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CROP PRODUCTION

North Dakota Soybean production is forecast at 108 million bushels, down 6 percent from the October forecast and 1 percent from the 2007 crop. Area to be harvested is estimated at 3.72 million acres, up 22 percent from 2007. Based on conditions as of November 1, yields are expected to average 29 bushels per acre, down 2 bushels from the October forecast and 6.5 bushels from last year.

Corn for grain production is forecast at a record high 285 million bushels, down 2 percent from the October forecast but up 5 percent from last year's record high. Acreage to be harvested for grain is estimated at 2.30 million, down 2 percent from 2007. Corn for grain yields are expected to average 124 bushels per harvested acre, down 3 bushels from the October forecast but 8 bushels above last year.

Dry edible pea production is estimated at 7.90 million cwt (hundredweight), down 24 percent from last year. Area harvested is estimated at 500,000 acres, equal to last year. Average yield is estimated at 1,580 pounds per harvested acre, down from 2007's yield of 2,080 pounds.

Lentil production is estimated at 828,000 cwt, down from 1.34 million cwt produced last year. Area for harvest is estimated at 93,000 acres, down from 106,000 in 2007. Average yield is estimated at 890 pounds.

United States Soybean production is forecast at 2.92 billion bushels, down less than 1 percent from the October forecast but up 9 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the fourth largest production on record. Soybean growers expect to harvest 74.4 million acres, unchanged from October 1 but up 16 percent from 2007. Harvested area, if realized, will be the second largest on record. Based on November 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 39.3 bushels per acre, down 0.2 bushel from October 1 and down 2.4 bushels from 2007.

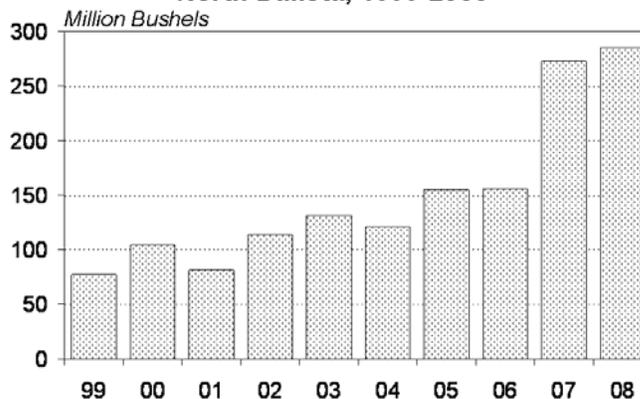
Corn for grain production is forecast at 12.0 billion bushels, down slightly from the October forecast and 8 percent below 2007. Corn area harvested and to be harvested for grain is forecast at 78.2 million acres, unchanged from

October but down 10 percent from 2007. If realized, area harvested for grain will be the second largest on record since 1946, behind last year. Based on conditions as of November 1, yields are expected to average 153.8 bushels per acre, down 0.1 bushel from October but 2.7 bushels above last year. If realized, this will be the second highest yield on record, behind 2004, and production will be the second largest, behind last year.

Dry edible pea production is forecast at 12.1 million cwt, down 24 percent from the 2007 estimate. Area for harvest, at 832,800 acres, is 3 percent above a year ago. Average yield is forecast at 1,455 pounds per acre, down 505 pounds from last season.

Lentil production is forecast at 2.39 million cwt, down 30 percent from last year. Area for harvest is forecast at 266,000 acres, down 10 percent from the previous year. Average yield is expected to be 900 pounds per acre, down 255 pounds per acre from 2007.

Corn for Grain: Production North Dakota, 1999-2008



CROP PRODUCTION (Continued)

**Crop Summary: Area Planted and Harvested
North Dakota and United States, 2007 and Forecasted November 1, 2008 ¹**

Crop	North Dakota				United States			
	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Area Planted		Area Harvested	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres
Barley	1,470	1,650	1,390	1,540	4,020	4,234	3,508	3,767
Corn for Grain ²	2,550	2,550	2,350	2,300	93,600	85,889	86,542	78,177
Corn for Silage			170				6,071	
Hay, All			2,780	2,850			61,625	60,439
Alfalfa			1,650	1,550			21,670	20,778
All Other			1,130	1,300			39,955	39,661
Oats	460	320	260	130	3,760	3,217	1,505	1,395
Rye ³					1,376	1,260	289	269
Wheat, All	8,595	9,230	8,405	8,640	60,433	63,047	51,011	55,685
Winter	465	630	445	550	44,987	46,181	35,952	39,614
Durum	1,480	1,800	1,460	1,690	2,149	2,731	2,112	2,584
Spring	6,650	6,800	6,500	6,400	13,297	14,135	12,947	13,487
Canola	1,080	920	1,070	900	1,183	1,015	1,163	986
Flaxseed	320	315	317	310	354	340	349	333
Mustard Seed ³					56.0	67.0	52.8	64.0
Rapeseed ³					1.5	0.5	1.0	0.4
Safflower ³					180	191	172	183
Soybeans	3,100	3,800	3,060	3,720	64,736	75,878	64,141	74,374
Sunflower, All	1,075	1,100	1,055	1,060	2,068.0	2,507.0	2,009.5	2,385.0
Oil	910	950	895	915	1,764.0	2,154.0	1,717.0	2,049.0
Non-oil	165	150	160	145	304.0	353.0	292.5	336.0
Sugarbeets	252	218	247	212	1,268.8	1,110.1	1,246.8	1,051.6
Dry Edible Beans, All	690.0	660.0	665.0	630.0	1,526.9	1,492.9	1,478.7	1,424.6
Dry Edible Peas	515	520	500	500	847.5	874.0	811.3	832.8
Lentils	110	97	106	93	303	273	295	266
Fall Potatoes, All	97.0	82.0	91.0	81.0	1,010.8	928.4	996.8	918.2

¹ Data are latest estimates available. ² Area planted for all purposes. ³ Published at U.S. level only.

**Crop Summary: Yield and Production
North Dakota and United States, 2007 and Forecasted November 1, 2008 ¹**

Crop	Unit	North Dakota				United States					
		Yield		Production		Yield		Production			
		2007	2008		2007	2008	2007	2008		2007	2008
			Oct 1	Nov 1				Oct 1	Nov 1		
Barley ²	Bu	56.0		56.0	1,000	1,000	60.4		63.6	1,000	1,000
Corn for Grain	Bu	116.0	127.0	124.0	272,600	285,200	151.1	153.9	153.8	13,073,893	12,019,894
Corn for Silage	Tons	11.0			1,870		17.5			106,328	
Hay, All ³	Tons	1.87	1.47	1.47	5,191	4,183	2.44	2.49	2.49	150,304	150,500
Alfalfa ³	Tons	2.05	1.65	1.65	3,383	2,558	3.35	3.44	3.44	72,575	71,424
All Other ³	Tons	1.60	1.25	1.25	1,808	1,625	1.95	1.99	1.99	77,729	79,076
Oats ²	Bu	59.0		51.0	15,340	6,630	60.9		63.5	91,599	88,635
Rye ^{2,4}	Bu						27.4		29.7	7,914	7,979
Wheat, All ²	Bu	35.7		36.0	300,050	311,200	40.5		44.9	2,066,722	2,499,524
Winter ²	Bu	50.0		41.0	22,250	22,550	42.2		47.2	1,515,989	1,867,903
Durum ²	Bu	30.0		25.0	43,800	42,250	33.9		32.8	71,686	84,877
Spring ²	Bu	36.0		38.5	234,000	246,400	37.0		40.5	479,047	546,744
Canola ³	Lbs	1,240	1,520	1,520	1,326,800	1,368,000	1,250	1,514	1,514	1,453,830	1,492,846
Flaxseed	Bu	17.5			5,548		16.9			5,904	
Mustard Seed ⁴	Lbs						603			31,826	
Rapeseed ⁴	Lbs						1,300			1,300	
Safflower ⁴	Lbs						1,215			208,995	
Soybeans	Bu	35.5	31.0	29.0	108,630	107,880	41.7	39.5	39.3	2,675,822	2,920,589
Sunflower, All ³	Lbs	1,414	1,445	1,445	1,492,000	1,531,200	1,436	1,448	1,448	2,886,065	3,454,640
Oil	Lbs	1,440			1,288,800		1,454			2,495,920	
Non-oil	Lbs	1,270			203,200		1,334			390,145	
Sugarbeets	Tons	23.1	25.5	25.5	5,706	5,406	25.6	26.5	26.8	31,912	28,179
Dry Edible Beans, All ^{3,5}	Cwt	1,590	1,550	1,550	10,574	9,765	1,716	1,774	1,774	25,371	25,268
Dry Edible Peas ⁵	Cwt	2,080		1,580	10,400	7,900	1,960		1,455	15,903	12,120
Lentils ⁵	Cwt	1,260		890	1,336	828	1,155		900	3,408	2,393
Fall Potatoes, All	Cwt	260		280	23,660	22,680	409		407	407,517	373,496

¹ Data are latest estimates available. ² Estimates carried forward from the September Small Grains 2008 summary. ³ No forecast made November 1, estimates carried forward from October. ⁴ Published at U.S. level only. ⁵ Yield in pounds.

AGRICULTURAL PRICES

North Dakota

The Index of Prices Received for All Farm Products in October is 192 percent of the 1990-1992 base. This is up 5 percent from last year and 52 percent above two years ago. The All Crops Index, at 211 percent of the base, is up 7 percent from October 2007 while the All Livestock and Products Index, at 116 percent, is down 8 percent from last year. October indexes are calculated using preliminary mid-month prices.

United States

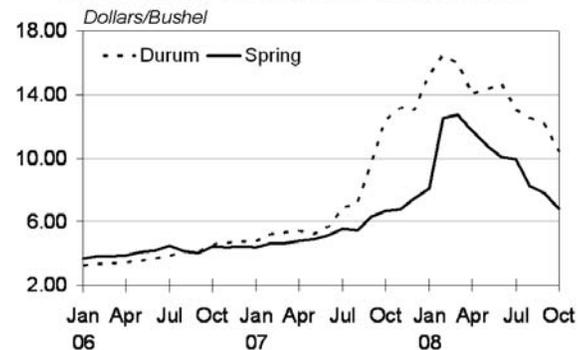
The October All Farm Products Index is 145 percent of its 1990-92 base, down 6 percent from the September index but 3 percent above the October 2007 index. The All Crops Index is 157, down 10 percent from September but 5 percent above October 2007.

**Index Numbers of Farm Prices
North Dakota and United States, October 2008**

Indexes and Ratios	North Dakota			United States		
	Oct 2007	Sept 2008	Oct 2008	Oct 2007	Sept 2008	Oct 2008
Prices Received	(1990-92 = 100)					
All Farm Products	183	231	192	141	154	145
Crops	198	255	211	149	174	157
Food Grains	296	300	254	237	250	205
Feed Grains & Hay	163	256	205	148	219	177
Oil Bearing Crops ¹	174	266	207	144	177	153
Potatoes & Dry Beans ²	144	177	167	104	159	142
Livestock and Products	126	122	116	131	133	128
Meat Animals	124	119	113	118	124	118
Dairy Products	148	146	148	164	139	135
Other Livestock Products ³	130	129	129	134	149	149
Prices Paid	NA	NA	NA	163	191	188
Ratio⁴	NA	NA	NA	86	81	77

¹ Includes non-oil sunflower. ² North Dakota includes sugarbeets. ³ United States excludes wool. ⁴ Ratio of Index of Prices Received to Index of Prices Paid. NA=Not applicable.

**Durum & Spring Wheat: Prices Received
North Dakota, January 2006-October 2008**



**Prices Received by Farmers
North Dakota and United States, October 2008**

Item	Unit	North Dakota			United States			Effective U.S. Parity Price Oct 2008
		Entire Month		Preliminary	Entire Month		Preliminary	
		Oct 2007	Sept 2008	Oct 2008	Oct 2007	Sept 2008	Oct 2008	
Wheat, All	Bu	8.20	7.99	7.02	7.65	7.43	5.79	13.30
Durum	Bu	12.40	12.10	10.40	11.70	11.80	9.82	NA
Spring	Bu	6.68	7.78	6.85	6.99	7.77	6.60	NA
Winter	Bu	6.08	6.79	6.05	7.55	6.99	5.29	NA
Corn	Bu	2.97	5.18	3.90	3.29	5.02	3.99	8.43
Oats	Bu	2.03	2.71	2.45	2.45	3.29	2.71	5.48
Barley, All	Bu	4.10	5.31	4.92	4.53	5.74	4.97	9.20
Feed	Bu	3.67	4.17	3.80	4.89	4.50	3.47	NA
Malting	Bu	4.42	5.63	5.20	4.16	6.07	5.57	NA
Sunflower, All	Cwt	17.40	27.90	23.60	17.80	28.20	23.20	42.00
Oil	Cwt	17.10	27.50	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Non-oil	Cwt	20.00	30.20	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Baled Hay, All ¹	Ton	55.00	79.00	77.00	128.00	161.00	157.00	NA
Alfalfa ¹	Ton	60.00	85.00	82.00	136.00	176.00	172.00	NA
Other ¹	Ton	42.00	62.00	60.00	113.00	122.00	122.00	NA
Canola	Cwt	16.40	20.70	18.80	16.30	20.70	18.80	38.30
Flaxseed	Bu	11.60	15.60	12.10	11.60	15.60	12.10	22.50
Soybeans	Bu	7.85	10.80	9.40	8.36	10.70	8.66	20.80
Dry Edible Beans, All	Cwt	23.50	33.20	28.50	25.90	36.80	33.80	67.80
Navy	Cwt		34.00	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pinto	Cwt	23.50	32.70	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Potatoes, All	Cwt	6.35	7.80	7.90	5.68	8.79	7.86	20.70
Fresh ³	Cwt	8.25	12.50	NA	7.70	19.15	NA	NA
Processing	Cwt	5.90	6.50	NA	5.29	5.71	NA	NA
Beef Cattle	Cwt	94.70	87.10	86.20	90.90	94.40	88.60	255.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	108.00	100.00	97.00	96.60	99.30	93.80	NA
Cows	Cwt	44.70	54.00	50.00	46.60	54.50	49.20	NA
Calves	Cwt	119.00	109.00	102.00	123.00	113.00	108.00	370.00
Sheep	Cwt	25.00	24.00	NA	25.50	23.80	NA	117.00
Lambs	Cwt	100.00	100.00	NA	97.00	99.60	NA	290.00
Hogs	Cwt	43.10	52.80	NA	42.40	52.70	50.70	140.00

¹ Alfalfa, other and all hay are preliminary prices only. ² Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms. ³ Fresh market prices only, includes table stock. NA=Not applicable.

POTATO PRODUCTION

North Dakota

Fall potato production is expected to be 22.7 million cwt, down from 23.7 million cwt produced last year and 25.5 million cwt in 2006. Planted acres, at 82,000, are down 15,000 acres from last year and 18,000 from 2006. Acres harvested are estimated 81,000, down 10,000 acres from last year and 17,000 from 2006. The average yield is expected to be a record high 280 cwt, up from 260 cwt in 2006 and 2007. Producers expect to sell 89.0 percent of the total production, compared with 89.6 percent actually marketed last year and the 2003-2007 average of 88.5 percent.

United States

Fall potato production for 2008 is forecast at 373 million cwt, down 8 percent from 2007. Area harvested, at 918,200 acres, is virtually unchanged from the July estimate but 8 percent lower than last year. The average yield, forecast at 407 cwt per acre, is down 2 cwt from last year's record high yield and, if realized, will be the second highest yield on record.

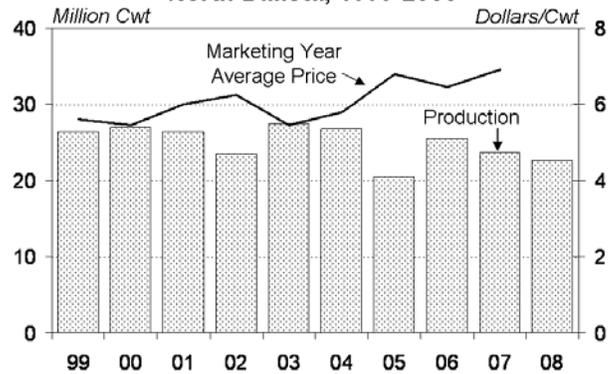


**Potatoes: Production, Sales and Price
North Dakota, 2001-2008**

Year	Total Production Cwt	Potatoes Sold		Marketing Year Average Price
		Cwt	% of Production	
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>\$/Cwt</i>
2001	26,400	22,120	83.8	6.00
2002	23,460	20,360	86.8	6.25
2003	27,440	23,350	85.1	5.45
2004	26,765	23,700	88.5	5.80
2005	20,500	18,450	90.0	6.80
2006	25,480	22,950	90.1	6.45
2007	23,660	21,200	89.6	6.90
2008	22,680	20,190*	89.0	NA

*Expected Sales - 2008. NA = Not Available

**Potatoes: Production and Price
North Dakota, 1999-2008**



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