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NORTH DAKOTA CROP PRODUCTION REPORT

FARGO, N.D. October 12, 2023 - Based on October 1 conditions, North Dakota's 2023 **corn** production is forecast at 509 million bushels, up 47% from last year's production, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Area to be harvested for grain, at 3.74 million acres, is up 41% from a year ago. Yield is forecast at 136 bushels per acre, up 5 bushels from last year.

Soybean production is forecast at 203 million bushels, up 2% from last year. Area for harvest, at 6.15 million acres, is up 8% from 2022. Yield is forecast at 33.0 bushels per acre, down 2 bushels from last year.

Dry edible bean production is forecast at 8.06 million cwt, down 22% from 2022. Area for harvest, at 510,000 acres, is down 9% from last year. Yield is estimated at 1,580 pounds per acre, down 260 pounds per acre from last year.

Sugarbeet production is forecast at 6.32 million tons, down 3% from 2022. Area for harvest, at 228,000 acres, is down 8% from last year. Yield is estimated at 27.7 tons per acre, up 1.60 tons per acre from a year ago.

All sunflower production is forecast at 1.08 billion pounds, down 20% from last year. Acreage for harvest, at 556,000 acres, is down 142,000 acres from 2022. Yield is forecast at 1,938 pounds per acre, up 17.0 pounds per acre from a year ago and a record high if realized. Of the acres for harvest, non-oil sunflowers account for 71,000 acres and oil sunflowers account for 485,000 acres.

Canola production is forecast at a record high 3.40 billion pounds, up 5% from last year. Acreage for harvest, at 1.90 million acres, is up 6% from 2022 year and a record high if realized. Yield is forecast at 1,790 pounds per acre, down 30.0 pounds per acre from a year ago.

Alfalfa hay production, at 3.19 million tons, is up 48% from last year. Area for harvest, at 1.30 million acres, is up 18% from a year ago. Yield of 2.45 tons per acre, is up 0.50 ton from 2022 year and a record high if realized. **All other hay** production, at 2.09 million tons, is up 24% from last year. Area for harvest, at 1.10 million acres, is up 5% from a year ago. Yield of 1.90 tons per acre, is up 0.30 ton from 2022 and ties a record high if realized.

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