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SOUTH DAKOTA 2014 CROP PRODUCTION SUMMARY

SIOUX FALLS, SD, January 12, 2015 -- **Corn** for grain production is estimated at 787 million bushels, down 2 percent from 2013 according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The average yield is estimated at 148 bushels per harvested acre, up 11 bushels from last year. Area harvested for grain, at 5.32 million acres, is down from 2013's 5.86 million acres.

Soybean production is estimated at a record 230 million bushels, up 24 percent from 2013. The average yield was estimated at 45.0 bushels per harvested acre, up 4.5 bushels from a year ago and surpassing the previous record yield of 42.0 bushels per acre. Acres harvested are estimated at 5.11 million, another record high and up from 4.58 million acres the previous year.

Alfalfa hay production, at 4.37 million tons, is up 16 percent from 2013. Yield is estimated at 2.3 tons per acre, up 0.20 tons per acre from a year ago. Acres harvested are estimated at 1.90 million, up from 1.80 million acres last year. **All other hay** production totaled 2.30 million tons, up 8 percent from last year. Yield is estimated at 1.70 tons per acre, unchanged from last year. Harvested acres are estimated at 1.35 million, up from 1.25 million acres last year. New seedings of alfalfa in 2014 totaled 150,000 acres, up from 110,000 acres a year ago. Total **forage** production from alfalfa and other hay was 6.86 million tons in 2014, up 13 percent from a year earlier.

Sorghum for grain production is estimated at 9.5 million bushels, down 57 percent from the previous year. Yield is estimated at 63 bushels per acre, down 17 bushels from last year. Acres harvested are estimated at 150,000, down from 275,000 acres a year ago.

Oil sunflower production is estimated at 668 million pounds, down 19 percent from last year. Yield is estimated at 1,670 pounds per acre, up 150 pounds from the previous year. Acres harvested are estimated at 400,000, down from 540,000 acres last year. **Non-oil sunflower** production is estimated at a record 209 million pounds, up 19 percent from a year ago. Yield is estimated at 1,710 pounds per acre, up 110 pounds from the previous year. Acres harvested are estimated at 122,000, another record high and up from 110,000 acres harvested last year.

Proso millet grain production is estimated at 2.14 million bushels, down 62 percent from a year ago. Yield is estimated at 31 bushels per acre, down 3 bushels from a year earlier. Harvested acres are estimated at 69,000, down from 165,000 acres in 2013.

Dry edible bean production is estimated at 243,000 hundredweight, up 6 percent from 2013. Yield is estimated at 1,880 pounds per acre, down 120 pounds from last year. Acres harvested are estimated at 12,900, up from 11,500 acres from a year ago.

Flaxseed production is estimated at 90,000 bushels, down 25 percent from 2013. Yield per harvested acre is estimated at 18 bushels, down 2 bushels from last year. Acres harvested are estimated at 5,000, down from 6,000 acres a year ago.

Access this complete report at:

<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProdSu//2010s/2015/CropProdSu-01-12-2015.pdf>

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