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## SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PRODUCTION REPORT

**Sioux Falls, SD** – Based on October 1 conditions, South Dakota’s **corn** crop is forecast at 755 million bushels, down 6 percent from last year, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. Acreage harvested for grain is estimated at 5.21 million acres, up 4 percent from 2015. Average yield is forecast at 145 bushels per acre, down 14.0 bushels from last year.

**Soybean** production in South Dakota is forecast at a record high 238 million bushels, 1 percent above last year. Area for harvest, at a record 5.17 million acres, is up 1 percent from 2015. Yield is forecast at 46.0 bushels per acre, tying last year’s record yield.

**Sorghum** production is forecast at 16.6 million bushels, down 9 percent from 2015. Acreage harvested for grain is estimated at 215,000 acres, down 2 percent from 2015. Yield, at 77.0 bushels per acre, is down 6.0 bushels from last year.

**All Sunflower** production is forecast at 906 million pounds, down 26 percent from last year. Acreage for harvest, at 541,000 acres, is down 18 percent from 2015. Yield is forecast at 1,674 pounds per acre, down 184 pounds per acre from a year ago. Of the acres for harvest, non-oil sunflowers account for 46,000 acres and oil sunflowers account for 495,000 acres.

**Alfalfa Hay** production, at 3.80 million tons, is down 9 percent from the 2015 crop. Area for harvest, at 1.90 million acres, is unchanged from a year ago. Yield, at 2.00 tons per acre, is down 0.20 ton from 2015. **All Other Hay** production, at 2.38 million tons, is down 1 percent from 2015. Area for harvest, at 1.40 million acres, is down 7 percent from a year ago. Yield of 1.70 tons per acre is up 0.10 ton from last year.

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