



News Release

Dry Bean Production

Michigan's 2015 dry bean production is forecast at 5.53 million cwt, an increase of 784 thousand cwt from 2014, according to Marlo Johnson, Director of USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. The average yield is 2,030 pounds per acre, up 90 pounds per acre from last year. Growers planted 275,000 acres with dry beans this year, 25 thousand more than last year. Although some areas experienced drowning of bean fields from excess rain in June, most producers were able to replant their crop. Warm and dry weather conditions in August were near ideal for bean development, but there were some reports of white mold this year, a result of the heavy summer rains.

Nationally, 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's yield.

Dry beans: Acres, yield, and production by class, Michigan

Class	2014				2015			
	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 cwt</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 cwt</i>
Navy	82,000	81,000	2,180	1,766	80,000	79,800	2,140	1,708
Black	120,000	117,900	1,920	2,264	140,000	139,000	2,050	2,850
Cranberry	4,000	3,900	1,460	57	6,100	5,900	1,710	101
Red kidney, dark	3,300	2,700	930	25	4,500	3,800	1,340	51
Red kidney, light	11,300	10,900	1,590	173	9,100	8,900	1,800	160
Pinto	2,000	1,900	1,600	30	2,100	2,000	1,580	32
Small red	20,000	19,600	1,830	359	27,800	27,300	2,020	551
Other	7,400	7,400	1,010	75	5,400	5,300	1,510	80
Total	250,000	245,300	1,940	4,749	275,000	272,000	2,030	5,533