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North Dakota

Dry edible bean production in North Dakota is forecast at 10.57 million hundredweight (cwt) for 2007, down 3 percent from the October 1 forecast but 38 percent above last year, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, North Dakota Field Office. This is the highest production since the record high 2002 production of 10.63 million cwt. The large increase in production from last year is due mostly to improved yields as a result of favorable growing conditions, along with a modest increase in acreage.

Total planted area, at 690,000 acres, remains the same as October but is up from 2006's 670,000 acres. Harvested area, at 665,000 acres, is up from 660,000 in October and above last year's 640,000 acres harvested. This is the largest harvested acreage since 2002 when 690,000 acres were harvested from 790,000 acres planted. The statewide average yield for 2007 is 1,590 pounds per harvested acre, down 60 pounds from the October forecast but 390 pounds above last year.

Pintos account for 71.9 percent of the total production, a record high pinto production of 7.61 million cwt. Navies account for 15.2 percent of total production, blacks 6.0, all chickpeas 2.3, pinks 2.2 and great northern 1.1. All other dry edible bean classes represent 1.3 percent of the state's total production.

United States

Dry edible bean production is forecast at 25.2 million cwt for 2007, virtually unchanged from the October forecast but 4 percent above the 2006 production. Harvested acreage is forecast at 1.48 million acres, 1 percent above the last forecast but 4 percent below the previous year's acreage. The average U.S. yield is forecast at 1,708 pounds per acre, a decrease of 19 pounds from the October forecast but 131 pounds above the 2006 yield. Production is up from a year ago for large lima, baby lima, pinto, light red kidney, black, and large chickpeas. Production decreased from last year for navy, great northern, small white, dark red kidney, pink, small red, cranberry, blackeye, and small chickpeas.

**Dry Edible Beans: Area Planted, Harvested, Yield and Production
North Dakota and United States, 2006-2007**

Class	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	Pounds	Pounds	1,000 Cwt	1,000 Cwt
North Dakota								
Navy	120.0	96.0	113.0	89.0	1,400	1,810	1,585	1,611
Great Northern	7.5	8.0	6.5	7.7	1,080	1,470	70	113
Pinto	453.0	502.0	435.0	487.0	1,150	1,560	4,988	7,606
Dark Red Kidney	2.0	1.5	1.9	1.4	1,630	1,790	31	25
Pink	20.0	13.0	19.4	12.5	1,430	1,870	277	234
Small Red	6.0	5.5	5.7	5.3	1,190	1,400	68	74
Black	46.0	45.0	44.0	43.5	1,180	1,460	520	635
Chickpeas, All (Garbanzo)	13.0	17.0	12.2	16.8	910	1,470	111	247
Small	7.5	4.5	7.0	4.4	690	1,390	48	61
Large	5.5	12.5	5.2	12.4	1,210	1,500	63	186
Other	2.5	2.0	2.3	1.8	1,300	1,610	30	29
Total	670.0	690.0	640.0	665.0	1,200	1,590	7,680	10,574
United States								
Navy	280.7	221.8	263.9	211.1	1,649	1,786	4,353	3,771
Great Northern	69.7	59.0	59.3	56.5	2,007	2,080	1,190	1,175
Pinto	690.9	694.5	652.6	673.1	1,474	1,730	9,618	11,642
Dark Red Kidney	48.8	40.2	46.4	39.1	1,774	1,678	823	656
Pink	45.3	30.8	43.4	29.9	1,684	1,930	731	577
Small Red	35.5	30.6	34.4	29.7	1,887	1,818	649	540
Black	167.4	175.7	159.3	171.6	1,670	1,583	2,661	2,717
Chickpeas, All (Garbanzo)	136.8	125.5	132.9	123.5	1,158	1,245	1,539	1,537
Small	17.4	10.5	16.3	10.2	914	1,196	149	122
Large	119.4	115.0	116.6	113.3	1,192	1,249	1,390	1,415
Other	154.7	147.4	145.4	143.1	1,845	1,831	2,683	2,620
Total	1,629.8	1,525.5	1,537.6	1,477.6	1,577	1,708	24,247	25,235

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