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## NORTH DAKOTA CROP PRODUCTION REPORT

FARGO, ND, October 9, 2015 -- Based on October 1 conditions, North Dakota's 2015 **soybean** crop is forecast at 190 million bushels, down 6 percent from last year, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Area for harvest, at 5.77 million acres, is down 2 percent from last year. Average yield is forecast at 33.0 bushels per acre, down 1.5 bushels from 2014.

**Corn** production is forecast at 315 million bushels, up less than 1 percent from last year. Acreage harvested for grain is estimated at 2.50 million acres, down 1 percent from 2014. Average yield is forecast at 126 bushels per acre, up 2.0 bushels from last year.

**Dry Edible Bean** production is forecast at 7.74 million hundredweight, down 12 percent from 2014. Area for harvest, at 645,000 acres, is up 5 percent from last year. Yield is estimated at 1,200 pounds per acre, down 230 pounds per acre from a year ago.

**Sugarbeet** production is forecast at 5.72 million tons, 12 percent above last year's crop. Area for harvest, at 208,000 acres, is down 3 percent from last year. Average yield is forecast at 27.5 tons per acre, up 3.7 tons from 2014.

**All Sunflower** production is forecast at 1.02 billion pounds, up 20 percent from last year. Acreage for harvest, at 701,000 acres, is up 8 percent from 2014. Yield is forecast at 1,450 pounds per acre, up 144 pounds per acre from a year ago. Of the acres for harvest, non-oil sunflowers account for 96,000 acres and oil sunflowers account for 605,000 acres.

**Canola** production is forecast at a record 2.62 billion pounds, up 22 percent from last year. Acreage for harvest, at 1.40 million acres, is up 18 percent from 2014. Yield is forecast at a record 1,870 pounds per acre, up 70 pounds per acre from a year ago.

**Alfalfa hay** production, at 3.04 million tons, is down 12 percent from the 2014 crop. Area for harvest, at 1.60 million acres, is down 3 percent from a year ago. Yield, at 1.90 tons per acre, is down 0.20 ton from 2014. **All Other Hay** production, at 2.19 million tons, is up 10 percent from 2014. Area for harvest, at 1.15 million acres, is up 10 percent from a year ago. Yield of 1.90 tons per acre, ties last year's record.

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