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NORTH DAKOTA 2023 ANNUAL CROP PRODUCTION SUMMARY

FARGO, N.D. January 12, 2024 - Corn for grain production in North Dakota based on year-end surveys is estimated at a record high 543 million bushels, up 58% from 2022, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Yield of 143 bushels per acre is up 13 bushels from last year. Farmers harvested a record high 3.80 million acres of corn for grain, up 43% from 2022. **Corn for silage** production totaled 3.50 million tons, up 1% from 2022. Yield, at 17.5 tons per acre, is up 2.5 tons per acre from a year earlier. Area for harvest, at 200,000 acres, is down 13% from 2022. Total acreage planted for all purposes is 4.05 million acres, up 37% from last year.

Soybean production for 2023 totaled 219 million bushels, up 10% from 2022. Yield, at 35.5 bushels per acre, is up 0.5 bushels from a year earlier. Area for harvest, at 6.16 million acres, is up 9% from 2022. Total acreage planted is 6.20 million acres, up 9% from last year.

Potato production is 26.3 million cwt, up 21% from 2022. Yield, at a record high 350 cwt per acre, is up 50 cwt from a year earlier. Area harvested, at 75,000 acres, is up 2,500 acres from 2022. Total acreage planted is 76,000 acres, up 2,000 acres from last year.

Oil sunflower production in 2023 is 965 million pounds, down 21% from last year. Yield, at a record high 1,970 pounds per acre, is up 70 pounds from a year earlier. Area harvested, at 490,000 acres, is down 24% from 2022. Total acreage planted is 500,000 acres, down 24% from last year. **Non-oil sunflower** production of 158 million pounds is up 37% from last year. Yield, at a record high 2,190 pounds per acre, is up 20 pounds from a year earlier. Area harvested, at 72,000 acres, is up 19,000 acres from 2022. Total acreage planted is 75,000 acres, up 32% from last year.

Canola production, at a record high 3.47 billion pounds, is up 7% from last year. Yield of 1,810 pounds per acre is down 10 pounds from a year earlier. Area harvested, at a record high 1.92 million acres, is up 130,000 acres from 2022. Total acreage planted, at a record high 1.93 million acres, is up 7% from last year.

Flaxseed production is estimated at 2.16 million bushels, down 36% from 2022. Yield per harvested acre is estimated at 21.0 bushels, unchanged from last year. Acres harvested are estimated at 103,000, down from 162,000 a year ago. Total acreage planted is 110,000 acres, down 33% from last year.

Dry edible bean production of 8.94 million cwt is down 14% from a year ago. Yield, at 1,700 pounds per acre, is down 140 pounds from a year earlier. Area harvested, at 525,000 acres, is down 7% from 2022. Total acreage planted is 530,000 acres, down 7% from last year.

All Chickpea production in 2023 is 324,000 cwt, up 65% from last year. Yield, at 1,490 pounds per acre, is up 60 pounds from a year earlier. Area harvested, at 21,700 acres, is up 58% from 2022. Total acreage planted is 22,000 acres, up 57% from last year.

Dry edible pea production is estimated at 6.00 million cwt, up 10% from 2022. Yield is estimated at 2,300 pounds per acre, down 90 pounds from last year. Acres harvested are estimated at 261,000, up 14% from a year ago. Total acreage planted is 270,000 acres, up 17% from last year.

Lentil production is estimated at 1.10 million cwt, up 4% from the previous year. Yield is estimated at 1,230 pounds per acre, up 160 pounds from last year. Acres harvested are estimated at 89,000, down 9% from 2022. Total acreage planted is 93,000 acres, down 7% from last year.

Sugarbeet production is estimated at 6.11 million tons, down 6% from last year. Yield is estimated at 26.8 tons per acre, up 0.7 ton from the previous year. Acres harvested are estimated at 228,000 acres, down 8% from the previous year. Total acreage planted is 229,000 acres, down 22,000 acres from last year.

Alfalfa hay production, at 2.60 million tons, is up 17% from a year earlier. The average yield, at 1.70 tons per acre, is down 0.25 ton per acre from 2022. Area harvested for dry hay, at 1.53 million acres, is up 34% from 2022. **Seedings of alfalfa** during 2023 totaled 60,000 acres, up 5,000 acres from the year earlier. **All other hay** production, at 1.83 million tons, is up 14% from 2022. Average yield, at 1.45 tons per acre, is down 0.15 ton per acre from last year. Area harvested at 1.26 million acres, is up 26% from 2022.

Principal crop area planted totaled 24.1 million acres, up 11% from 2022. Area harvested, at 23.5 million acres, is up 12% from last year. North Dakota principal crop acres include corn, oats, barley, rye, winter wheat, durum wheat, other spring wheat, soybeans, sunflower, dry edible beans, chickpeas, potatoes, canola, sugarbeets, and all hay. Double cropped acres and unharvested small grains planted as cover crops are also included.

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