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NORTH DAKOTA CROP PRODUCTION REPORT

FARGO, N.D. August 12, 2021 - Based on August 1 conditions, North Dakota's 2021 **spring wheat** crop is forecast at 173 million bushels, down 37% from last year, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Harvested acreage is estimated at 5.75 million acres, up 2% from a year ago. Average yield is forecast at 30 bushels per acre, down 19 bushels from 2020.

Durum wheat production is forecast at 16.0 million bushels, down 55% from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 725,000, down 20% from a year ago. Average yield is forecast at 22 bushels per acre, down 17 bushels from last year.

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.93 million bushels, up 19% last year's crop. Harvested acreage is estimated at 55,000 acres, up 67% from a year ago. Average yield is forecast at 35 bushels per acre, down 14 bushels from 2020.

Barley production is forecast at 18.2 million bushels, down 37% from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 480,000 acres, up 4% from a year ago. Average yield is forecast at 38 bushels per acre, down 25 bushels from 2020.

Oat production is forecast at 3.91 million bushels, down 52% from last year. Harvested acreage at 71,000 acres, down 32% from a year ago. Average yield is forecast at 55 bushels per acre, down 23 bushels from last year.

Corn production is forecast at 355 million bushels, up 44% from 2020. Acreage to be harvested for grain is estimated at 3.35 million acres, up 88% from last year. Average yield is forecast at 106 bushels per acre, down 33 bushels from last year.

Soybean production is forecast at 172 million bushels, down 10% from last year. Area for harvest, at 7.15 million acres, is up 25% from last year and a record high if realized. Average yield per acre is forecast at 24 bushels per acre, down 9.5 bushels from 2020.

Alfalfa hay production is forecast at 1.13 million tons, down 49% from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 1.25 million acres, up 2% from a year ago. Expected yield, at 0.90 ton per acre, is down 0.90 ton from last year. **All other hay** production is forecast at 1.04 million tons, down 26% from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 1.15 million acres, up 15% from a year ago. Expected yield, at 0.90 ton per acre, is down 0.50 ton from last year.

Dry edible bean production is forecast at 6.91 million cwt, down 46% from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 640,000, down 18% from a year ago. The average yield is forecast at 1,080 pounds per acre, down 550 pounds from last year. Acres planted by class are as follows:

Pinto, 463,000; Black, 85,000; Navy, 78,000; Small Red, 14,000; Pink, 6,300; Dark Red Kidney, (D); Great Northern, 9,800; Cranberry, 1,700; All Other, (D).

Sugarbeet production is forecast at 5.42 million tons, down 1% from 2020. Area for harvest, at 216,000 acres, is down 1% from last year. Yield is estimated at 25.1 tons per acre, up 0.2 ton from last year.

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