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NORTH DAKOTA CROP PRODUCTION REPORT

FARGO, ND, October 10, 2014 -- Based on October 1 conditions, North Dakota's 2014 **soybean** crop is forecast at a record high 195 million bushels, up 38 percent from last year, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Area for harvest, at a record high 5.90 million acres, is up 27 percent from last year. Average yield is forecast at 33.0 bushels per acre, up 2.50 bushels from 2013.

Corn production is forecast at 352 million bushels, down 11 percent from last year. Acreage harvested for grain is estimated at 2.75 million acres, down 24 percent from 2013. Average yield is forecast at 128 bushels per acre, up 18.0 bushels from last year.

Dry Edible Bean production is forecast at 8.99 million hundredweight, up 27 percent from 2013. Area for harvest, at 620,000 acres, is up 44 percent from last year. Yield is estimated at 1,450 pounds per acre, down 200 pounds per acre from that of a year ago.

Sugarbeet production is forecast at 5.06 million tons, 11 percent below last year's crop. Area for harvest, at 211,000 acres, is down 6 percent from last year. Average yield is forecast at 24.0 tons per acre, down 1.30 tons from 2013.

All Sunflower production is forecast at 1.10 billion pounds, up 81 percent from last year. Acreage for harvest, at 655,000 acres, is up 37 percent from 2013. Yield is forecast at 1679 pounds per acre, up 404 pounds per acre from a year ago. Of the acres for harvest, non-oil sunflowers account for 140,000 acres and oil sunflowers account for 515,000 acres.

Canola production is forecast at 2.12 billion pounds, up 28 percent from last year. Acreage for harvest, at 1.18 million acres, is up 29 percent from 2013. Yield is forecast at 1,800 pounds per acre, down 20 pounds per acre from a year ago.

Alfalfa hay production, at 3.23 million tons, is down less than 1 percent from the 2013 crop. Area for harvest, at 1.54 million acres, is down 5 percent from a year ago. Yield at a record high 2.10 tons per acre, is up 0.10 ton from 2013. **All Other Hay** production, at 1.60 million tons, is down 14 percent from 2013. Area for harvest, at 840,000 acres, is down 16 percent from a year ago. Yield of 1.90 tons per acre, is up 0.05 ton from last year.

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