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NORTH DAKOTA 2019 ANNUAL CROP PRODUCTION SUMMARY

FARGO, N.D. January 10, 2020 - Corn for grain production in North Dakota based on year-end surveys is estimated at 455 million bushels, up 2 percent from 2018, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Yield of 141 bushels per acre is down 12 bushels from last year. Farmers harvested, or expect to harvest, 3.23 million acres of corn for grain, up 10 percent from 2018. **Corn for silage** production totaled 2.73 million tons, up 7 percent from 2018. Yield, at 19.5 tons per acre, is up 4.5 tons per acre from a year earlier. Area for harvest, at 140,000 acres is down 18 percent from 2018. Total acreage planted for all purposes is 3.50 million acres, up 11 percent from last year.

Soybean production for 2019 totaled 174 million bushels, down 27 percent from 2018. Yield, at 32.0 bushels per acre, is down 3.0 bushels from a year earlier. Area for harvest, or expected harvest, at 5.45 million acres, is down 20 percent 2018. Total acreage planted is 5.60 million acres, down 19 percent from last year.

Potato production is 20.3 million cwt, down 14 percent from 2018. Yield, at 350 cwt per acre and a record high, is up 25 cwt from a year earlier. Area harvested, at 58,000 acres, is down 15,000 acres from 2018. Total acreage planted is 73,000, down 1,500 acres from last year.

Oil sunflower production in 2019 is 645 million pounds, down 3 percent from last year. Yield, at 1,500 pounds per acre, is down 250 pounds from a year earlier. Area harvested, at 430,000 acres, is up 13 percent from 2018. Total acreage planted is 470,000 acres, up 19 percent from last year. **Non-oil sunflower** production of 95.7 million pounds is up 29 percent from last year. Yield, at 1,650 pounds per acre, is down 210 pounds from a year earlier. Area harvested, at 58,000 acres, is up 18,000 from 2018. Total acreage planted is 65,000 acres, up 59 percent from last year.

Canola production of 2.90 billion pounds is down 6 percent from last year. Yield of 1,800 pounds per acre is down 160 pounds from a year earlier. Area harvested, at 1.61 million acres, is up 30,000 from 2018 and a record high. Total acreage planted is 1.70 million acres, up 7 percent from last year and a record high.

Flaxseed production is estimated at 5.06 million bushels, up 33 percent from 2018. Yield per harvested acre is estimated at 22.0 bushels, down 2.0 bushels from last year. Acres harvested are estimated at 230,000, up from 158,000 a year ago. Total acreage planted is 275,000 acres, up 67 percent from last year.

Dry edible bean production is 7.69 million cwt. with a yield of 1,400 pounds per acre. Area harvested is 550,000 acres with total acreage planted of 615,000 acres. Beginning in 2019, chickpeas are excluded from the dry edible bean estimates.

All chickpea production in 2019 is 325 thousand cwt, down 83 percent from last year. Yield, at 1,710 pounds per acre, is down 30 pounds from a year earlier. Area harvested, at 19,000 acres, is down 82 percent from 2018. Total acreage planted is 41,000 acres, down 64 percent from last year.

Dry edible pea production is estimated at 9.27 million cwt, up 15 percent from 2018. Yield is estimated at 2,260 pounds per acre, up 60 pounds from last year. Acres harvested are estimated at 410,000, up 12 percent from a year ago. Total acreage planted is 425,000 acres, up 13 percent from last year.

Lentil production is estimated at 1.05 million cwt, down 56 percent from the previous year. Yield is estimated at 1,300 pounds per acre, down 70 pounds from last year. Acres harvested are estimated at 81,000, down 54 percent from 2018. Total acreage planted is 95,000 acres, down 49 percent from last year.

Sugarbeet production is estimated at 4.42 million tons, down 23 percent from last year. Yield is estimated at 26.0 tons per acre, down 2.8 tons from the previous year. Acres harvested are estimated at 170,000 acres, down 15 percent from the previous year. Total acreage planted is 212,000 acres, up 10,000 acres from last year.

North Dakota **safflower** estimates have been discontinued from the NASS annual crop estimating program starting in 2019.

Alfalfa hay production, at 2.20 million tons, is down 12 percent from a year earlier. The average yield, at 1.80 tons per acre, is up 0.10 ton per acre from 2018. Area harvested for dry hay, at 1.22 million acres, is down 17 percent from 2018. **Seedings of alfalfa** during 2019 totaled 70,000 acres, down 25,000 acres from the year earlier. **All other hay** production, at 1.92 million tons, is unchanged. Average yield, at 1.60 tons per acre, is unchanged from last year. Area harvested at 1.20 million acres, is unchanged from 2018.

Special Note: When producers were surveyed, there was significant unharvested acreage of corn in Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin; and soybean acreage not yet harvested in Michigan, North Dakota, and Wisconsin. The unharvested area and expected production were included in the totals published in this report.

NASS will re-contact respondents who previously reported acreage not yet harvested in these States in early spring. If the newly collected data justifies any changes, NASS will update the 2019 corn and soybean estimates published in this report. Stocks estimates are also subject to review since unharvested production is included in the estimate of on-farm stocks.

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