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## NORTH DAKOTA CROP PRODUCTION REPORT

**Fargo, ND** – Based on October 1 conditions, North Dakota’s 2016 **soybean** crop is forecast at a record 234 million bushels, up 26 percent from last year, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. Area for harvest, at a record 6.01 million acres, is up 5 percent from last year. Average yield is forecast at a record 39.0 bushels per acre, up 6.5 bushels from 2015.

**Corn** production is forecast at a record 445 million bushels, up 36 percent from last year. Acreage harvested for grain is estimated at 3.25 million acres, up 27 percent from 2015. Average yield is forecast at a record 137 bushels per acre, up 9.0 bushels from last year.

**Dry Edible Bean** production is forecast at 8.66 million hundredweight, down 3 percent from 2015. Area for harvest, at 570,000 acres, is down 10 percent from last year. Yield is estimated at 1,520 pounds per acre, up 120 pounds per acre from a year ago.

**Sugarbeet** production is forecast at 6.09 million tons, 6 percent above last year’s crop. Area for harvest, at 208,000 acres, is down 1 percent from last year. Average yield is forecast at a record 29.3 tons per acre, up 1.4 tons from 2015.

**All Sunflower** production is forecast at 1.08 billion pounds, up 1 percent from last year. Acreage for harvest, at 670,000 acres, is down 5 percent from 2015. Yield is forecast at 1,614 pounds per acre, up 91 pounds per acre from a year ago. Of the acres for harvest, non-oil sunflowers account for 55,000 acres and oil sunflowers account for 615,000 acres.

**Canola** production is forecast at a record 2.57 billion pounds, up 3 percent from last year. Acreage for harvest, at 1.45 million acres, is up 4 percent from 2015. Yield is forecast at 1,770 pounds per acre, down 10 pounds per acre from a year ago.

**Alfalfa Hay** production, at 2.52 million tons, is down 12 percent from the 2015 crop. Area for harvest, at 1.40 million acres, is down 7 percent from a year ago. Yield, at 1.80 tons per acre, is down 0.10 ton from 2015. **All Other Hay** production, at 1.65 million tons, is down 22 percent from 2015. Area for harvest, at 1.10 million acres, is down 22 percent from a year ago. Yield of 1.50 tons per acre is down 0.20 ton per acre.

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