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## NORTH DAKOTA CROP PRODUCTION REPORT

**FARGO, N.D. August 12, 2020** - Based on August 1 conditions, North Dakota's 2020 **spring wheat** crop is forecast at 281 million bushels, down 4% from last year, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Harvested acreage is estimated at 5.85 million acres, down 2% from a year ago. Average yield is forecast at 48 bushels per acre, down 1 bushel from 2019.

**Durum wheat** production is forecast at 30.8 million bushels, up 21% from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 770,000, up 28% from a year ago. Average yield is forecast at 40 bushels per acre, down 2.5 bushels from last year.

**Winter wheat** production is forecast at 1.40 million bushels, down 62% last year's crop. Harvested acreage is estimated at 35,000 acres, down 50% from a year ago. Average yield is forecast at 40 bushels per acre, down 13 bushels from 2019.

**Barley** production is forecast at 31.0 million bushels, down 3% from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 425,000 acres, down 4% from a year ago. Average yield is forecast at 73 bushels per acre, up 1 bushel from 2019.

**Oat** production is forecast at 9.38 million bushels, down 5% from last year. Harvested acreage at 125,000 acres, up 9% from a year ago. Average yield is forecast at 75 bushels per acre, down 11 bushels from last year.

**Corn** production is forecast at 341 million bushels, down 17% from 2019. Acreage to be harvested for grain is estimated at 2.20 million acres, down 30% from last year. Average yield is forecast at 155 bushels per acre, up 24 bushels from last year.

**Soybean** production is forecast at 214 million bushels, up 26% from last year. Area for harvest, at 5.95 million acres, is up 10% from last year. Average yield per acre is forecast at 36 bushels per acre, up 4.5 bushels from 2019.

**Alfalfa hay** production is forecast at 2.90 million tons, up 32% from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 1.45 million acres, up 19% from a year ago. Expected yield, at 2.00 tons per acre, is up 0.20 ton from last year. **All other hay** production is forecast at 1.58 million tons, down 18% from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 1.05 million acres, down 13% from a year ago. Expected yield, at 1.50 tons per acre, is down 0.10 ton from last year.

**Dry edible bean** production is forecast at 13.9 million cwt, up 80% from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 770,000, up 40% from a year ago. The average yield is forecast at 1,800 pounds per acre, up 400 pounds from last year. Acres planted by class are as follows:

Pinto, 532,000; Black, 126,000; Navy, 96,000; Small Red, 13,800; Dark Red Kidney, 7,700; Pink, 4,700; Great Northern, 4,000; Cranberry, (D); All Other, (D). D is withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

**Sugarbeet** production is forecast at 6.01 million tons, up 36% from 2019. Area for harvest, at 211,000 acres, is up 24% from last year. Yield is estimated at 28.5 tons per acre, up 2.5 tons from last year.

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