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NORTH DAKOTA CROP PRODUCTION REPORT

Fargo, N.D. August 10, 2018 - Based on August 1 conditions, North Dakota's 2018 **spring wheat** crop is forecast at 312 million bushels, up 50 percent from last year, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Harvested acreage is estimated at 6.50 million acres, up 28 percent from a year ago. Average yield is forecast at a record high 48 bushels per acre, up 7 bushels from 2017.

Durum wheat production is forecast at 37.8 million bushels, up 31 percent from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 970 thousand, down 20 percent from a year ago. Average yield is forecast at 39 bushels per acre, up 15 bushels from last year.

Winter wheat production is forecast at 2.80 million bushels, 116 percent above last year's crop. Harvested acreage is estimated at 70,000 acres, double a year ago. Average yield is forecast at 40 bushels per acre, up 3 bushels from 2017.

Barley production is forecast at 29.9 million bushels, up 20 percent from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 440,000 acres, up 11 percent from a year ago. Average yield is forecast at 68 bushels per acre, up 8 bushels from 2017.

Oat production is forecast at 8.28 million bushels, up 78 percent from last year. Harvested acreage at 120,000 acres, up 50 percent from a year ago. Average yield is forecast at 69 bushels per acre, up 11 bushels from last year.

Corn production is forecast at 459 million bushels, up 2 percent from 2017. Acreage to be harvested for grain is estimated at 3.10 million acres, down 4 percent from last year. Average yield is forecast at 148 bushels per acre, up 9 bushel from last year.

Soybean production is forecast at 249 million bushels, up 4 percent from last year. Area for harvest, at 6.55 million acres, is down 7 percent from last year. Average yield per acre is forecast at 38 bushels per acre, up 4 bushels from 2017.

Alfalfa hay production is forecast at 2.70 million tons, up 43 percent from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 1.50 million acres, up 11 from a year ago. Expected yield, at 1.80 tons per acre, is up 0.4 ton from last year. **All other hay** production is forecast at 2.38 million tons, up 41 percent from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 1.40 million acres, up 8 percent from a year ago. Expected yield, at 1.70 tons per acre, is up 0.4 ton from last year.

Dry edible bean production is forecast at 11.0 million hundredweight, down 11 percent from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 625,000 acres, down 8 percent from a year ago. The average yield is forecast at 1,760 pounds per acre, down 50 pounds from last year. Acres planted

by class are as follows: Pinto, 328,000; Black, 95,000; Navy, 83,000; Large Garbanzo, 100,000; Small Garbanzo, 17,900; Small Red 9,500; Pink 6,900; Cranberry 2,300; Dark Red Kidney, 1,500; Great Northern, 1,800.

Sugarbeet production is forecast at 6.34 million tons, down 2 percent from 2017. Area for harvest, at 204,000 acres, is down 4 percent from last year. Yield is estimated at 31.1 tons per acre, up 0.7 ton from last year.

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