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NORTH DAKOTA CROP PRODUCTION REPORT

FARGO, N.D. October 9, 2020 - Based on October 1 conditions, North Dakota's 2020 **corn** production is forecast at 286 million bushels, down 30% from last year's production, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Area to be harvested for grain, at 1.79 million acres, is down 43% from a year ago. Yield is forecast at 160 bushels per acre, a record high if realized, up 29 bushels from last year.

Soybean production is forecast at 194 million bushels, up 14% from last year. Area for harvest, at 5.70 million acres, is 6% above 2019. Yield is forecast at 34 bushels per acre, up 2.5 bushels from last year.

Dry edible bean production is forecast at 14.6 million cwt, up 89% from 2019. Area for harvest, at 800,000 acres, is up 45% from last year. Yield is estimated at 1,820 pounds per acre, up 420 pounds per acre from last year.

Sugarbeet production is forecast at 6.22 million tons, up 41% from 2019. Area for harvest, at 219,000 acres, is up 29% from last year. Yield is estimated at 28.4 tons per acre, up 2.4 tons per acre from a year ago.

All sunflower production is forecast at 1.23 billion pounds, up 64% from last year. Acreage for harvest, at 696,000 acres, is up 202,000 acres from 2019. Yield is forecast at 1,761 pounds per acre, a record high if realized, up 245 pounds per acre from a year ago. Of the acres for harvest, non-oil sunflowers account for 76,000 acres and oil sunflowers account for 620,000 acres.

Canola production is forecast at a record 2.69 billion pounds, down 7% from last year. Acreage for harvest, at 1.52 million acres, is down 6% from 2019. Yield is forecast at 1,770 pounds per acre, down 30 pounds per acre from a year ago.

Alfalfa hay production, at 2.32 million tons, is up 6% from last year. Area for harvest, at 1.45 million acres, is up 19% from a year ago. Yield of 1.60 tons per acre, is down 0.20 ton from 2019. **All other hay** production, at 1.68 million tons, is down 13% from last year. Area for harvest, at 1.05 million acres, is down 13% from a year ago. Yield of 1.60 tons per acre, is unchanged from 2019.

Special Note

Each October, NASS has the opportunity to revise planted and harvested acreage estimates for corn, soybeans, sunflower, canola, sugarbeets, and dry edible beans. Revisions are based on all

available data, including the latest certified acreage data from the Farm Service Agency (FSA). All States in the estimating program for these crops were subject to review and updating.

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