

NEWS RELEASE

June Acreage
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JUNE ACREAGE ESTIMATES

North Dakota

Acreage planted to **other spring wheat** in North Dakota for 2005 is estimated at 6.80 million acres, a 10 percent increase from last year's 6.20 million acres and the end of a three year decline that started after 2001 when 7.10 million acres were planted. This is based on a survey of North Dakota farmers and ranchers conducted by the North Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service during the first two weeks of June. The data collected reflects actual plantings and producer intentions at that time. Other spring wheat acres to be harvested for grain is estimated at 6.60 million acres, up from last year's 5.95 million acres.

Durum wheat planted acreage is estimated at 1.80 million acres, up from 1.75 million acres last year which was the lowest since 1963 when 1.69 million acres were planted. Harvested area is expected to total 1.70 million acres, up from 1.60 million acres last year which was the lowest since 1961 when 1.34 million were harvested.

Soybean planted acres, at 3.25 million, are down 13 percent from 2004's record high 3.75 million acres, but are still the second largest area planted. Producers expect to harvest 3.20 million acres. Of the acres planted, 89 percent were planted with genetically modified, herbicide resistant seed.

Corn planted for all purposes is estimated at 1.50 million acres, down from the record high 1.80 million acres last year. Acreage to be harvested for grain is estimated to be a record high 1.20 million acres, above last year's 1.15 million acres harvested. The previous record high corn for grain harvested acreage was in 2003, with 1.17 million acres.

Barley acreage is down 22 percent from last year to 1.25 million acres planted, the lowest since records began in 1926. Acres to be harvest for grain are estimated at 1.15 million, down from 1.48 million last year and lowest since 1936 when 476,000 acres were harvested.

Oat planted acres increased to 500,000, up from 490,000 last year. Acres to be harvested for grain are estimated at 240,000, up from 220,000 last year.

Canola planted acres are estimated at 1.00 million acres, up from last year's 780,000 acres. The record high acreage of 1.30 million was set in 2001 and 2002. It is estimated that 980,000 acres will be harvested.

Acres planted to **oil sunflower** rose to 1.00 million, up 39 percent from 2004. An estimated 960,000 acres is expected to be harvested. Non-oil sunflower acreage is estimated at 230,000, up from last year's 160,000 acres. Harvested area is forecast at 220,000 acres.

Flaxseed acres increased 73 percent from last year to 850,000. This is the highest acreage since 1974 when 886,000 acres were planted. It is estimated that 840,000 acres are to be harvested.

Dry edible bean acreage is up 20 percent from last year to 670,000 acres, but is still below the record high 790,000 acres set in 2002. Acres to be harvested are estimated at 620,000.

Sugarbeet planted acres, at 253,000, are down from 256,000 last year. The record high planted acreage was set in 2002 at 265,000 acres. Harvested area is forecast at 245,000 acres.

Alfalfa hay acreage that will be cut is estimated at 1.45 million acres, up from 1.30 million acres in 2004 but down from 1.60 million acres two years ago. Other hay acreage that will be cut is forecast at 1.30 million acres, down from 1.43 million in 2004.

United States

Acreage planted to **other spring wheat** for 2005 is estimated at 14.1 million, up 2 percent from 2004. Grain area is expected to total 13.6 million acres, up 4 percent from last year.

The **durum** planted area for 2005 is estimated at 2.57 million acres, up fractionally from last year. Area to be harvested for grain is expected to total 2.45 million acres, 4 percent above last year's level.

Soybean planted area is estimated at 73.3 million acres, down 3 percent from last year. Area for harvest is forecast at 72.4 million acres, down 2 percent from 2004.

Corn planted area for all purposes is estimated at 81.6 million acres, up 1 percent from 2004 and 4 percent above 2003. Growers expect to harvest 74.4 million acres for grain, up 1 percent from 2004.

Growers seeded 3.97 million acres of **barley** for 2005, down 12 percent from the 4.53 million acres seeded a year ago, and the lowest since barley planted acreage estimates began in 1926. Acres for harvest, at 3.47 million, are down 14 percent from the 2004 level, and the lowest since 1890.

Producers planted 1.09 million acres of **canola** in 2005, up 26 percent from 2004, and the first increase in U.S. acreage since 2000.

Area planted to **sunflower** totaled 2.71 million acres in 2005, up 45 percent from last year and the first acreage increase since 1998. Planted area of **oil** type varieties, at 2.18 million acres, is up 42 percent from 2004 and the **non-oil** varieties, estimated at 538,000 acres, are up 58 percent from last year.

Dry bean growers planted 1.67 million acres for 2005, up 24 percent from last year and 19 percent above two years ago. Acres to be harvested are forecast at 1.57 million, up 29 percent from last year and 16 percent above 2003.

For More Information Contact:

Acreage Planted and Harvested, North Dakota & United States ^{1/}

Crop	North Dakota						United States			
	Area Planted				Area Harvested		Area Planted		Area Harvested	
	2004	2005	2005 as % 2004	5-yr Avg 2000-04	2004	Indicated 2005	2004	2005	2004	Indicated 2005
	-- 1,000 Acres --			-- Pct --	--- 1,000 Acres ---			--- 1,000 Acres ---		
Corn, Grain ^{2/}	1,800	1,500	83	1,288	1,150	1,200	80,930	81,592	73,632	74,368
Oats	490	500	102	591	220	240	4,085	4,342	1,792	1,976
Barley	1,600	1,250	78	1,730	1,480	1,150	4,527	3,970	4,021	3,471
Wheat, All	8,195	8,860	108	9,105	7,775	8,550	59,674	58,080	49,999	50,361
Durum	1,750	1,800	103	2,260	1,600	1,700	2,561	2,573	2,363	2,453
Other Spring	6,200	6,800	110	6,700	5,950	6,600	13,763	14,099	13,174	13,637
Winter	245	260	106	145	225	250	43,350	41,408	34,462	34,271
Rye ^{3/}	25			17	20		1,380	1,440	320	323
Soybeans	3,750	3,250	87	2,724	3,570	3,200	75,208	73,303	73,958	72,384
Flaxseed	490	850	173	568	485	840	523	945	516	931
Potatoes, Fall	105			116	101		1,039.7		1,022.8	
Dry Edible Beans	560	670	120	588	475	620	1,354.3	1,674.0	1,219.3	1,567.4
Sugarbeets	256	253	99	260	246	245	1,345.9	1,284.6	1,306.9	1,257.5
Dry Edible Peas	310			156	296		530.0		507.8	
Lentils	100			60	94		345		329	
Sunflower, All	880	1,230	140	1,172	790	1,180	1,873	2,714	1,711	2,584
Oil	720	1,000	139	958	660	960	1,533	2,176	1,424	2,076
Non-oil	160	230	144	214	130	220	340	538	287	508
Canola	780	1,000	128	1,124	750	980	865	1,092	828	1,067
Mustard Seed ^{4/}							73.0	61.0	68.7	42.5
Rapeseed ^{4/}							8.7	2.2	7.8	1.9
Safflower ^{4/}							175	185	159	173
Hay, All			103	2,826	2,730	2,750			61,916	61,723
Alfalfa			115	1,460	1,300	1,450			21,707	22,118
All Other			91	1,366	1,430	1,300			40,209	39,605

^{1/} Potato, dry edible pea and lentil acreage estimates released July 12. ^{2/} Area planted for all purposes. ^{3/} Estimates discontinued for North Dakota in 2005. ^{4/} Estimates published at U.S. level only.

