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June Acreage
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June Acreage Estimates

North Dakota

Acreage planted to **spring wheat** in North Dakota for 2008 is estimated at 6.80 million acres, a 2 percent increase from last year's 6.65 million acres. This is a decrease of 100,000 acres from the March Planting Intentions. This is based on a survey of North Dakota producers conducted by the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, North Dakota Field Office. Estimates are based on surveys conducted the first two weeks of June; they reflect actual plantings and producer intentions of harvested acres at that time. Spring wheat to be harvested for grain is estimated at 6.60 million acres, up from last year's 6.50 million acres.

Durum wheat planted acreage is estimated at 1.70 million acres, up 15 percent from 1.48 million acres last year. Harvested acreage is expected to total 1.65 million acres, up from 1.46 million acres last year.

Soybean planted acres, at 3.40 million, are up 11 percent from 2007 but down 13 percent from the record high set in 2006. Producers expect to harvest 3.34 million acres. Of the acres planted, 94 percent were planted with genetically modified, herbicide resistant seed.

Corn planted for all purposes is estimated at 2.40 million acres, down 6 percent from last year's record high acreage. Of the total acres, 24 percent were planted with Bt (*bacillus thuringiensis*) varieties; 34 percent with herbicide resistant varieties; and 31 percent with stacked gene varieties (containing both insect and herbicide resistance). Acreage to be harvested for grain is estimated to be 2.15 million acres.

Barley acreage is up 2 percent from last year to 1.50 million acres planted. This is the highest level since 2004. Acres to be harvested for grain are estimated at 1.40 million acres, up from 1.39 million acres last year.

Oat planted acres decreased to 360,000, down 100,000 from last year. This is the lowest level since records began in 1926. Acres to be harvested for grain are estimated at 150,000, down from 260,000 last year.

Canola acreage is down 16 percent from last year to 910,000 planted acres. This is the lowest level since 2004. It is estimated that 890,000 acres will be harvested.

Acres planted to **oil sunflower** decreased to 900,000, down 10,000 from last year. An estimated 870,000 acres are expected to be harvested. **Non-oil sunflower** acreage is estimated at 105,000, down from 165,000 last year. Harvested area is forecasted at 100,000 acres.

Flaxseed acreage decreased 5,000 acres from last year to 315,000. This is the lowest level since 1998 when 280,000 acres were planted. It is estimated that 310,000 acres will be harvested.

Dry edible bean acres decreased to 600,000, down 13 percent from 690,000 acres planted in 2007. Acres intended to be harvested fell 90,000 acres from the previous year to 575,000.

Sugarbeet planted acres, at 206,000, are down 18 percent from last year. This is the lowest area planted since 205,800 acres were planted in 1994. Harvested area is forecasted at 201,000 acres.

Alfalfa hay acreage that will be cut is estimated at 1.55 million, down 100,000 acres from 2007. **Other hay** acreage to be cut for hay is forecasted at 1.30 million acres, up from 1.13 million acres in 2007.

United States

Spring wheat area planted for 2008 is estimated at 14.2 million acres, up 7 percent from last year. Grain area is expected to total 13.8 million acres, up 6 percent from 2007.

Durum wheat planted area for 2008 is estimated at 2.66 million acres, up 24 percent from last year's level. Area harvested for grain is expected to total 2.58 million acres, 22 percent above 2007.

Soybean planted area for 2008 is estimated at 74.5 million acres, up 17 percent from last year but 1 percent below the record high acreage in 2006. Area for harvest, at 72.1 million acres, is up 15 percent from 2007. Compared with last year, planted acreage increases are expected in all States, and the U.S. planted area for soybeans is the third largest on record.

Corn planted area for all purposes is estimated at 87.3 million acres, down 7 percent from last year. Despite the decrease, corn planted acreage is the second highest since 1946, behind last year's total of 93.6 million acres. Growers expect to harvest 78.9 million acres for grain, down 9 percent from 2007.

Barley growers seeded 4.13 million acres for 2008, up 3 percent from the 4.02 million acres seeded last year. Acres for harvest, at 3.64 million, are up 4 percent from 2007.

Sunflower area planted in 2008 totals 2.16 million acres, up 5 percent from 2007. Harvested area is expected to increase 53,000 acres from last year to 2.06 million acres.

Dry edible bean planted area is estimated at 1.40 million acres in 2008, down slightly from the March 1 forecast and down 8 percent from 2007. Acres to be harvested in 2008 are estimated at 1.34 million acres, down 9 percent from last year.

**Crop Summary: Area Planted and Harvested
North Dakota and United States, 2007-2008 ^{1/}**

Crop	North Dakota						United States			
	Area Planted				Area Harvested		Area Planted		Area Harvested	
	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007	5-Yr Avg 2003-07	2007	Forecasted 2008	2007	2008	2007	Forecasted 2008
	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	Pct	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres
Barley	1,470	1,500	102	1,484	1,390	1,400	4,020	4,130	3,508	3,640
Corn for Grain ²	2,550	2,400	94	1,780	2,350	2,150	93,600	87,327	86,542	78,940
Hay, All					2,780	2,850			61,625	60,439
Alfalfa					1,650	1,550			21,670	20,778
All Other					1,130	1,300			39,955	39,661
Oats	460	360	78	496	260	150	3,760	3,467	1,505	1,443
Rye ³							1,376	1,190	289	266
Wheat, All	8,595	9,150	106	8,662	8,405	8,850	60,433	63,457	51,011	56,586
Winter	465	650	140	270	445	600	44,987	46,605	35,952	40,252
Durum	1,480	1,700	115	1,702	1,460	1,650	2,149	2,655	2,112	2,583
Spring	6,650	6,800	102	6,690	6,500	6,600	13,297	14,197	12,947	13,751
Canola	1,080	910	84	962	1,070	890	1,183	1,008	1,163	979
Flaxseed	320	315	98	602	317	310	354	340	349	333
Mustard Seed ³							56.0	67.0	52.8	64.0
Rapeseed ³							1.5	0.5	1.0	0.4
Safflower ³							180	191	172	183
Soybeans	3,050	3,400	111	3,360	2,990	3,340	63,631	74,533	62,820	72,121
Sunflower, All	1,075	1,005	93	1,041	1,055	970	2,068.0	2,164.0	2,009.5	2,062.5
Oil	910	900	99	874	895	870	1,764.0	1,850.0	1,717.0	1,768.0
Non-oil	165	105	64	167	160	100	304.0	314.0	292.5	294.5
Sugarbeets	252	206	82	257	247	201	1,269.8	1,080.1	1,246.8	1,027.3
Dry Edible Beans	690	600	87	616	665	575	1,526.9	1,398.0	1,478.7	1,339.2
Dry Edible Peas	515	500	97		500		847.5	820.0	811.3	
Lentils	110	95	86		106		303.0	277.0	295.0	
Potatoes, Fall	97				91		1,010.6		996.7	

^{1/}Data are latest estimates available. Potato, dry edible pea and lentil estimates will be released July 11. ^{2/}Area planted for all purposes. ^{3/}Published at U.S. level only.

**Corn and Soybeans: Biotechnology Varieties, Percent of Planted
By Selected States and United States, 2007-2008**

Commodity and State	Insect Resistant (Bt)		Herbicide Resistant	
	2007	2008	2007	2008
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn				
ND	29	24	37	34
IA	22	16	19	15
MN	26	19	32	29
NE	31	27	23	24
SD	16	7	34	30
WI	19	14	23	26
US	21	17	24	23
	Stacked Gene Varieties		All Biotech Varieties	
	2007	2008	2007	2008
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
ND	22	31	88	89
IA	37	53	78	84
MN	28	40	86	88
NE	25	35	79	86
SD	43	58	93	95
WI	22	35	64	75
US	28	40	73	80
	Herbicide Resistant		All Biotech Varieties	
	2007	2008	2007	2008
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Soybeans				
ND	92	94	92	94
IA	94	95	94	95
MN	92	91	92	91
NE	96	97	96	97
SD	97	97	97	97
WI	88	90	88	90
US	91	92	91	92

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