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## SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PRODUCTION REPORT

**Sioux Falls, SD** -- Based on August 1 conditions, South Dakota's 2016 **corn** crop is forecast at 779 million bushels, down 3 percent from last year, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Acreage harvested for grain is estimated at 5.30 million acres, up 5 percent from a year ago. Average yield is forecast at 147 bushels per acre, down 12 bushels from last year's record high.

**Soybean** production is forecast at 205 million bushels, 13 percent below last year's record. Area for harvest, at 4.87 million acres, is down 5 percent from 2015's record. Yield is forecast at 42 bushels per acre, down 4 bushels from last year's record.

South Dakota's 2016 **winter wheat** crop is forecast at 57.8 million bushels, up 35 percent from last year's crop. Harvested acreage is estimated at 1.07 million acres, up 10 percent from a year ago. Average yield is forecast at 54 bushels per acre, up 10 bushels from last year.

**Other spring wheat** production is forecast at 46.6 million bushels, down 23 percent from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 950,000 acres, down 25 percent from a year ago. The yield, forecast at 49 bushels per acre, is up 1 bushel from last year.

**Oat** production, at 13.3 million bushels, is up 6 percent from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 155,000 acres, up 7 percent from a year ago. The yield is forecast at 86 bushels per acre, down 1 bushel from last year.

**Sorghum** yield is forecast at 79 bushels per acre, down 4 bushels from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 185,000 acres, down 16 percent from a year ago. Production of 14.6 million bushels is down 20 percent from a year ago.

**Alfalfa hay** production is forecast at 3.80 million tons, down 9 percent from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 1.90 million acres, unchanged from 2015. Expected yield, at 2.00 tons per acre, is down 0.2 ton from last year. **All other hay** production is forecast at 2.10 million tons, down 13 percent from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 1.40 million acres, down 7 percent from a year ago. Expected yield, at 1.50 ton per acre, is down 0.1 ton from last year.

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