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BARLOW IS THE LEADING SPRING WHEAT VARIETY IN NORTH DAKOTA

FARGO, ND July 20, 2015 - Barlow is the leading spring wheat variety in North Dakota for the fourth straight year. It accounts for 12.6 percent of the 6.30 million acres of spring wheat planted in 2015. SY Soren ranks second with 12.1 percent of the spring wheat acreage. Elgin-ND represents 10.8 percent of the spring wheat planted and ranks third. Prosper ranks fourth with 10.5 percent of the spring wheat acres planted. Faller accounts for 8.3 percent of the spring wheat acreage and ranks fifth. These top five varieties account for 54.3 percent of the spring wheat planted in 2015. North Dakota continues to rank first in spring wheat planted acreage in the United States, with 46.6 percent of the nation's estimated 13.5 million acres planted.

Divide is the leading Durum wheat variety for the seventh consecutive year. Divide accounts for 29.5 percent of the 1.10 million acres planted compared with 37.0 in 2014 and 33.4 percent in 2013. Alkabo and Tioga rank second and third, respectively, with 20.9 and 10.1 percent of the Durum wheat acres planted. Mountrail ranks fourth in Durum wheat acreage with 7.6 percent, and Lebsock ranks fifth with 4.9 percent. These top five varieties account for 73.0 percent of the Durum wheat acreage in North Dakota. Once again, North Dakota ranks first in Durum wheat planted acreage in the United States with 56.3 percent of the nation's estimated 1.95 million acres planted.

Jerry accounts for 21.4 percent of the 2015 winter wheat planted acreage in North Dakota, marking the twelfth consecutive year as the most popular winter wheat variety. Decade and SY Wolf rank second and third, respectively, with 17.0 and 8.6 percent of the winter wheat acres planted. Ideal ranks fourth with 5.3 percent of the winter wheat acreage planted in North Dakota. These top four varieties account for 52.3 percent of the 250,000 acres planted in North Dakota for 2015.

The data in this report are based on a survey of wheat producers conducted during June by the North Dakota Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. **Thank you to each person who supplied data and made this report possible!**

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