



## NEWS RELEASE

**Crop Production**  
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### September Crop Production Forecast

#### North Dakota

**Soybean** production is forecast at a record high 105 million bushels, up 9 percent from the August forecast and 28 percent above 2004, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, North Dakota Field Office. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average a record 35 bushels per harvested acre, up 3 bushels from the August forecast and 12 bushels above last year. Area to be harvested is estimated at 3.00 million acres, down 16 percent from 2004.

**Corn** production is forecast at 144 million bushels, up 4 percent from the August forecast and 19 percent above 2004. Corn for grain yields are expected to average 120 bushels per harvested acre, up 5 bushels from the August forecast and 15 bushels better than 2004. If realized, both production and yield would be the largest on record. Acreage to be harvested for grain is estimated at a record high 1.20 million, up 4 percent from 2004.

**Sugarbeet** production is forecast at 4.56 million tons, unchanged from the August forecast, but down 6 percent from last year. The average yield per harvested acre is expected to be 19.0 tons, 0.7 tons lower than 2004. Area to be harvested is estimated at 240,000 acres, down 6,000 acres from last year.

*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 September 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 2.86 billion bushels, up 2 percent from the August forecast but down 9 percent from the record crop of 2004. Yields are expected to average 39.6 bushels per acre, up 0.9 bushel from August. Area for harvest is forecast at 72.2 million acres, unchanged from August but down 2 percent from last year's record high acreage.

**Corn** production is forecast at 10.6 billion bushels, up 3 percent from last month but 10 percent below 2004. If realized, this would be the second largest crop on record. Yields are expected to average 143.2 bushels per acre, up 4.0 bushels from August but 17.2 bushels below the record high last year. Acreage harvested and to be harvested for grain is forecast at 74.3 million, down fractionally from August but up 1 percent from 2004.

**Sugarbeet** production for 2005 is forecast at 26.3 million tons, 1 percent below the August forecast and 12 percent below last year's production. The yield is forecast at 21.2 tons per acre, down 0.1 ton from August and 1.7 tons below 2004. Growers in the 12 sugarbeet-producing states expect to harvest 1.24 million acres, down 5,000 acres from last month and 5 percent below last year.

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**Crop Summary: Area Planted and Harvested**  
**North Dakota and United States, 2004 and Forecasted September 1, 2005 <sup>1/</sup>**

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	1,250	1,480	1,150	4,527	3,970	4,021	3,471
Corn for Grain <sup>2/</sup>	1,800	1,500	1,150	1,200	80,930	81,592	73,632	74,318
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	500	220	240	4,085	4,342	1,792	1,976
Rye <sup>3/</sup>	25		20		1,380	1,440	320	323
Wheat, All	8,195	8,860	7,775	8,550	59,674	58,080	49,999	50,361
Winter	245	260	225	250	43,350	41,408	34,462	34,271
Durum	1,750	1,800	1,600	1,700	2,561	2,573	2,363	2,453
Other Spring	6,200	6,800	5,950	6,600	13,763	14,099	13,174	13,637
Canola	780	1,000	750	980	865	1,092	828	1,067
Flaxseed	490	850	485	840	523	945	516	931
Mustard Seed <sup>4/</sup>					73.0	61.0	68.7	42.5
Rapeseed <sup>4/</sup>					8.7	2.2	7.8	1.9
Safflower <sup>4/</sup>					175	185	159	173
Soybeans	3,750	3,050	3,570	3,000	75,208	73,103	73,958	72,184
Sunflower, All	880	1,230	790	1,180	1,873	2,714	1,711	2,584
Oil	720	1,000	660	960	1,533	2,176	1,424	2,076
Non-oil	160	230	130	220	340	538	287	508
Sugarbeets	256	253	246	240	1,345.9	1,284.6	1,306.9	1,242.8
Dry Edible Beans, All	560.0	630.0	475.0	550.0	1,354.3	1,668.8	1,219.3	1,530.8
Navy	81.0	91.0	67.0		185.1	234.3	162.5	
Great Northern	2.5	4.2	2.3		51.1	70.4	46.8	
Pinto	415.0	485.0	354.0		650.9	826.1	573.7	
Dark Red Kidney	5.0	4.0	4.7		51.3	53.1	46.6	
Pink	6.8	12.0	6.4		29.2	39.7	28.2	
Small Red	4.7	5.1	4.4		33.2	51.3	31.9	
Black	39.0	21.0	31.2		138.3	111.6	127.6	
Chickpeas, All (Garbanzo)	3.5	6.0	2.9		45.0	88.7	43.4	
Small	1.0	2.0	0.8		6.0	8.0	5.7	
Large	2.5	4.0	2.1		39.0	80.7	37.7	
Other	2.5	1.7	2.1		170.2	193.6	158.6	
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 <sup>5/ 6/</sup>	34.5		33.5					
Types, Reds <sup>6/</sup>	23.5	18.0	22.0					
Whites <sup>6/</sup>	37.5	29.0	36.0					
Russets <sup>6/</sup>	44.0	43.0	43.0					

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

**Crop Summary: Yield and Production**  
**North Dakota and United States, 2004 and Forecasted September 1, 2005 <sup>1/</sup>**

Crop	Unit	North Dakota				United States					
		2004	Yield <sup>2/</sup>		Production		2004	Yield <sup>2/</sup>		Production	
			2005	2005	2004	2005		2005	2005	2004	2005
			Aug 1	Sep 1			Aug 1	Sep 1			
Barley <sup>3/</sup>	Bu	62.0	58.0	58.0	--- 1,000 ---		69.4	68.2	68.2	279,253	236,729
Corn for Grain	Bu	105	115	120	120,750	144,000	160.4	139.2	143.2	11,807,217	10,638,661
Corn for Silage	Tons	8.7			1,871		17.6			107,336	
Hay, All <sup>3/</sup>	Tons	1.34	1.82	1.82	3,666	4,995	2.55	2.43	2.43	157,774	149,917
Alfalfa <sup>3/</sup>	Tons	1.50	2.10	2.10	1,950	3,045	3.47	3.34	3.34	75,383	73,849
All Other <sup>3/</sup>	Tons	1.20	1.50	1.50	1,716	1,950	2.05	1.92	1.92	82,391	76,068
Oats <sup>3/</sup>	Bu	64.0	67.0	67.0	14,080	16,080	64.7	64.7	64.7	115,935	127,819
Rye <sup>4/</sup>	Bu	39.0			780		26.9			8,615	
Wheat, All <sup>3/</sup>	Bu	39.4			306,650		43.2	43.0	43.0	2,158,245	2,167,178
Winter <sup>3/</sup>	Bu	44.0			9,900		43.5	44.4	44.4	1,499,434	1,520,848
Durum <sup>3/</sup>	Bu	33.0	34.0	34.0	52,800	57,800	38.0	37.9	37.9	89,893	92,955
Other Spring <sup>3/</sup>	Bu	41.0	38.0	38.0	243,950	250,800	43.2	40.6	40.6	568,918	553,375
Canola	Lbs	1,630			1,222,500		1,618			1,339,530	
Flaxseed	Bu	20.5			9,943		20.3			10,471	
Mustard Seed <sup>5/</sup>	Lbs						819			56,290	
Rapeseed <sup>5/</sup>	Lbs						1,394			10,875	
Safflower <sup>5/</sup>	Lbs						1,105			175,765	
Soybeans	Bu	23.0	32.0	35.0	82,110	105,000	42.5	38.7	39.6	3,140,996	2,856,449
Sunflower, All	Lbs	1,002			791,700		1,197			2,047,863	
Oil	Lbs	1,040			686,400		1,237			1,761,628	
Non-oil	Lbs	810			105,300		997			286,235	
Sugarbeets	Tons	19.7	19.0	19.0	4,846	4,560	22.9	21.3	21.2	29,956	26,296
Dry Edible Beans, All <sup>3/ 6/</sup>	Cwt	1,000	1,400	1,400	4,750	7,700	1,460	1,687	1,687	17,799	25,829
Navy <sup>6/</sup>	Cwt	970			650		1,318			2,142	
Great Northern <sup>6/</sup>	Cwt	1,260			29		2,032			951	
Pinto <sup>6/</sup>	Cwt	1,010			3,561		1,362			7,814	
Dark Red Kidney <sup>6/</sup>	Cwt	1,380			65		1,464			682	
Pink <sup>6/</sup>	Cwt	1,220			78		1,844			520	
Small Red <sup>6/</sup>	Cwt	1,230			54		1,884			601	
Black <sup>6/</sup>	Cwt	800			250		1,466			1,870	
Chickpeas, All (Garbanzo) <sup>6/</sup>	Cwt	1,450			42		1,366			593	
Small <sup>6/</sup>	Cwt	1,000			8		1,333			76	
Large <sup>6/</sup>	Cwt	1,620			34		1,371			517	
Other <sup>6/</sup>	Cwt	1,000			21		1,656			2,626	
Dry Edible Peas <sup>6/</sup>	Cwt	2,340			6,926		2,249			11,419	
Lentils <sup>6/</sup>	Cwt	1,370			1,288		1,271			4,182	
Fall Potatoes, All	Cwt	265			26,765		401			410,253	
Irrigated <sup>7/ 8/</sup>	Cwt	380			12,730						
Types, Reds <sup>8/</sup>	Cwt	180			3,960						
Whites <sup>8/</sup>	Cwt	215			7,740						
Russets <sup>8/</sup>	Cwt	350			15,065						

<sup>1/</sup> Data are latest estimates available. <sup>2/</sup> Yield per harvested acre. <sup>3/</sup> No forecast made September 1, estimates carried forward from August. <sup>4/</sup> Beginning in 2005, North Dakota no longer published. <sup>5/</sup> Published at U.S. level only. <sup>6/</sup> Yield in pounds. <sup>7/</sup> Included in all potatoes. <sup>8/</sup> Published at state level only.

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