Pulse Production in Montana

The data provided by Montana producers for NASS surveys lets us know what is with pulse crops production in Montana - from dry beans and peas to lentils. NASS data help expand access to resources for Montana farmers to make business decisions and to diversify into these new and growing markets.

In 2017, Montana was a top producer in the U.S. of Dry Edible Peas, Garbanzo Beans, and Lentils.

Montana produced a little over 10.6 million hundredweight of these three crops in 2017.

- **Montana’s 2017 Production of Selected Pulse Crops in Hundredweight**
  - Garbanzo Beans: 23%
  - Lentils: 41%
  - Dry Edible Peas: 36%

Montana produced $42,394,000 worth of dry edible pea production in Montana in 2017. Down 64.3% from 2016.

$2,444,000
The number of hundredweight of garbanzo beans produced in Montana in 2017. Up 59.5% from 2016.

**Chouteau**

The top ranking county in Montana for all dry beans production in 2017 with 415,000 hundredweight produced.

179,000 hundredweight above Chouteau’s 2016 production of all dry beans.

1,658,000
The number of acres of harvested pulse crops in Montana in 2017.

A 28% increase in harvested acres of pulse crops from 2016.

Dry edible bean production in Montana has increased over the last three years.

Montana’s Dry Bean Production

- **Montana’s Dry Bean Production**
- **Pulse Crop Cash Receipts 2014-2017**

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