



News Release

Dry Bean Production

Michigan's 2015 dry bean production is estimated at 4.67 million cwt, down from 4.75 million cwt in 2014, according to Ty Kalasus, Acting Director of the USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. The average yield is 1,900 pounds per acre, down 40.0 pounds per acre from last year. In Michigan, planting began the first week in June and wrapped up the week ending July 12. Conditions were typically wet throughout the spring and planting was delayed. During June and July there were some reports of fields under water, while other areas were in drought-like conditions. As of August 2, conditions were much more favorable for dry bean development. By August, sixty-one percent of the crop was reported to be in good to excellent condition.

Production is forecast at 29.3 million cwt, up less than 1 percent from last year. Planted area is estimated at 1.75 million acres, up 2 percent from 2014. Harvested area is forecast at 1.70 million acres, 2 percent above the previous year. The average United States yield is forecast at 1,721 pounds per acre, a decrease of 32 pounds from last season.

In North Dakota, as of August 2, sixty-two percent of the crop was reported in good or excellent condition and development was progressing ahead of last year. During July, the dry bean growing area received below average rainfall and had near normal temperatures. In Nebraska, near normal temperatures and rainfall prevailed during July with the crop rated mostly good to excellent. In Minnesota, as of August 2, the crop was rated mostly good to excellent. Idaho and Washington growers reported hot, dry weather conditions thus far as water shortages remained a concern.

Dry beans: Planted acres by class

Class	Michigan			United States		
	2014	2015	Percent change	2014	2015	Percent change
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	
Navy	82,000	69,000	-16	247,700	227,900	-8
Black	120,000	128,500	7	236,200	322,400	36
Cranberry	4,000	5,300	33	4,800	5,700	19
Red kidney, dark	3,300	4,200	27	59,300	81,800	38
Red kidney, light	11,300	9,100	-19	58,100	72,200	24
Pinto	2,000	2,000	0	608,300	578,900	-5
Small red	20,000	25,100	26	34,700	49,100	41
Great northern	(¹)			103,800	46,900	-55
Other	7,400	6,800	-8	72,900	75,100	3
Total	250,000	250,000	0	1,718,900	1,752,400	2

¹ Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.