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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PRODUCTION REPORT

SIoux FALLS, SD, August 12, 2015 -- Based on August 1 conditions, South Dakota's 2015 **corn** crop is forecast at 760 million bushels, down 3 percent from last year, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Acreage harvested for grain is estimated at 4.75 million acres, down 11 percent from a year ago. Average yield is forecast at a record high 160 bushels per acre, up 12 bushel from last year.

Soybean production is forecast at 228 million bushels, one percent below last year's record. Area for harvest, at 5.06 million acres, is down one percent from 2014's record. Yield is forecast at 45 bushels per acre, unchanged from last year's record.

South Dakota's 2015 **winter wheat** crop is forecast at 40.3 million bushels, down 32 percent from last year's crop. Harvested acreage is estimated at 960,000 acres, down 11 percent from a year ago. Average yield is forecast at 42 bushels per acre, down 13 bushels from last year.

Other spring wheat production is forecast at 64.4 million bushels, down 10 percent from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 1.37 million acres, up 7 percent from a year ago. The yield, forecast at 47 bushels per acre, is down 9 bushels from last year's record yield.

Oat production, at 12.2 million bushels, is up 31 percent from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 135,000 acres, up 35 percent from a year ago. The yield is forecast at 90 bushels per acre, down 3 bushels from last year's record yield.

Sorghum yield is forecast at 73 bushels per acre, up 10 bushels from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 160,000 acres, up 7 percent from a year ago. Production of 11.7 million bushels is up 24 percent from a year ago.

Alfalfa hay production is forecast at 4.94 million tons, up 13 percent from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 1.90 million acres, unchanged from 2014. Expected yield, at 2.60 tons per acre, is up 0.3 ton from last year. **All other hay** production is forecast at 2.38 million tons, up 4 percent from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 1.40 million acres, up 4 percent from a year ago. Expected yield, at 1.70 tons per acre, is unchanged from last year.

Dry edible bean production is forecast at 230,000 cwt., down 5 percent from last year. Acres planted by class are as follows: Navy, 1,200; All Garbanzo, 4,300; Pinto, 2,400; All Other, 4,100.

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