	UNITED STATES							
Navy	345.3	158.8	305.7	151.5	17.35	16.71	5,304	2,531
Pinto	813.3	673.2	725.3	647.8	17.76	16.44	12,880	10,650
Black Turtle	196.8	84.3	183.4	80.7	16.98	15.64	3,114	1,262
Dark Red Kidney	70.5	50.5	64.0	49.1	16.80	17.31	1,075	850
Pinks	34.8	35.1	32.8	33.5	18.51	19.52	607	654
Chickpeas, All (Garbanzo)	82.1	44.1	70.9	40.3	11.82	10.62	838	428
Large ^{1/}		37.6		35.0		10.63		372
Small ^{1/}		6.5		5.3		10.57		56
Great Northern	93.8	108.4	82.1	102.7	18.82	21.29	1,545	2,186
Other	285.5	269.3	262.7	256.2	17.55	16.73	4,611	4,286
TOTAL	1,922.1	1,423.7	1,726.9	1,361.8	17.36	16.78	29,974	22,847

^{1/} Estimates began in 2003.

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