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NORTH DAKOTA CROP PRODUCTION REPORT

FARGO, N.D. August 12, 2019 - Based on August 1 conditions, North Dakota's 2019 **spring wheat** crop is forecast at 320 million bushels, up 1 percent from last year, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Harvested acreage is estimated at 6.40 million acres, down 1 percent from a year ago. Average yield is forecast at a record 50 bushels per acre, up 1 bushel from 2018.

Durum wheat production is forecast at 28.6 million bushels, down 33 percent from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at a record low 680,000, down 37 percent from a year ago. Average yield is forecast at a record 42 bushels per acre, up 2.5 bushels from last year.

Winter wheat production is forecast at 3.38 million bushels, 12 percent above last year's crop. Harvested acreage is estimated at 75,000 acres, up 7 percent from a year ago. Average yield is forecast at 45 bushels per acre, up 2 bushels from 2018.

Barley production is forecast at 38.5 million bushels, up 35 percent from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 535,000 acres, up 39 percent from a year ago. Average yield is forecast at 72 bushels per acre, down 2 bushels from 2018.

Oat production is forecast at 9.02 million bushels, up 5 percent from last year. Harvested acreage at 110,000 acres, up 5 percent from a year ago. Average yield is forecast at 82 bushels per acre, tying last year's record yield.

Corn production is forecast at 477 million bushels, up 6 percent from 2018. Acreage to be harvested for grain is estimated at 3.27 million acres, up 12 percent from last year. Average yield is forecast at 146 bushels per acre, down 7 bushel from last year.

Soybean production is forecast at 198 million bushels, down 19 percent from last year. Area for harvest, at 5.65 million acres, is down 18 percent from last year. Average yield per acre is forecast at 35 bushels per acre, down 0.5 bushel from 2018.

Alfalfa hay production is forecast at 2.43 million tons, down 3 percent from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 1.35 million acres, down 8 from a year ago. Expected yield, at 1.80 tons per acre, is up 0.1 ton from last year. **All other hay** production is forecast at 2.21 million tons, up 15 percent from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 1.30 million acres, up 8 percent from a year ago. Expected yield, at 1.70 tons per acre, is up 0.1 ton from last year.

Dry edible bean production is forecast at 939,000 thousand cwt. Harvested acreage is estimated at 610,000. The average yield is forecast at 1,540 pounds per acre. Acres planted by class are as

follows: Pinto, 377,000; Black, 134,000; Navy, 76,000; Large Garbanzo, 65,000; Small Red, 11,700; Small Garbanzo, 10,000; Pink, 8,400; Dark Red Kidney, 4,600; Cranberry, 2,400.

Sugarbeet production is forecast at 6.12 million tons, up 7 percent from 2018. Area for harvest, at 209,000 acres, is up 5 percent from last year. Yield is estimated at 29.3 tons per acre, up 0.5 ton from last year.

Special Note

Survey respondents who reported acreage as not yet planted for corn, cotton, sorghum, and soybeans in fourteen States for the *Acreage* report, released June 28, 2019, were re-contacted in July. Excessive rainfall had led to planting delays and challenges at the time of the survey, leaving a portion of acres still to be planted for corn in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin; cotton in Arkansas; sorghum in Kansas; and soybeans in Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

When planting delays occur NASS has established procedures and processes in place to re-contact respondents. In addition to the updated survey information, NASS considered Farm Service Agency (FSA) certified acreage information as well as satellite-based indications of acreage to update planted and harvested acreage estimates for this report.

NASS estimates of planted area are always larger than the certified acres reported by FSA because of definitional differences and the fact that some producers do not participate in USDA programs and therefore do not report their acreage to FSA. It is also important to note that data are reported to FSA over an extended period of time, with varying due dates across the country, and is historically incomplete in early August. NASS has carefully analyzed these data for many years and has determined they normally don't become nearly complete until September for cotton and October for corn, soybeans, and sorghum. A detailed description of how NASS incorporates the FSA certified acreage information into the estimating process can be found at https://www.nass.usda.gov/Education_and_Outreach/Understanding_Statistics/FSA_Acreage.pdf

Based on all of the data sources described above, planted and harvested area estimates for corn, soybeans, cotton, and sorghum were updated and included in this report. All States in the estimating program for these crops were subject to review and updating. Planted acreage updates can be found in the National publication using the link below.

Access the National publication for this release at:

<https://usda.library.cornell.edu/concern/publications/tm70mv177>

Access the National Crop Production Executive Briefing at:

https://www.nass.usda.gov/Newsroom/Executive_Briefings/2019/08-12-2019.pdf

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