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**Crop Production
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November Crop Production Report

North Dakota

Soybean production is forecast at 91.8 million bushels, down 7 percent from the October forecast but still a record high and 4 percent above last year, according to the North Dakota Agriculture Statistics Service. As of November 1, the state yield is expected to average 25 bushels per harvested acre, down 2 bushels from October and 4 bushels from last year. Harvested acres are estimated at a record high 3.67 million, up from last year's 3.05 million acres.

Corn production is forecast at 165 million bushels, the same as the October forecast but 26 percent above last year and a record high. The corn yield is expected to average 110 bushels per acre, the same as the October forecast but down 2 bushels when compared to last year. Acreage harvested for grain is expected to be 1.50 million acres, 28 percent above 2003.

Dry edible pea production for the season is estimated at 6.93 million hundredweight (cwt), up from 2.74 million cwt last year and a record high since estimates were set starting in 1998. Average yield is estimated at 2,340 pounds per harvested acre, up from last year's 1,770 pounds and a record high. Acres for harvest are estimated at 296,000 compared to 155,000 last year.

Lentil production is estimated at 1.29 million cwt, up from 632,000 cwt last year and a record high since estimates were set starting in 1998. Average yield is estimated at 1,370 pounds per harvested acre, up from last year's yield of 1,170 pounds. Acreage for harvest is estimated at 94,000 acres, compared to 54,000 acres last year.

Fall potato production is expected to be 26.5 million cwt, down 3 percent from last year's production of 27.4 million cwt, but up from 23.5 million cwt produced in 2002. Planted acres, at 105,000, are down 12,000 from last year and lowest since 1957 when 103,000 acres were planted. Acres harvested are estimated at 100,000, down 12,000 from last year. The average yield is expected to be 265 cwt per harvested acre, up from 245 last year and a record high. Producers expect to sell 87.0 percent of the total production compared to 85.1 percent actually marketed last year and the 1999-2003 average of 84.8 percent.

United States

Soybean production is forecast at 3.15 billion bushels, up 1 percent from October and 28 percent above 2003. If realized, this would be the largest U.S. soybean crop on record. Based on November 1 conditions, yields are expected to average a record high 42.6 bushels per acre, up 0.6 bushel from October and 8.7 bushels above last year. Area for harvest in the U.S. is forecast at 74.0 million acres, unchanged from last month but up 2 percent from 2003.

Corn production is forecast at 11.7 billion bushels, up 1 percent from last month and 16 percent above 2003. Based on conditions as of November 1, the yield is expected to average 160.2 bushels per acre, up 1.8 bushels from October and 18.0 bushels above last year. If realized, both production and yield would be the largest on record. The previous records for both were set last year when production was estimated at 10.1 billion bushels and yield was 142.2 bushels per acre.

Dry edible pea production is forecast at 10.8 million cwt, more than double the 2003 estimate. Area for harvest, at 500,800 acres, is 52 percent above a year ago. Average yield is forecast at 2,163 pounds per acre, up 579 pounds from last season.

Lentil production is forecast at 4.08 million cwt, up 67 percent from last year. Area for harvest is forecast at 322,000 acres, up 36 percent from the previous year. Average yield is expected to be 1,268 pounds per acre, up 238 pounds per acre from 2003.

Fall potato production for 2004 is forecast at 408 million cwt, down 1 percent from last year for comparable States. South Dakota and Utah were dropped from the program starting in 2004. Area harvested, at 1.02 million acres, is virtually unchanged from the July estimate but 6 percent below last year. The average yield is forecast at 398 cwt per acre, 22 cwt above last year. If realized, this will be a record high yield, 6 cwt above the previous record set in 2000.

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Crop Summary: Area Planted and Harvested
North Dakota and United States, 2003 and Forecasted November 1, 2004 ^{1/}

Crop	North Dakota				United States			
	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Area Planted		Area Harvested	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	1,000 Acres		1,000 Acres		1,000 Acres		1,000 Acres	
Barley	2,050	1,600	1,980	1,480	5,348	4,527	4,727	4,021
Corn for Grain ^{2/}	1,450	1,800	1,170	1,500	78,736	80,968	71,139	73,311
Corn for Silage			220				6,528	
Hay, All			2,950	2,600			63,342	61,589
Alfalfa			1,600	1,300			23,578	22,226
All Other			1,350	1,300			39,764	39,363
Oats	620	490	360	220	4,597	4,085	2,220	1,792
Rye	18	25	15	20	1,348	1,380	319	320
Wheat, All	8,630	8,195	8,500	7,775	62,141	59,674	53,063	49,999
Winter	130	245	120	225	45,384	43,350	36,753	34,462
Durum	2,000	1,750	1,980	1,600	2,915	2,561	2,869	2,363
Other Spring	6,500	6,200	6,400	5,950	13,842	13,763	13,441	13,174
Canola	970	780	960	750	1,082	868	1,068	832
Flaxseed	560	600	550	580	595	629	583	608
Mustard Seed ^{3/}					110.0	68.5	107.0	65.9
Rapeseed ^{3/}					1.3	11.8	1.2	11.4
Safflower ^{3/}					221	142	212	133
Soybeans	3,150	3,750	3,050	3,670	73,404	75,065	72,476	73,990
Sunflower, All	1,210	880	1,165	855	2,344	1,864	2,197	1,780
Oil	1,060	720	1,020	700	1,998	1,520	1,874	1,456
Non-oil	150	160	145	155	346	344	323	324
Sugarbeets	259	262	255	256	1,365.4	1,349.8	1,347.9	1,326.0
Dry Edible Beans, All	540.0	560.0	520.0	490.0	1,406.1	1,373.4	1,346.9	1,250.1
Dry Edible Peas	160	310	155	296	337.5	527.0	328.5	500.8
Lentils	55	100	54	94	246.0	345.0	237.0	322.0
Fall Potatoes, All	117.0	105.0	112.0	100.0	1,106.0	1,043.7	1,090.9	1,024.5
Irrigated ^{4/ 5/}	37.5		37.0					

^{1/} Data are latest estimates available. ^{2/} Area planted for all purposes. ^{3/} Published at U.S. level only. ^{4/} Included in all potatoes. ^{5/} Published at state level only.

Crop Summary: Yield and Production
North Dakota and United States, 2003 and Forecasted November 1, 2004 ^{1/}

Crop	Unit	North Dakota				United States					
		Yield ^{2/}		Production		Yield ^{2/}		Production			
		2003	2004		2003	2004	2003	2004			
		Oct 1	Nov 1			Oct 1	Nov 1				
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Barley ^{3/}	Bu	60.0	62.0		118,800	91,760	58.9	69.4	278,283	279,253	
Corn for Grain	Bu	112.0	110.0	110.0	131,040	165,000	142.2	158.4	160.2	10,113,887	11,740,920
Corn for Silage	Tons	6.8			1,496		16.2			105,864	
Hay, All ^{4/}	Tons	1.56	1.53	1.53	4,598	3,965	2.48	2.69	2.69	157,123	165,920
Alfalfa ^{4/}	Tons	1.65	1.60	1.60	2,640	2,080	3.24	3.48	3.48	76,307	77,371
All Other ^{4/}	Tons	1.45	1.45	1.45	1,958	1,885	2.03	2.25	2.25	80,816	88,549
Oats ^{3/}	Bu	59.0	64.0		21,240	14,080	65.0	64.7		144,383	115,935
Rye ^{3/}	Bu	50.0	39.0		750	780	27.1	26.9		8,634	8,615
Wheat, All ^{3/}	Bu	37.3	39.4		317,090	306,650	44.2	43.2		2,344,760	2,158,245
Winter ^{3/}	Bu	49.0	44.0		5,880	9,900	46.7	43.5		1,716,721	1,499,434
Durum ^{3/}	Bu	29.5	33.0		58,410	52,800	33.7	38.0		96,637	89,893
Other Spring ^{3/}	Bu	39.5	41.0		252,800	243,950	39.5	43.2		531,402	568,918
Canola	Lbs	1,410	1,530	1,530	1,353,600	1,147,500	1,416	1,517	1,517	1,512,250	1,261,820
Flaxseed	Bu	18.0			9,900		17.9			10,426	
Mustard Seed ^{5/}	Lbs						723			77,372	
Rapeseed ^{5/}	Lbs						949			1,139	
Safflower ^{5/}	Lbs						1,286			272,555	
Soybeans	Bu	29.0	27.0	25.0	88,450	91,750	33.9	42.0	42.6	2,453,665	3,150,441
Sunflower, All ^{4/}	Lbs	1,304	1,300	1,300	1,518,850	1,111,500	1,213	1,346	1,346	2,665,226	2,395,199
Oil	Lbs	1,300			1,326,000		1,206			2,259,666	
Non-oil	Lbs	1,330			192,850		1,256			405,560	
Sugarbeets	Tons	20.4	19.5	20.0	5,202	5,120	22.7	21.7	22.4	30,583	29,765
Dry Edible Beans, All ^{4/ 6/}	Cwt	1,500	1,100	1,100	7,800	5,390	1,672	1,495	1,495	22,515	18,693
Dry Edible Peas ^{6/}	Cwt	1,770		2,340	2,744	6,926	1,584		2,163	5,202	10,831
Lentils ^{6/}	Cwt	1,170		1,370	632	1,288	1,030		1,268	2,442	4,084
Fall Potatoes, All	Cwt	245		265	27,440	26,500	376		398	410,588	407,786
Irrigated ^{7/ 8/}	Cwt	363			13,415						

^{1/} Data are latest estimates available. ^{2/} Yield per harvested acre. ^{3/} Wheat, barley and oats revised based on September Ag Survey re-interview. Rye estimates carried forward from September Small Grains 2004 Summary. ^{4/} No forecast made November 1, estimates carried forward from October 1. ^{5/} Published at U.S. level only. ^{6/} Yield in pounds. ^{7/} Included in all potatoes. ^{8/} Published at state level only.

