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## NORTH DAKOTA CROP PRODUCTION REPORT

**FARGO, N.D. September 11, 2020** - Based on September 1 conditions, North Dakota's 2020 **soybean** crop is forecast at 214 million bushels, up 26% from last year, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Area for harvest, at 5.95 million acres, is up 10% from 2019. Average yield is forecast at 36 bushels per acre, up 4.5 bushels from last year.

**Corn** production is forecast at 345 million bushels, down 16% from last year's production. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 2.20 million acres, down 30% from 2019. Average yield is forecast at 157 bushels per acre, up 26 bushels from last year.

**Sugarbeet** production is forecast at 5.99 million tons, up 36% from last year's crop. Area for harvest, at 211,000 acres, is up 24% from last year. Yield is forecast at 28.4 tons per acre, up 2.4 tons from last year.

**Lentil** production is forecast at 1.01 million cwt, down 4% from a year ago. Area for harvest, at 78,000 acres, is down 4% from 2019. Average yield is forecast at 1,300 pounds per acre, unchanged from last year.

**Dry edible pea** production is forecast at 6.08 million cwt, down 34% from last year. Area for harvest, at 320,000 acres, is down 22% from last year. Yield is forecast at 1,900 pounds per acre, down 360 pounds from 2019.

**All Chickpeas** production is forecast at 232,000 cwt, down 29% from a year ago. Area for harvest, at 13,300 acres, is down 30% from last year. Yield is forecast at 1,740 pounds per acre, up 30 pounds from 2019.

### Special Note

The forecasts in this report are based on conditions as of September 1. Any potential impacts from the below freezing temperatures that occurred after September 1 will be reflected in future reports.

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