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## **SOUTH DAKOTA ANNUAL CROP PRODUCTION SUMMARY**

**SIoux FALLS, S.D. January 12, 2017 - Corn** for grain production in South Dakota, based on year-end surveys, is estimated at 826 million bushels, a new record high and up 3 percent from 2015, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The new record high yield of 161 bushels per acre is up 2 bushels from last year. Farmers harvested 5.13 million acres of corn for grain, up 2 percent from 2015.

**Soybean** production for 2016 totaled 256 million bushels, a new record high and up 9 percent from 2015. The new record high yield of 49.5 bushels per acre, is up 3.5 bushels from a year earlier. Area for harvest, at 5.17 million acres, is up 1 percent from 2015 and is a new record high.

**Alfalfa** production, at 3.40 million tons, is down 19 percent from a year earlier. The average yield, at 2.00 tons per acre, is down 0.20 ton per acre from 2015. Area harvested for dry hay, at 1.70 million acres, is down 11 percent from 2015. Seedings of alfalfa during 2016 totaled 150 thousand acres, up 30 thousand acres from the year earlier. **All other hay** production, at 2.10 million tons, is down 13 percent. The average yield, at 1.50 tons per acre, is down 0.10 ton per acre from last year. Area harvested for other dry hay is 1.40 million acres, down 7 percent from 2015. Total **forage** production from alfalfa and other hay was 5.74 million tons in 2016, down 16 percent from a year earlier.

**Sorghum** for grain production in 2016 is estimated at 15.8 million bushels, down 13 percent from 2015. Yield, at 79 bushels per acre, is down 4 bushels from a year earlier. Area harvested for grain, at 200 thousand acres, is down 9 percent from 2015.

**Oil sunflower** production in 2016 is 960 million pounds, down 8 percent from last year. Yield, a new record high at 1,940 pounds per acre, is up 100 pounds from last year. Area harvested, at 495 thousand acres, is down 13 percent from 2015. **Non-oil sunflower** production of 96.8 million pounds is down 47 percent from last year. Yield, at a new record high 2,150 pounds per acre, is up 180 pounds from a year earlier. Area harvested, at 45 thousand acres, is down 47 thousand acres from 2015.

**Proso millet** production in 2016 is estimated at 1.64 million bushels, down 13 percent from last year's production. Yield, a new record high at 41 bushels per acre, is up 10 bushels from a year earlier. Area harvested for grain, at 40 thousand acres, is down 34 percent from 2015.

**Dry edible pea** production is estimated at 480 thousand hundredweight. Yield is estimated at 1,600 pounds per acre with acres harvested estimated at 30 thousand. This is the first year these estimates have been published for South Dakota.

**Flaxseed** production is estimated at 144 thousand bushels, down 50 percent from 2015. Yield per harvested acre is estimated at 16.0 bushels, unchanged from last year. Acres harvested are estimated at 9,000, down from 18 thousand a year ago.

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