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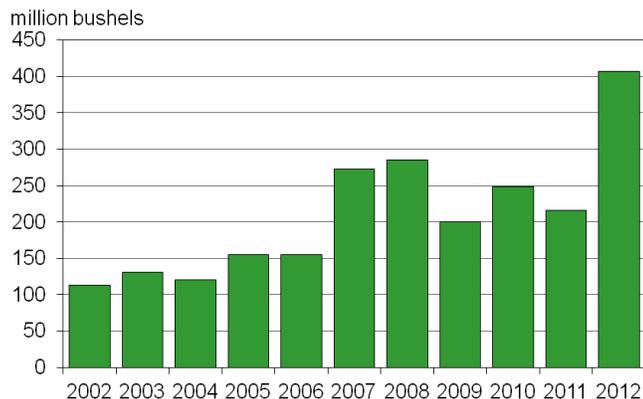
Potato Production

NOVEMBER CROP PRODUCTION

North Dakota
Soybean production in North Dakota is forecast at a record high 160 million bushels, unchanged from the October forecast and up 42 percent from the 2011 crop. Area to be harvested is estimated at a record high 4.7 million acres, up 19 percent from 2011. Yields are expected to average 34 bushels per harvested acre, unchanged from October and up 5.5 bushels from last year.

Corn for grain production is estimated at a record high 407 million bushels, up 4 percent from the October forecast and up 88 percent from last year. Area to be harvested for grain is estimated at a record high 3.39 million acres, up 65 percent from 2011. Corn for grain yields are expected to average 120 bushels per harvested acre, up 5 bushels from the October forecast and up 15 bushels from last year.

Corn for Grain Production North Dakota



Dry edible pea production is estimated at 4.49 million cwt (hundredweight), up 287 percent from last year. Area to be harvested is estimated at 230,000 acres, up

188 percent from last year. Average yield is estimated at 1,950 pounds per harvested acre, up 500 pounds from last year.

Lentil production is forecast at 1.88 million cwt, up 128 percent from last year. Area for harvest is estimated at 158,000 acres, up from 77,000 acres in 2011. Average yield is estimated at 1,190 pounds per harvested acre, up 120 pounds from last year.

United States
Soybean production is forecast at 2.97 billion bushels, up 4 percent from October but down 4 percent from last year. Yields are expected to average 39.3 bushels per acre, up 1.5 bushels from last month but down 2.6 bushels from last year. Area for harvest is forecast at 75.7 million acres, unchanged from October and up 3 percent from last year.

Corn for grain production is forecast at 10.7 billion bushels, up slightly from the October forecast but down 13 percent from 2011. This represents the lowest production in the U.S. since 2006. Yields are expected to average 122.3 bushels per acre, up 0.3 bushel from the October forecast but 24.9 bushels below the 2011 average. If realized, this will be the lowest average yield since 1995. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 87.7 million acres, unchanged from the October forecast and up 4 percent from 2011.

Dry edible pea production is forecast at 11.5 million cwt, up 104 percent from last year. Planted area, at 654,000 acres, and harvested area, at 629,000 acres, increased by 81 percent and 83 percent, respectively. Average yield is expected to be 1,821 pounds per acre, up 180 pounds from 2011.

Lentil production is forecast at 5.25 million cwt, up 11 percent from last year. Area for harvest is forecast at 450,000 acres, up 9 percent from the previous year. Average yield is expected to be 1,168 pounds per acre, up 17 pounds from 2011.

Production forecasts in this report are based on yield projections and acreage reports collected from producers on or around November 1. This report is based on conditions at the time and assumes no extreme conditions during the remainder of the crop season.

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CROP PRODUCTION (Continued)

Crop Area Planted and Harvested – North Dakota and United States: 2011 and November 1, 2012

(Data are the latest estimates available. Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun.)

Crop	North Dakota				United States			
	Area planted		Area harvested		Area planted		Area harvested	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)
Wheat, all.....	6,800	7,840	6,590	7,760	54,409	55,736	45,705	48,991
Spring.....	5,650	5,750	5,500	5,700	12,394	12,289	12,079	12,055
Durum.....	750	1,340	715	1,330	1,369	2,123	1,312	2,102
Winter.....	400	750	375	730	40,646	41,324	32,314	34,834
Barley.....	400	1,060	350	1,010	2,559	3,637	2,239	3,244
Oats.....	170	200	85	110	2,496	2,760	939	1,045
Sunflower, all.....	580.0	860.0	561.0	840.0	1,543.0	1,918.2	1,457.8	1,815.1
Oil.....	510.0	770.0	500.0	755.0	1,289.5	1,656.5	1,233.4	1,576.5
Non-oil.....	70.0	90.0	61.0	85.0	253.5	261.7	224.4	238.6
Canola.....	860.0	1,460.0	850.0	1,450.0	1,071.5	1,773.0	1,043.0	1,737.6
Soybeans.....	4,000	4,750	3,960	4,700	75,046	77,203	73,776	75,693
Flaxseed.....	150	260	147	258	178	285	173	281
Safflower.....	3.0	13.0	2.9	12.5	130.7	147.5	127.3	141.5
Corn for grain ¹	2,230	3,600	2,060	3,390	91,921	96,946	83,981	87,721
Corn for silage.....	(NA)	(NA)	150		(NA)	(NA)	5,928	
Dry edible beans, all.....	410.0	700.0	380.0	690.0	1,205.9	1,733.7	1,155.9	1,690.0
Dry edible peas.....	85.0	235.0	80.0	230.0	362.0	654.0	342.8	629.0
Lentils.....	80.0	160.0	77.0	158.0	428.0	463.0	411.0	450.0
Fall potatoes, all.....	84	88	77	84	957.7	1,004.4	939.5	991.5
Sugarbeets.....	231.0	220.0	225.0	216.0	1,232.7	1,243.5	1,213.1	1,215.5
Hay, all.....	(NA)	(NA)	2,480	2,600	(NA)	(NA)	55,633	57,574
Alfalfa.....	(NA)	(NA)	1,550	1,570	(NA)	(NA)	19,213	18,812
All other.....	(NA)	(NA)	930	1,030	(NA)	(NA)	36,420	38,762

(NA) Not Available. ¹ Area planted for all purposes.

Crop Yield and Production – North Dakota and United States: 2011 and November 1, 2012

(Data are the latest estimates available. Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun.)

Crop	North Dakota				United States			
	Yield		Production		Yield		Production	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
			(1,000)	(1,000)			(1,000)	(1,000)
Wheat, all..... bushels	30.3	43.7	199,858	339,210	43.7	46.3	1,999,347	2,269,117
Spring..... bushels	30.5	45.0	167,750	256,500	37.7	45.0	455,188	541,959
Durum..... bushels	25.5	32.0	18,233	42,560	38.5	39.0	50,482	81,956
Winter..... bushels	37.0	55.0	13,875	40,150	46.2	47.2	1,493,677	1,645,202
Barley..... bushels	47.0	61.0	16,450	61,610	69.6	67.9	155,780	220,284
Oats..... bushels	52.0	62.0	4,420	6,820	57.1	61.3	53,649	64,024
Sunflower, all..... pounds	1,366	1,485	766,250	1,247,350	1,398	1,354	2,038,275	2,458,140
Oil..... pounds	1,380		690,000		1,397		1,722,675	
Non-oil..... pounds	1,250		76,250		1,406		315,600	
Canola..... pounds	1,500	1,420	1,275,000	2,059,000	1,475	1,430	1,538,010	2,484,050
Soybeans..... bushels	29.0	34.0	114,840	159,800	41.9	39.3	3,093,524	2,971,022
Flaxseed..... bushels	16.5		2,426		16.1		2,791	
Safflower..... pounds	850		2,465		1,333		169,671	
Corn for grain..... bushels	105.0	120.0	216,300	406,800	147.2	122.3	12,358,412	10,725,191
Corn for silage..... tons	15.0		2,250		18.4		108,926	
Dry edible beans, all ¹ cwt	1,300	1,700	4,940	11,730	1,716	1,836	19,833	31,033
Dry edible peas ¹ cwt	1,450	1,950	1,160	4,485	1,641	1,821	5,625	11,453
Lentils ¹ cwt	1,070	1,190	824	1,880	1,151	1,168	4,732	5,254
Fall potatoes, all..... cwt	245	300	18,865	25,200	416	426	391,180	422,016
Sugarbeets..... tons	20.5	27.0	4,613	5,832	23.8	28.8	28,828	34,946
Hay, all..... tons	2.11	1.44	5,224	3,743	2.36	2.12	131,144	121,974
Alfalfa..... tons	2.35	1.40	3,643	2,198	3.40	2.95	65,332	55,566
All other..... tons	1.70	1.50	1,581	1,545	1.81	1.71	65,812	66,408

¹ Yield in pounds.

AGRICULTURAL PRICES

North Dakota

Prices received by farmers for spring wheat for October 2012 averaged \$8.45 per bushel, an increase of 9 cents from the September 2012 price.

Soybeans, at \$14.30 per bushel, increased 10 cents from the previous month and corn increased 24 cents to \$6.50 per bushel.

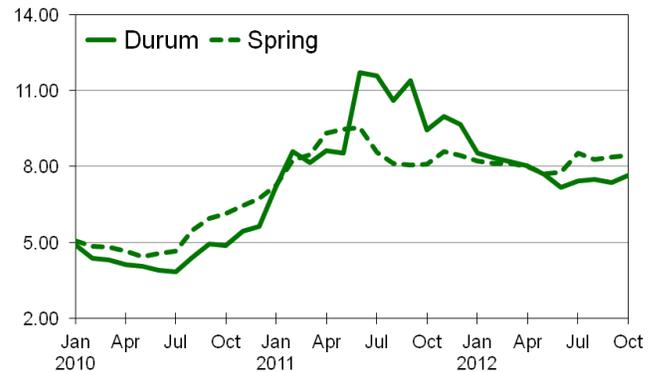


United States

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in October, at 210 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 17 points (8.8 percent) from September. The Crop Index is up 15 points (6.7 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 4 points (2.6 percent).

Durum and Spring Wheat Prices Received North Dakota

\$/bushel



Prices Received for Field Crops – North Dakota, October 2012 with comparisons

Item	Entire Month		Preliminary
	October 2011	September 2012	October 2012
Wheat, all dollars/bushel	8.24	8.14	8.26
Spring dollars/bushel	8.09	8.36	8.45
Durum dollars/bushel	9.46	7.36	7.65
Winter..... dollars/bushel	6.70	7.89	7.75
Barley, all dollars/bushel	5.79	6.95	6.19
Feed dollars/bushel	4.96	5.33	5.25
Malting dollars/bushel	5.85	7.04	6.35
Oats dollars/bushel	2.78	3.35	(D)
Sunflower, all ¹ dollars/cwt	30.80	29.00	29.00
Canola..... dollars/cwt	22.50	27.00	26.70
Soybeans dollars/bushel	11.40	14.20	14.30
Flaxseed dollars/bushel	13.90	13.30	13.40
Corn dollars/bushel	5.25	6.26	6.50
Beans, all dry edible..... dollars/cwt	36.30	36.20	32.60
Pinto dollars/cwt	37.90	36.90	(D)
Navy dollars/cwt	34.10	35.30	(D)
Potatoes, all dollars/cwt	9.35	8.85	(D)
Fresh ² dollars/cwt	17.20	10.10	(D)
Processing dollars/cwt	7.30	8.65	(D)
Baled hay, all ³ dollars/ton	66.00	126.00	137.00
Alfalfa ³ dollars/ton	68.00	131.00	141.00
Other ³ dollars/ton	49.00	83.00	87.00

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

(S) Insufficient number of reports to establish an estimate.

¹ Oil and Non-oil Sunflower prices will no longer be published monthly. The September 2012 prices will be available in November 2013 when the sunflower marketing year average data is published.

² Fresh market prices only, includes table stock.

³ Alfalfa, other and all hay are mid-month prices only.

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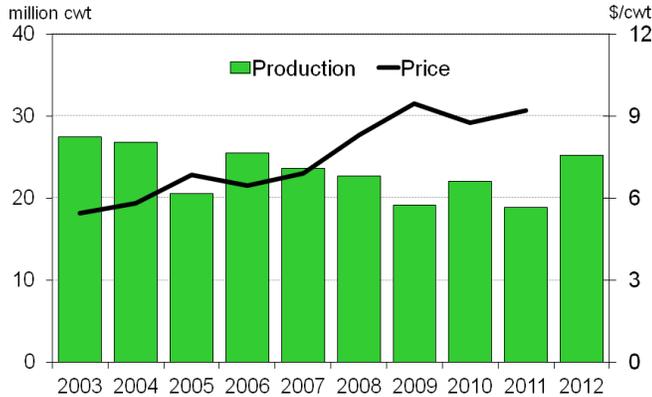
POTATO PRODUCTION

North Dakota

Fall potato production is expected to be 25.2 million cwt, up 34 percent from 2011. Planted area, at 88,000 acres, is up 4,000 acres from last year. Area for harvest is forecast at 84,000 acres, up 7,000 acres from last year. The average yield is forecast at a record high 300 cwt per harvested acre, up 55 cwt from last year. Producers expect to sell 89 percent of the total production compared with 88 percent actually marketed last year. Sales as a percent of production during the last 10 years have ranged from a low of 85 percent to a high of 90 percent.

Potato Production and Price

North Dakota



United States

Potato production in 2012 from all seasons is forecast at 467 million cwt, 9 percent above 2011. Harvested area, at 1.14 million acres, is up slightly from the September forecast and up 6 percent from last year. Average yield is forecast at 411 cwt per acre, up 12 cwt from the previous year.



Potato Production, Sales and Price North Dakota: 2003-2012

Year	Total production (1,000 cwt)	Potatoes sold		Marketing year average price (\$/cwt)
		Cwt (1,000)	Percent of production (percent)	
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	6.85
2006.....	25,480	22,950	90.1	6.45
2007.....	23,660	21,200	89.6	6.90
2008.....	22,680	20,210	89.1	8.30
2009.....	19,125	17,260	90.2	9.45
2010.....	22,000	19,870	90.3	8.75
2011.....	18,865	16,600	88.0	9.20
2012.....	25,200	22,430*	89.0	(NA)

*Expected Sales – 2012. (NA) Not Available