

# South Dakota NOVEMBER CROP REPORT

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## ***CORN PRODUCTION FORECAST UNCHANGED, SOYBEANS DECREASE***

**SIOUX FALLS, November 12, 2003** – The South Dakota November 1 corn production is forecast at 430.5 million bushels, unchanged from last month, but 42 percent above last year's drought-reduced level. Yield is forecast at 105 bushels per acre, unchanged from last month's forecast but 10 bushels above last year. Acres to be harvested for grain are forecast at 4.10 million, up 28 percent from last year's drought-reduced acres.

**Soybean** production is forecast at 121.8 million bushels, down 3 percent from last month and 4 percent below last year. Yield, at 29 bushels per acre, is down 1 bushel from the previous forecast and down 2 bushels from last year. Acres for harvest are forecast at 4.2 million, up 3 percent from last year.

**Sorghum** production is forecast at 7.2 million bushels, down 8 percent from last month's forecast but 135 percent above last year. Yield, at 48 bushels per acre, is down 4 bushels from last month but 14 bushels above last year's drought-reduced yield. Grain sorghum harvested acres, forecast at 150,000, are up 67 percent from last year.

**Potato** production is forecast at 340,000 cwt., up 3 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 340 cwt. per acre, up from 300 cwt. last year, due to a higher percentage of acreage under irrigation. Harvested acres are forecast at 1,000.

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