



## **NEWS RELEASE**

**Small Grain Production  
July 12, 2004**

### **Small Grain Production Forecast**

#### **North Dakota**

**Other Spring Wheat:** Production is forecast at 223.2 million bushels, down from 252.8 million bushels last year, according to North Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. Acreage to be harvested for grain is expected to be 6.2 million acres, down 200,000 acres from last year. Average yield is forecast at 36 bushels per harvested acre, down 3.5 bushels when compared to last year, which was the highest yield since 1992.

**Durum Wheat:** Production is forecast at 51.8 million bushels, down 11 percent from last year. Acreage for grain harvest is expected at 1.85 million acres, down from 1.98 million acres last year. Average yield is forecast at 28 bushels per harvested acre, down 1.5 bushels when compared to last year.

**Barley:** Production is forecast at 90.1 million bushels, down from 118.8 million bushels last year. Acreage to be harvested for grain is estimated at 1.58 million acres, down 20 percent from last year. Expected yield is 57 bushels per acre, down from 60 bushels last year.

**Oats:** Production is forecast at 14.8 million bushels, down 30 percent from last year. Acreage to be harvested for grain is expected to be 280,000 acres, down from 360,000 acres last year. The forecasted yield is 53 bushels per acre, down from 59 bushels last year.

The crop production forecasts in this report are based on yield projections and acreage reports collected from a cross-section of North Dakota producers around July 1. This report is based on conditions around July 1 and assumes no extreme conditions the remainder of the crop season.

#### **United States**

**Spring wheat:** Production is forecast at 501 million bushels, down 6 percent from 2003. The yield is forecast at 37.9 bushels per acre, 1.8 bushels lower than last year. Harvested grain area is forecast at 13.2 million acres, down 2 percent from last year.

**Durum wheat:** Production is forecast at 88.6 million bushels, down 8 percent from 2003. The yield is forecast at 33.2 bushels per acre, 0.5 bushel less than last year. Area for 2004 grain harvest is expected to total 2.67 million acres, down 7 percent from last year.

**Barley:** Production for 2004 is forecast at 264 million bushels, 5 percent below 2003. The average yield is forecast at 63.5 bushels per acre, up 4.6 bushels from last year. Area for harvest, at 4.15 million acres, is down 11 percent from 2003

**Oats:** Production is forecast at 122 million bushels, 16 percent below last year's 145 million bushels. The forecasted yield is 62.9 bushels per acre, down 2.1 bushels from 2003. Expected area for harvest is 1.94 million acres, down 13 percent from last year.

#### **For More Information Contact:**

**Acreage and Production, July 1, 2004**

Crop	Planted		Harvested		Unit	Yield Per Harvested Acre			Production	
	2003	2004	2003	Indicated 2004		Average 1999-03 <sup>1/</sup>	2003	Indicated 2004	2003	Indicated 2004
--- 1,000 Acres ---					--- 1,000 ---					
<b>North Dakota</b>										
Oats	620	500	360	280	Bu	55.4	59.0	53.0	21,240	14,840
Barley	2,050	1,650	1,980	1,580	Bu	52.6	60.0	57.0	118,800	90,060
Wheat, Durum	2,000	1,900	1,980	1,850	Bu	26.3	29.5	28.0	58,410	51,800
Other Spring	6,500	6,300	6,400	6,200	Bu	33.6	39.5	36.0	252,800	223,200
<b>United States</b>										
Oats	4,601	4,220	2,224	1,938	Bu	---	65.0	62.9	144,649	121,860
Barley	5,299	4,666	4,688	4,152	Bu	---	58.9	63.5	276,087	263,502
Wheat, Durum	2,915	2,742	2,869	2,671	Bu	---	33.7	33.2	96,637	88,571
Other Spring	13,840	13,677	13,429	13,210	Bu	---	39.7	37.9	532,820	500,765
Winter	44,945	43,450	36,541	34,825	Bu	---	46.7	42.2	1,707,069	1,469,735
All	61,700	59,869	52,839	50,706	Bu	---	44.2	40.6	2,336,526	2,059,071

1/ U.S. average yield not computed.

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