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National Agricultural Statistics Service's mission is to provide timely, accurate and useful statistics in service to United States agriculture. On behalf of all the staff at the North Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service, I am proud to present the 46th annual edition of "North Dakota Agricultural Statistics". It is through the cooperative efforts and funding by the United States Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service, North Dakota State University Extension Service, North Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station and the North Dakota Department of Agriculture that we are able to produce this publication.

Mother Nature provided the greatest challenge to many North Dakota producers in 2002. Weather conditions ranged from floods to drought and hail to fire throughout the state. Not all was gloom and doom as some areas received those timely rains that helped produce the best crop ever. Our surveys collect this vital information that many use in their day to day planning. It is only by everyone having equal and timely access to supply and demand data that unfair advantages are eliminated and market stability can be maintained. The North Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service is proud to count agriculture because agriculture counts in the United States and the world.



Many thanks goes out to the North Dakota farmers, ranchers, agribusiness people, County Extension Agents and their staff and other government agencies who voluntarily provide the data presented in this document. Together we keep agriculture in the spotlight. No other industry has such a vital role in keeping our Nation fed.

Please contact our office if we can be of assistance with your agricultural data needs.

Sincerely

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