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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PRODUCTION REPORT

SIOUX FALLS, SD, October 10, 2014 -- Based on October 1 conditions, South Dakota's **corn** crop is forecast at 815 million bushels, up less than 1 percent from last year, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Acreage harvested for grain is estimated at 5.40 million acres, down 8 percent from 2013. Average yield is forecast at 151 bushels per acre, up 13.0 bushels from last year, tying the 2009 record yield.

Soybean production in South Dakota is forecast at a record high 220 million bushels, 18 percent above last year. Area for harvest, at a record high 5.11 million acres, is up 12 percent from 2013. Yield is forecast at a record high 43.0 bushels per acre, up 2.50 bushels from 2013.

Sorghum production is forecast at 11.4 million bushels, down 48 percent from 2013. Acreage harvested for grain is estimated at 150,000 acres, down 45 percent from 2013. Yield, at 76.0 bushels per acre, is down 4.0 bushel from last year.

Dry Edible Bean production is forecast at 251,000 hundredweight, up 9 percent from 2013. Area for harvest, at 13,200 acres, is up 15 percent from last year. Yield is estimated at 1,900 pounds per acre, down 100 pounds per acre from that of a year ago.

All Sunflower production is forecast at 905 million pounds, down 9 percent from last year. Acreage for harvest, at 525,000 acres, is down 125,000 acres from 2013. Yield is forecast at 1,723 pounds per acre, up 189 pounds per acre from a year ago. Of the acres for harvest, non-oil sunflowers account for 120,000 acres and oil sunflowers account for 405,000 acres.

Alfalfa hay production, at 4.55 million tons, is up 20 percent from the 2013 crop. Area for harvest, at 1.82 million acres, is up 1 percent from a year ago. Yield at 2.5 tons per acre, is up 0.4 ton from 2013. **All Other Hay** production, at 2.38 million tons, is up 12 percent from 2013. Area for harvest, at 1.40 million acres, is up 12 percent from a year ago. Yield of 1.7 tons per acre is unchanged from last year.

Access the National publication for this release at:

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