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North Dakota

Soybean production is forecast at a record high 106 million bushels, up 29 percent from last year according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, North Dakota Field Office. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 36 bushels per acre, up 1 bushel from the September forecast and 13 bushels from last year. Area to be harvested is estimated at 2.95 million acres, down 17 percent from 2004.

Corn production is forecast at a record high 136 million bushels, down 6 percent from the September forecast, but 12 percent above last year. Corn for grain yields are expected to average 120 bushels per harvested acre, unchanged from the September forecast but 15 bushels better than last year. Acreage to be harvested for grain is estimated at 1.13 million, 2 percent below 2004.

Dry edible bean production is forecast at 8.10 million hundredweight (cwt), 71 percent above last year. Yield is forecast at 1,500 pounds per acre, up 100 pounds from August and 500 pounds from last year. Area for harvest is expected to be 540,000 acres, 14 percent above last year.

All sunflower (oil and non-oil) production for 2005 is forecast at 1.73 billion pounds, up 119 percent from last year. The average yield for all sunflower is forecast at 1,560 pounds per harvested acre, down from 1,002 pounds last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 1.10 million, up 41 percent from last year.

Canola production is forecast at 1.38 billion pounds, up 13 percent from 2004. The yield forecast, at 1,350 pounds per acre, is down 280 pounds from last year. Acres for harvest, at 1.02 million, are up 36 percent from last year.

Planted acres for selected crops were updated based on the review of administrative data. Soybean planted acreage was revised down to 3.00 million, from 3.05 million in August. Corn planted acres were revised down to 1.41 million acres from 1.50 million in June. All dry edible bean planted acres were revised down 10,000 acres from August to 620,000. All sunflower planted acres were revised down to 1.15 million acres from 1.23 million in June, while canola planted acres were revised up 40,000 acres from June to 1.04 million. Harvested acreages were also updated to reflect the adjustments made to the planted acres.

The crop production forecasts in this report are based on yield projections and acreage reports collected from a cross-section of North Dakota producers on or around October 1. This report is based on conditions at that time and assumes no extreme conditions during the remainder of the crop season.

United States

Soybean production is forecast at 2.97 billion bushels, up 4 percent from the September forecast but 5 percent below 2004. Yield is expected to average 41.6 bushels per acre, up 2.0 bushels from September but 0.6 bushel below last year's record high yield. Area for harvest is forecast at 71.3 million acres, down 4 percent from last year.

Corn production is forecast at 10.9 billion bushels, up 2 percent from last month but 8 percent below 2004. Yields are expected to average 146.1 bushels per acre, up 2.9 bushels from September but 14.3 bushels below last year. Farmers now expect to harvest 74.3 million acres of corn for grain, up 1 percent from 2004.

Dry edible bean production is forecast at 26.1 million cwt for 2005, up 1 percent from the August forecast and 47 percent above last year. The average yield is forecast at 1,715 pounds per acre, an increase of 28 pounds from the August forecast and 255 pounds above last year. Harvested acreage is forecast at 1.52 million acres, up 25 percent from last year.

Sunflower production is forecast at 3.87 billion pounds, up 89 percent from 2004. The yield forecast, at 1,500 pounds, is 302 pounds more than the 2004 yield. Farmers expect to harvest 2.58 million acres, up 51 percent from the 2004 acreage.

Canola production is forecast at 1.50 billion pounds, up 12 percent from 2004. The yield forecast, at 1,333 pounds per acre, is 285 pounds below last year's record high yield. Farmers expect to harvest 1.13 million acres, up 36 percent from 2004.

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Crop Summary: Area Planted and Harvested
North Dakota and United States, 2004 and Forecasted October 1, 2005 ^{1/}

Crop	North Dakota				United States			
	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Area Planted		Area Harvested	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	1,000 Acres		1,000 Acres		1,000 Acres		1,000 Acres	
Barley	1,600	1,200	1,480	1,060	4,527	3,922	4,021	3,276
Corn for Grain ^{2/}	1,800	1,410	1,150	1,130	80,930	81,642	73,632	74,333
Corn for Silage			215				6,103	
Hay, All			2,730	2,750			61,916	61,723
Alfalfa			1,300	1,450			21,707	22,118
All Other			1,430	1,300			40,209	39,605
Oats	490	490	220	240	4,085	4,240	1,787	1,823
Rye ^{3/}	25		20		1,380	1,433	300	279
Wheat, All	8,195	9,090	7,775	8,835	59,674	57,091	49,999	49,980
Winter	245	310	225	285	43,350	40,320	34,462	33,680
Durum	1,750	1,980	1,600	1,950	2,561	2,735	2,363	2,691
Other Spring	6,200	6,800	5,950	6,600	13,763	14,036	13,174	13,609
Canola	780	1,040	750	1,020	865	1,153	828	1,125
Flaxseed	490	850	485	840	523	945	516	931
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
Soybeans	3,750	3,000	3,570	2,950	75,208	72,200	73,958	71,270
Sunflower, All	880	1,150	790	1,110	1,873	2,706	1,711	2,581
Oil	720	920	660	890	1,533	2,106	1,424	2,013
Non-oil	160	230	130	220	340	600	287	568
Sugarbeets	256	253	246	240	1,345.9	1,284.6	1,306.9	1,243.3
Dry Edible Beans, All	560.0	620.0	475.0	540.0	1,354.3	1,659.8	1,219.3	1,522.1
Dry Edible Peas	310	530	296	510	530.0	804.0	507.8	772.0
Lentils	100	130	94	127	345	450	329	430
Fall Potatoes, All	105.0	90.0	101.0	86.0	1,039.7	970.4	1,022.3	955.7
Irrigated ^{5/ 6/}	34.5		33.5					

^{1/} Data are latest estimates available. ^{2/} Area planted for all purposes. ^{3/} Beginning in 2005, North Dakota no longer published. ^{4/} Published at U.S. level only. ^{5/} Included in all potatoes. ^{6/} Published at state level only.

Crop Summary: Yield and Production
North Dakota and United States, 2004 and Forecasted October 1, 2005 ^{1/}

Crop	Unit	North Dakota				United States					
		2004	Yield ^{2/}		Production		2004	Yield ^{2/}		Production	
			2005		2004	2005		2005		2004	2005
			Sep 1	Oct 1				Sep 1	Oct 1		
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Barley ^{3/}	Bu	62.0		54.0	91,760	57,240	69.6		64.8	279,743	212,196
Corn for Grain	Bu	105	120	120	120,750	135,600	160.4	143.2	146.1	11,807,217	10,857,440
Corn for Silage	Tons	8.7			1,871		17.6			107,336	
Hay, All	Tons	1.34		1.86	3,666	5,125	2.55		2.48	157,774	152,871
Alfalfa	Tons	1.50		2.10	1,950	3,045	3.47		3.43	75,383	75,940
All Other	Tons	1.20		1.60	1,716	2,080	2.05		1.94	82,391	76,931
Oats ^{3/}	Bu	64.0		59.0	14,080	14,160	64.7		63.1	115,695	115,002
Rye ^{3/ 4/}	Bu	39.0			780		27.5		27.0	8,255	7,537
Wheat, All ^{3/}	Bu	39.4		34.4	306,650	303,765	43.2		42.0	2,158,245	2,098,270
Winter ^{3/}	Bu	44.0		39.0	9,900	11,115	43.5		44.4	1,499,434	1,493,769
Durum ^{3/}	Bu	33.0		35.0	52,800	68,250	38.0		37.2	89,893	100,045
Other Spring ^{3/}	Bu	41.0		34.0	243,950	224,400	43.2		37.1	568,918	504,456
Canola	Lbs	1,630		1,350	1,222,500	1,377,000	1,618		1,333	1,339,530	1,499,300
Flaxseed	Bu	20.5			9,943		20.3			10,471	
Mustard Seed ^{5/}	Lbs						819			56,290	
Rapeseed ^{5/}	Lbs						1,394			10,875	
Safflower ^{5/}	Lbs						1,105			175,765	
Soybeans	Bu	23.0	35.0	36.0	82,110	106,200	42.2	39.6	41.6	3,123,686	2,967,075
Sunflower, All	Lbs	1,002		1,560	791,700	1,732,000	1,198		1,500	2,049,613	3,870,910
Oil	Lbs	1,040			686,400		1,238			1,763,378	
Non-oil	Lbs	810			105,300		997			286,235	
Sugarbeets	Tons	19.7	19.0	19.0	4,846	4,560	22.9	21.2	21.5	29,956	26,746
Dry Edible Beans, All ^{6/}	Cwt	1,000		1,500	4,750	8,100	1,460		1,715	17,799	26,109
Dry Edible Peas ^{6/}	Cwt	2,340			6,926		2,249			11,419	
Lentils ^{6/}	Cwt	1,370			1,288		1,271			4,182	
Fall Potatoes, All	Cwt	265			26,765		401			410,253	
Irrigated ^{7/ 8/}	Cwt	380			12,730						

^{1/} Data are latest estimates available. ^{2/} Yield per harvested acre. ^{3/} Estimates carried forward from September Small Grains 2005 Summary. ^{4/} Beginning in 2005, North Dakota no longer published. ^{5/} Published at U.S. level only. ^{6/} Yield in pounds. ^{7/} Included in all potatoes. ^{8/} Published at state level only.

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