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## CROP PRODUCTION – DECEMBER 2015

### COLORADO HIGHLIGHTS

Based on December 1 conditions, **dry bean** production for 2015 is forecast at 901,000 hundredweight, up 8 percent from the 835,000 hundredweight produced a year earlier, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Yields are expected to average 2,010 pounds per acre, down 290 pounds per acre from the October 1 forecast but up from 1,900 pounds per acre last year. Growers expect to harvest 44,900 acres this year, up 900 acres from the 44,000 acres harvested last year. As of November 1, Colorado's dry bean harvest was estimated to be 96 percent complete, compared to 94 percent last year and the 5-year average of 98 percent.

### UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Production of **dry edible beans** is forecast at 29.7 million cwt, up 2 percent from last year. Planted area is estimated at 1.76 million acres, up 2 percent from 2014. Harvested area is forecast at 1.71 million acres, 2 percent above the previous year. The average United States yield is forecast at 1,743 pounds per acre, a decrease of 10 pounds from last year.

For a full copy of the *Crop Production* report please visit [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov).