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## NORTH DAKOTA CROP PRODUCTION REPORT

**Fargo, ND** – Based on August 1 conditions, North Dakota's 2016 **spring wheat** crop is forecast at 291 million bushels, down 9 percent from last year, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Harvested acreage is estimated at 6.20 million acres, down 7 percent from a year ago. Average yield is forecast at 47 bushels per acre, down 1 bushel from 2015.

**Durum wheat** production is forecast at 50.4 million bushels, up 19 percent from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 1.26 million, up 17 percent from a year ago. Average yield is forecast at a record 40 bushels per acre, up one-half bushel from last year.

**Winter wheat** production is forecast at 7.02 million bushels, 16 percent below last year's crop. Harvested acreage is estimated at 130,000 acres, down 32 percent from a year ago. Average yield is forecast at 54 bushels per acre, up 10 bushels from 2015.

**Barley** production is forecast at 47.6 million bushels, down 29 percent from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 700,000 acres, down 33 percent from a year ago. Average yield is forecast at 68 bushels per acre, up 4 bushels from 2015.

**Oat** production is forecast at 9.76 million bushels, down 6 percent from last year. Harvested acreage at 160,000 acres, up 14 percent from a year ago. Average yield is forecast at 61 bushels per acre, down 13 bushels from last year's record.

**Corn** production is forecast at 439 million bushels, up 34 percent from 2015. Acreage harvested for grain is estimated at 3.25 million acres, up 27 percent from last year. Average yield is forecast at a record 135 bushels per acre, up 7 bushel from last year.

**Soybean** production is forecast at 194 million bushels, up 4 percent from last year. Area for harvest, at a record tying 5.87 million acres, is up 3 percent from last year. Average yield per acre is forecast at 33 bushels per acre, up one-half bushel from 2015.

**Alfalfa hay** production is forecast at 2.10 million tons, down 26 percent from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 1.40 million acres, down 7 percent from a year ago. Expected yield, at 1.50 tons per acre, is down 0.4 ton from last year. **All other hay** production is forecast at 1.65 million tons, down 22 percent from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 1.10 million acres, down 12 percent from a year ago. Expected yield, at 1.50 tons per acre, is down 0.2 ton from last year.

**Dry edible bean** production is forecast at 9.34 million cwt, up 5 percent from last year. The average yield is forecast at 1,470 pounds per acre, up 70 pounds from last year. Acres planted by class are as follows: Pinto, 443,000; Black, 91,000; Navy, 89,000; Large Garbanzo, 9,700; Pink, 7,700; Small Garbanzo, 4,000; Dark Red Kidney, 3,800; Great Northern, 3,700; Small Red, 3,300; All Other, 4,800.

**Sugarbeet** production is forecast at 6.10 million tons, up 6 percent from 2015. Area for harvest, at 211,000 acres, is up 2 percent from last year. Yield is estimated at a record 28.9 tons per acre, up 1.0 tons from last year.

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