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## NORTH DAKOTA 2020 ANNUAL CROP PRODUCTION SUMMARY

**FARGO, N.D. January 12, 2021 - Corn for grain** production in North Dakota based on year-end surveys is estimated at 247 million bushels, down 40% from 2019, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Yield of 139 bushels per acre is up 8 bushels from last year. Farmers harvested 1.78 million acres of corn for grain, down 43% from 2019. **Corn for silage** production totaled 2.25 million tons, down 18% from 2019. Yield, at 15.5 tons per acre, is down 4.0 tons per acre from a year earlier. Area for harvest, at 145,000 acres, is up 4% from 2019. Total acreage planted for all purposes is 1.95 million acres, down 44% from last year.

**Soybean** production for 2020 totaled 191 million bushels, up 12% from 2019. Yield, at 33.5 bushels per acre, is up 2.0 bushels from a year earlier. Area for harvest, at 5.70 million acres, is up 6% from 2019. Total acreage planted is 5.75 million acres, up 3% from last year.

**Potato** production is 22.9 million cwt, up 18% from 2019. Yield, at 325 cwt per acre, is down 10 cwt from a year earlier. Area harvested, at 70,500 acres, is up 12,500 acres from 2019. Total acreage planted is 72,000 acres, down 1,000 acres from last year.

**Oil sunflower** production in 2020 is 1.18 billion pounds, up 79% from last year. Yield, at 1,880 pounds per acre, is up 380 pounds from a year earlier and a record high. Area harvested, at 630,000 acres, is up 43% from 2019. Total acreage planted is 640,000 acres, up 36% from last year. **Non-oil sunflower** production of 154 million pounds is up 73% from last year. Yield, at 1,810 pounds per acre, is up 160 pounds from a year earlier. Area harvested, at 85,000 acres, is up 31,000 from 2019. Total acreage planted is 93,000 acres, up 43% from last year.

**Canola** production of 2.92 billion pounds is up 1% from last year. Yield of 1,960 pounds per acre is up 160 pounds from a year earlier and tying the record high. Area harvested, at 1.49 million acres, is down 120,000 acres from 2019. Total acreage planted is 1.51 million acres, down 11% from last year.

**Flaxseed** production is estimated at 4.07 million bushels, down 5% from 2019. Yield per harvested acre is estimated at 21.0 bushels, down 1.0 bushel from last year. Acres harvested are estimated at 194,000, down from 195,000 a year ago. Total acreage planted is 200,000 acres, down 27% from last year.

**Dry edible bean** production of 12.8 million cwt is up 66% from a year ago. Yield, at 1,630 pounds per acre, is up 230 pounds from a year earlier. Area harvested, at 785,000 acres, is up 42% from 2019. Total acreage planted is 815,000 acres, up 32% from last year.

**All Chickpea** production in 2020 is 238,000 cwt, down 36.5% from last year. Yield, at 1,980 pounds per acre, is up 280 pounds from a year earlier. Area harvested, at 12,000 acres, is down 45.5% from 2019. Total acreage planted is 12,400 acres, down 69.8% from last year.

**Dry edible pea** production is estimated at 7.80 million cwt, down 15% from 2019. Yield is estimated at 2,400 pounds per acre, up 140 pounds from last year and tying the record high. Acres harvested are estimated at 325,000, down 20% from a year ago. Total acreage planted is 330,000 acres, down 22% from last year.

**Lentil** production is estimated at 1.13 million cwt, up 23% from the previous year. Yield is estimated at 1,400 pounds per acre, up 100 pounds from last year. Acres harvested are estimated at 81,000, up 14% from 2019. Total acreage planted is 83,000 acres, down 13% from last year.

**Sugarbeet** production is estimated at 5.45 million tons, up 23% from last year. Yield is estimated at 24.9 tons per acre, down 1.1 tons from the previous year. Acres harvested are estimated at 219,000, up 29% from the previous year. Total acreage planted is 221,000 acres, up 9,000 acres from last year.

**Alfalfa hay** production, at 2.20 million tons, is unchanged from a year earlier. The average yield, at 1.80 tons per acre, is unchanged from 2019. Area harvested for dry hay, at 1.22 million acres, is unchanged from 2019. **Seedlings of alfalfa** during 2020 totaled 75,000 acres, up 5,000 acres from the year earlier. **All other hay** production, at 1.40 million tons, is down 27% from 2019. Average yield, at 1.40 tons per acre, is down 0.20 ton per acre from last year. Area harvested at 1.00 million acres, is down 17% from 2019.

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