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NORTH DAKOTA 2017 ANNUAL CROP PRODUCTION SUMMARY

FARGO, N.D. January 12, 2018 - Corn for grain production in North Dakota, based on year-end surveys, is estimated at 449 million bushels, down 13 percent from 2016, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Yield of 139 bushels per acre is down 19 bushels from last year. Farmers harvested 3.23 million acres of corn for grain down 1 percent from 2016. **Corn for silage** production totaled 1.60 million tons, down 39 percent from 2016. Yield, at 10.0 tons per acre, is down 7.5 tons per acre from a year earlier. Area for harvest, at 160,000 acres is up 7 percent from 2016. Total acreage planted for all purposes is 3.42 million acres, down 1 percent from last year.

Soybean production for 2017 totaled 240 million bushels, down 4 percent from 2016. Yield, at 34.0 bushels per acre, is down 7.5 bushels from a year earlier. Area for harvest, at a record high 7.05 million acres, is up 18 percent 2016. Total acreage planted is a record high 7.10 million acres, up 17 percent from last year.

Fall potato production is 25.2 million cwt, up 16 percent from 2016. Yield, at 340 cwt per acre, is up 40 cwt from a year earlier. Area harvested, at 74,000 acres, is up 2,000 acres from 2016. Total acreage planted is 75,000, down 5,000 from last year.

Oil sunflower production in 2017 is 626 million pounds, down 41 percent from last year. Yield, at 1,630 pounds per acre, is down 100 pounds from a year earlier. Area harvested, at 384,000 acres, is down 37 percent from 2016. Total acreage planted is 395,000 acres, down 37 percent from last year. **Non-oil sunflower** production of 71.0 million pounds is down 14 percent from last year. Yield, at 1,690 pounds per acre, is up 140 pounds from a year earlier. Area harvested, at a record low 42,000 acres, is down 11,000 from 2016. Total acreage planted is a record low 43,000 acres, down 26 percent from last year.

Canola production of 2.54 billion pounds is down 5 percent from last year. Yield of 1,630 pounds per acre is down 210 pounds from a year earlier. Area harvested, at a record high 1.56 million acres, is up 110,000 from 2016. Total acreage planted is a record high 1.59 million acres, up 9 percent from last year.

Flaxseed production is estimated at 3.44 million bushels, down 56 percent from 2016. Yield per harvested acre is estimated at 15.0 bushels, down 9.0 bushels from last year. Acres harvested are estimated at 229,000, down from 329,000 a year ago. Total acreage planted is 245,000 acres, down 27 percent from last year.

Dry edible bean record high production of 12.4 million cwt is up 39 percent from a year ago. Yield, at a record high 1,810 pounds per acre, is up 230 pounds from a year earlier. Area harvested, at 685,000 acres, is up 21 percent from 2016. Total acreage planted is 705,000 acres, up 13 percent from last year.

Dry edible pea production is estimated at 7.38 million cwt, down 40 percent from 2016. Yield is estimated at 1,800 pounds per acre, down 450 pounds from last year. Acres harvested are estimated at 410,000, down 25 percent from a year ago. Total acreage planted is 425,000 acres, down 24 percent from last year.

Lentil production is estimated at 2.18 million cwt, down 44 percent from the previous year. Yield is estimated at 870 pounds per acre, down 450 pounds from last year. Acres harvested are estimated at 250,000, down 15 percent from 2016. Total acreage planted is 270,000 acres, down 11 percent from last year.

Sugarbeet production is estimated at a record high 6.45 million tons, up 3 percent from last year. Yield is estimated at 30.4 tons per acre, down 0.4 tons from the previous year. Acres harvested are estimated at 212,000 acres, up 4 percent from the previous year. Total acreage planted is 214,000 acres, is up 1,000 acres from last year.

Safflower production is estimated at 4.84 million pounds, down 50 percent from last year. Yield is estimated at 930 pounds per acre, down 320 pounds from last year. Acres harvested are estimated at 5,200, down 32 percent from a year ago. Total acreage planted is 7,100 acres, down 14 percent from last year.

Alfalfa for dry hay production, at 1.89 million tons, is down 21 percent from a year earlier. The average yield, at 1.40 tons per acre, is down 0.3 tons per acre from 2016. Area harvested for dry hay, at 1.35 million acres, is down 4 percent from 2016. **Seedings of alfalfa** during 2017 totaled 130,000 acres, up 10,000 acres from the year earlier. **All other hay** production, at 1.69 million tons, is down 12 percent. The average yield, at 1.30 tons per acre, is down 0.45 tons per acre from last year. Area harvested for other dry hay is 1.30 million acres, up 18 percent from 2016.

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