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Minnesota corn production is forecast at 1.51 billion bushels, up 20 percent from last year, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Crop Production* report. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average 197.0 bushels per acre, an increase of 24.0 bushels per acre from last year. If realized, this would be the highest Minnesota corn yield on record. Corn planted acreage is estimated at 8.10 million acres. An estimated 7.65 million of the acres planted will be harvested for grain.

Soybean production is forecast at 374 million bushels, up 25% from last year. The yield is forecast at 51.0 bushels per acre, 7.0 bushels above 2019. If realized, this would be the second highest Minnesota soybean yield on record, behind the 52.0 bushels per acre in 2016. Soybean planted acreage is estimated at 7.40 million acres with 7.33 million acres to be harvested.

Spring wheat production is estimated at 73.1 million bushels, a decrease of 8% from 2019. Yield is forecast at 58.0 bushels per acre, up 1.0 bushel from the July forecast and up 1.0 bushel per acre from 2019.

Oat production for grain is forecast at 8.32 million bushels, up 34% from last year. The yield is forecast at 64.0 bushels per acre, down 2.0 bushels from the July forecast but up 2.0 bushels from 2019.

Barley production is forecast at 3.20 million bushels, down 13% from 2019. Yield is forecast at 71.0 bushels an acre, up 4 bushels from 2019.

Sugarbeet production is estimated at 12.2 million tons, up 45% from last year. Yield is forecast at 29.0 tons per acre, 4.0 tons per acre above last year.

Minnesota hay yield for **alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** is forecast at 2.70 tons per acre, with a total production of 2.00 million tons, a 12% decrease in production from 2019. The forecast yield for **other hay** is 1.60 tons per acre, with a production of 576,000 tons.

The forecasts in this report are based on August 1 conditions and do not reflect weather effects since that time. The next crop production forecasts, based on conditions as of September 1, will be released on September 11.

Area Harvested, Yield, and Production Summary – Minnesota and United States: 2019 and Forecasted August 1, 2020

Crop	Area harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)			(1,000)	(1,000)
MINNESOTA						
Barley..... bushels	55	45	67.0	71.0	3,685	3,195
Corn..... bushels	7,250	7,650	173.0	197.0	1,254,250	1,507,050
Dry beans ¹ bushels	201.0	244.0	2,040	2,480	4,101	6,051
Hay, alfalfa..... tons	730	740	3.10	2.70	2,263	1,998
Hay, other..... tons	370	360	1.90	1.60	703	576
Oats..... bushels	100	130	62.0	64.0	6,200	8,320
Soybeans..... bushels	6,770	7,330	44.0	51.0	297,880	373,830
Sugarbeets..... tons	336.0	420.0	25.0	29.0	8,400	12,180
Wheat, spring..... bushels	1,400	1,260	57.0	58.0	79,800	73,080
UNITED STATES						
Barley..... bushels	2,182	2,232	77.7	78.8	169,566	175,917
Corn..... bushels	81,322	84,023	167.4	181.8	13,617,261	15,278,202
Dry beans ¹ bushels	1,176.5	1,571.0	1,769	2,088	20,811	32,807
Hay, alfalfa..... tons	16,743	16,352	3.28	3.16	54,875	51,660
Hay, other..... tons	35,682	36,029	2.07	2.04	73,989	73,590
Oats..... bushels	826	998	64.3	65.0	53,148	64,907
Soybeans..... bushels	74,951	83,020	47.4	53.3	3,552,241	4,424,800
Sugarbeets..... tons	979.3	1,126.8	29.2	31.4	28,600	35,393
Wheat, spring..... bushels	11,660	11,795	48.2	49.0	562,380	577,485

¹Yield in lbs, production in cwt.

Dry Edible Beans, Area Planted by Commercial Class – Minnesota: 2019 and Forecasted August 1, 2020

Commercial Class	Planted	
	2019	2020
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)
Navy.....	39.3	46.9
Pinto.....	11.4	18.2
Light red kidney.....	20.1	22.8
Dark red kidney.....	65.8	81.8
Black.....	55.1	65.5

U.S. Corn Supply and Use ¹

CORN	2018-2019	2019-2020 (Est.)	2020-2021 Projections August
	<i>(million bushels)</i>	<i>(million bushels)</i>	<i>(million bushels)</i>
Beginning stocks	2,140	2,221	2,228
Production	14,340	13,617	15,278
Imports	28	45	25
Supply, total	16,509	15,883	17,531
Feed & residual	5,429	5,600	5,925
Food, seed & industrial	6,793	6,260	6,625
Domestic, total	12,222	11,860	12,550
Exports	2,066	1,795	2,225
Use, total	14,288	13,655	14,775
Ending stocks	2,221	2,228	2,756
Avg. Farm price (\$/bu)	3.61	3.60	3.10

¹ Source: USDA OCE World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates Report
<http://www.usda.gov/oce/commodity/wasde/index.htm>

U.S. Soybean Supply and Use ¹

SOYBEANS	2018-2019	2019-2020 (Est.)	2020-2021 Projections August
	<i>(million bushels)</i>	<i>(million bushels)</i>	<i>(million bushels)</i>
Beginning stocks	438	909	615
Production	4,428	3,552	4,425
Imports	14	15	15
Supply, total	4,880	4,476	5,055
Crushings	2,092	2,160	2,180
Exports	1,752	1,650	2,125
Seed	88	97	100
Residual	39	-46	40
Use, total	3,971	3,862	4,445
Ending stocks	909	615	610
Avg. Farm price (\$/bu)	8.48	8.55	8.35

¹ Source: USDA OCE World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates Report
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U.S. Wheat Supply and Use ¹

CORN	2018-2019	2019-2020 (Est.)	2020-2021 Projections August
	<i>(million bushels)</i>	<i>(million bushels)</i>	<i>(million bushels)</i>
Beginning stocks	1,099	1,080	1,044
Production	1,885	1,920	1,838
Imports	135	105	130
Supply, total	3,119	3,105	3,011
Food	955	962	960
Seed	59	61	61
Feed & residual	88	73	90
Domestic, total	1,102	1,096	1,111
Exports	937	965	975
Use, total	2,039	2,061	2,086
Ending stocks	1,080	1,044	925
Avg. Farm price (\$/bu)	5.16	4.58	4.50

¹ Source: USDA OCE World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates Report
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United States Summary

Corn production for grain is forecast at a record high 15.3 billion bushels, up 12% from 2019. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average a record high 181.8 bushels per harvested acre, up 14.4 bushels from last year. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 84.0 million acres, unchanged from the June forecast, but up 3% from the previous year.

Soybean production for beans is forecast at 4.42 billion bushels, up 25% from 2019. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average a record high 53.3 bushels per harvested acre, up 5.9 bushels from 2019. Area harvested for beans in the United States is forecast at 83.0 million acres, unchanged from the previous forecast but up 11% from 2019.

Other spring wheat production for grain is forecast at 577 million bushels, up 5% from the previous forecast and up 3% from last year. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 49.0 bushels per harvested acre, up 2.4 bushels from the previous forecast, and up 0.8 bushel from 2019. If realized, a record high yield is expected for the United States. Area harvested for grain or seed is expected to total 11.8 million acres, unchanged from the previous forecast, but 1% above 2019. Of the total production, 530 million bushels are Hard Red Spring wheat, up 2% from 2019.

Oat production is forecast at 64.9 million bushels, up 22% from 2019. Growers expect to harvest 998,000 acres for grain, unchanged from the previous forecast, but up 21% from 2019. Based on conditions as of August 1, the United States yield is forecast at 65.0 bushels per acre, down 0.2 bushel from the previous forecast but 0.7 bushel above the 2019 average yield.

Barley production is forecast at 176 million bushels, up 4% from the previous forecast and up 4% from 2019. Based on conditions as of August 1, the average yield for the United States is forecast at 78.8 bushels per acre, up 2.7 bushels from the previous forecast and up 1.1 bushels from last year. If realized, that would mark a new record high yield for the United States, surpassing the previous record of 77.9 bushels per acre in 2016. Montana and Washington are expecting record high yields. Area harvested for grain or seed, at 2.23 million acres, is unchanged from the previous forecast, but up 2% from 2019.