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NORTH DAKOTA CROP PRODUCTION REPORT

FARGO, N.D. September 12, 2018 - Based on September 1 conditions, North Dakota's 2018 **soybean** crop is forecast at 236 million bushels, down 2 percent from last year, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Area for harvest, at 6.55 million acres, is 7 percent below 2017. Average yield is forecast at 36.0 bushels per acre, up 2 bushels from last year.

Corn production is forecast at 440 million bushels, down 2 percent from last year's production. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 3.10 million acres, down 4 percent from 2017. Average yield is forecast at 142 bushels per acre, up 3 bushels from last year.

Sugarbeet for production is forecast at 6.46 million tons, up slightly from last year's crop. Area for harvest, at 209,000 acres, is down 1 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at a record high 30.9 tons per acre, up 0.5 tons from last year.

Lentil production is forecast at 2.78 million hundredweight, up 28 percent from last year's production. Area harvested, at 185,000 acres, is down 26 percent from 2017. Average yield is forecast at 1,500 pounds per acre, up 630 pounds from last year.

Dry edible pea production is forecast at 6.94 million hundredweight, down 6 percent from last year. Area harvested, at 365,000 acres, is down 11 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 1,900 pounds per acre, up 100 pounds from 2017.

Access the National publication for this release at:

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