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NORTH DAKOTA CROP PRODUCTION REPORT

FARGO, ND, August 12, 2015 -- Based on August 1 conditions, North Dakota's 2015 **spring wheat** crop is forecast at 298 million bushels, up 2 percent from last year, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Harvested acreage is estimated at 6.20 million acres, up 1 percent from a year ago. Average yield is forecast at a record high 48 bushels per acre, up one-half bushel from 2014.

Durum wheat production is forecast at 38.5 million bushels, up 36 percent from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 1.07 million, up 35 percent from a year ago. Average yield is forecast at 36 bushels per acre, up one-half bushel from last year.

Winter wheat production is forecast at 12.0 million bushels, 56 percent below last year's crop. Harvested acreage is estimated at 235,000 acres, down 58 percent from a year ago. Average yield is forecast at 51 bushels per acre, up 2 bushels from 2014.

Barley production is forecast at 54.5 million bushels, up 52 percent from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 825,000 acres, up 54 percent from a year ago. Average yield is forecast at 66 bushels per acre, down 1 bushel from 2014.

Oat production is forecast at 9.72 million bushels, up 27 percent from last year. Harvested acreage at 135,000 acres, up 29 percent from a year ago. Average yield is forecast at 72 bushels per acre, down 1 bushel from last year's record.

Corn production is forecast at 321 million bushels, up 2 percent from 2014. Acreage harvested for grain is estimated at 2.55 million acres, up one percent from last year. Average yield is forecast at 126 bushels per acre, up 2 bushels from last year.

Soybean production is forecast at 196 million bushels, down 3 percent from last year's record. Area for harvest, at 5.77 million acres, is down 2 percent from last year. Average yield per acre is forecast at 34 bushels per acre, down one-half bushel from 2014.

Alfalfa hay production is forecast at 3.04 million tons, down 12 percent from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 1.60 million acres, down 3 percent from a year ago. Expected yield, at 1.90 tons per acre, is down 0.2 ton from last year. **All other hay** production is forecast at 2.07 million tons, up 4 percent from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 1.15 million acres, up 10 percent from a year ago. Expected yield, at 1.80 tons per acre, is down 0.1 ton from last year.

Dry edible bean production is forecast at 8.89 million cwt, up 1 percent from last year. The average yield is forecast at 1,400 pounds per acre, down 30 pounds from last year. Acres planted by class are as follows: Pinto, 363,000; Navy, 104,000; Black, 142,000; Pink, 9,600; Great Northern, 4,800; Large Garbanzo, 2,400; Small Garbanzo, 5,300; Dark Red Kidney, 3,100; Small Red, 7,400; All Other, 8,400.

Sugarbeet production is forecast at 5.62 million tons, up 10 percent from 2014. Area for harvest, at 208,000 acres, is down 3 percent from last year. Yield is estimated at 27 tons per acre, up 3.2 tons from last year.

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