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NORTH DAKOTA CROP PRODUCTION REPORT

FARGO, N.D. September 12, 2019 - Based on September 1 conditions, North Dakota's 2019 **soybean** crop is forecast at 198 million bushels, down 19 percent from last year according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Area for harvest, at 5.65 million acres, is 18 percent below 2018. Average yield is forecast at 35.0 bushels per acre, down 0.5 bushel from last year.

Corn production is forecast at 474 million bushels, up 6 percent from last year's production. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 3.27 million acres, up 12 percent from 2018. Average yield is forecast at 145 bushels per acre, down 8.0 bushels from last year.

Sugarbeet for production is forecast at 5.85 million tons, up 2 percent from last year's crop. Area for harvest, at 209,000 acres, is up 5 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 28.0 tons per acre, down 0.8 tons from last year.

Lentil production is forecast at 1.44 million cwt, down 40 percent from a year ago. Area for harvest, at 90,000 acres, is down 49 percent from 2018. Average yield is forecast at a record high 1,600 pounds per acre, up 230 pounds from last year.

Dry edible pea production is forecast at 10.1 million cwt, up 26 percent from last year. Area for harvest, at 405,000 acres, is up 11 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at a record high 2,500 pounds per acre, up 300 pounds from 2018.

All chickpeas production is forecast at 660,000 cwt, down 65 percent from a year ago. Area for harvest at 39,000 acres, is down 64 from 2018. Average yield is forecast at 1,690 pounds per acre, down 50 pounds from last year.

Special Note

All forecasts in this report are based on conditions as of September 1, 2019 and assume normal weather for the remainder of the growing season. Data were not adjusted to account for any potential departures from normal between now and harvest.

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In addition to producer surveys, NASS also conducted objective yield surveys for corn, cotton, and soybeans for this month's forecasts. These data were supplemented with remotely sensed indications. Additional information regarding these data and how they are incorporated into the forecasts can be found at

https://www.nass.usda.gov/Education_and_Outreach/Understanding_Statistics/index.php

Access the National publication for this release at:

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

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