



# News Release

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### North Dakota

**Corn for grain** production is forecast at a record high 286 million bushels, up 2 percent from the September forecast and 84 percent above 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 127 bushels per acre, equal to the September forecast and up 16 bushels from last year. Area to be harvested is estimated at a record high 2.25 million acres, up 61 percent from 2006.

**Soybean** production is forecast at 108 million bushels, up 1 percent from the September forecast, but down 10 percent from last year. Soybean yields are expected to average 36.0 bushels per acre, up 1 bushel from the September forecast and up 5 bushels from last year. Area to be harvested is estimated at 3.00 million acres, 22 percent below 2006.

**Dry edible bean** production is forecast at a record high 10.9 million hundredweight (cwt), 42 percent above last year. Yield is forecast at a record high 1,650 pounds per acre, up 150 pounds from the August forecast and 450 pounds from last year's drought affected yield. Area for harvest is expected to be 660,000 acres, up 20,000 from last year.

**All sunflower** (oil and non-oil) production for 2007 is forecast at 1.51 billion pounds, up 35 percent from 2006. The average yield for all sunflower is forecast at 1,462 pounds, up from 1,296 pounds last year. Area for harvest is estimated at 1.03 million acres, up 20 percent from last year.

**Canola** production is forecast 1.38 billion pounds, up 7 percent from 2006. The yield is forecast at 1,310 pounds, down 60 pounds from last year. Area for harvest is 1.05 million acres, up 12 percent from 2006.

Planted acreage estimates for selected crops were updated based on the review of administrative data. Corn for grain planted acreage was increased to 2.55 million from 2.50 million in June. Soybean planted acreage was reduced to 3.05 million acres from 3.10 million in June. All dry edible bean acres increased 20,000 acres from August to 690,000. All sunflower planted acres increased 110,000 acres from June to 1.07 million acres. This includes an increase in oil sunflowers by 120,000 acres and a decrease of non-oil sunflowers by 10,000 acres. Canola planted acres were increased 30,000 acres from June to 1.08 million acres. Harvested acreages were also updated to reflect the adjustments made to the planted acres.

The 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

**Corn for Grain** production is forecast at 13.3 billion bushels, up slightly from last month and 26 percent above 2006. Yields are expected to average 154.7 bushels per acre, down 1.1 bushels from September but 5.6 bushels above last year. Production would be the largest on record as growers expect to harvest the most corn acres for grain since 1933. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 86.1 million acres, up 1 percent from September and 22 percent higher than last year.

**Soybean** production is forecast at 2.60 billion bushels, down less than 1 percent from the September forecast and down 19 percent from last year's record high. Yields are expected to average 41.4 bushels per acre, unchanged from last month but down 1.3 bushels from last year. Area for harvest is forecast at 62.8 million acres, down less than 1 percent from September and down 16 percent from last year.

**Dry edible bean** production is forecast at 25.3 million cwt for 2007, up 6 percent from the August forecast and 4 percent above last year. Yield is forecast at 1,727 pounds per acre, an increase of 78 pounds from the August forecast and 150 pounds above last year. Harvested acreage is forecast at 1.46 million acres, 2 percent above the August forecast but 5 percent below last year.

**All sunflower** production for 2007 is forecast at 2.89 billion pounds, up 35 percent from 2006 but down 28 percent from 2005. Yield forecast, at 1,468 pounds, is 257 pounds more than last year. Sunflower growers expect to harvest 1.97 million acres, up 12 percent from June and up 11 percent from the 2006 acreage.

**Canola** production for 2007 is forecast at 1.50 billion pounds, up 8 percent from 2006. Yield forecast, at 1,312 pounds per acre, is 54 pounds below last year's yield. Canola farmers expect to harvest 1.14 million acres, up 2 percent from June and up 12 percent from 2006.

**Crop Summary: Area Planted and Harvested**  
**North Dakota and United States, 2006 and Forecasted October 1, 2007 <sup>1/</sup>**

Crop	North Dakota				United States			
	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Area Planted		Area Harvested	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>
Barley	1,100	1,470	995	1,390	3,452	4,020	2,951	3,508
Corn for Grain <sup>2/</sup>	1,690	2,550	1,400	2,250	78,327	93,616	70,648	86,071
Corn for Silage			220				6,477	
Hay, All			2,720	3,000			60,807	61,789
Alfalfa			1,450	1,550			21,384	21,451
All Other			1,270	1,450			39,423	40,338
Oats	420	460	120	260	4,168	3,760	1,566	1,505
Rye <sup>3/</sup>					1,396	1,376	274	289
Wheat, All	8,800	8,595	8,290	8,405	57,344	60,433	46,810	51,011
Winter	200	465	180	445	40,575	44,987	31,117	35,952
Durum	1,300	1,480	1,260	1,460	1,870	2,149	1,815	2,112
Spring	7,300	6,650	6,850	6,500	14,899	13,297	13,878	12,947
Canola	940	1,080	935	1,050	1,044	1,183	1,021	1,144
Flaxseed	750	420	715	410	813	465	767	453
Mustard Seed <sup>3/</sup>					40.5	57.5	39.2	54.8
Rapeseed <sup>3/</sup>					1.4	1.4	1.0	1.2
Safflower <sup>3/</sup>					189.0	170.0	179.0	162.5
Soybeans	3,900	3,050	3,870	3,000	75,522	63,669	74,602	62,818
Sunflower, All	900	1,070	860	1,030	1,950	2,075	1,770	1,970
Oil	770	910	740	880	1,658	1,761	1,514	1,679
Non-oil	130	160	120	150	292	314	256	291
Sugarbeets	261	257	243	247	1,366.2	1,266.0	1,303.6	1,241.4
Dry Edible Beans, All	670.0	690.0	640.0	660.0	1,629.8	1,527.3	1,537.6	1,462.5
Dry Edible Peas	610	510	590	490	925.5	880.5	884.1	834.3
Lentils	160	110	148	104	429.0	305.0	407.0	293.0
Fall Potatoes, All	100.0	95.0	98.0	90.0	993.7	1,009.2	983.0	996.2

1/ Data are latest estimates available. 2/ Area planted for all purposes. 3/ Published at U.S. level only.

**Crop Summary: Yield and Production**  
**North Dakota and United States, 2006 and Forecasted October 1, 2007 <sup>1/</sup>**

Crop	Unit	North Dakota				United States					
		Yield		Production		Yield		Production			
		2006	2007		2006	2007	2006	2007		2006	2007
			Sep 1	Oct 1				Sep 1	Oct 1		
Barley <sup>2/</sup>	<i>Bu</i>	49.0	56.0	1,000	1,000	61.1	60.4	1,000	1,000		
Corn for Grain	<i>Bu</i>	111.0	127.0	48,755	77,840	149.1	154.7	180,165	211,825		
Corn for Silage	<i>Tons</i>	5.9	127.0	155,400	285,750	155.8	154.7	10,534,868	13,318,102		
Hay, All	<i>Tons</i>	1.15	1.71	1,298	5,130	2.33	2.39	104,849	147,964		
Alfalfa	<i>Tons</i>	1.20	1.71	3,137	5,130	2.33	2.39	141,666	147,964		
All Other	<i>Tons</i>	1.10	1.40	1,740	3,100	3.35	3.37	71,666	72,347		
Oats <sup>2/</sup>	<i>Bu</i>	41.0	1.40	1,397	2,030	1.78	1.87	70,000	75,617		
Rye <sup>2/3/</sup>	<i>Bu</i>	41.0	59.0	4,920	15,340	59.8	60.9	93,638	91,599		
Wheat, All <sup>2/</sup>	<i>Bu</i>	30.4	35.7	251,770	300,050	26.3	27.4	7,193	7,914		
Winter <sup>2/</sup>	<i>Bu</i>	30.4	35.7	251,770	300,050	38.7	40.5	1,812,036	2,066,722		
Durum <sup>2/</sup>	<i>Bu</i>	44.0	50.0	7,920	22,250	41.7	42.2	1,298,081	1,515,989		
Spring <sup>2/</sup>	<i>Bu</i>	25.0	30.0	31,500	43,800	29.5	33.9	53,475	71,686		
Canola	<i>Lbs</i>	1,370	1,310	1,280,950	1,375,500	33.2	37.0	460,480	479,047		
Flaxseed	<i>Bu</i>	14.5		10,368		14.4		11,019			
Mustard Seed <sup>3/</sup>	<i>Lbs</i>					720		28,220			
Rapeseed <sup>3/</sup>	<i>Lbs</i>					1,100		1,100			
Safflower <sup>3/</sup>	<i>Lbs</i>					1,069		191,405			
Soybeans	<i>Bu</i>	31.0	35.0	119,970	108,000	42.7	41.4	3,188,247	2,598,046		
Sunflower, All	<i>Lbs</i>	1,296	1,462	1,114,800	1,506,200	1,211	1,468	2,143,613	2,891,985		
Oil	<i>Lbs</i>	1,260		932,400		1,181		1,787,966			
Non-oil	<i>Lbs</i>	1,520		182,400		1,389		355,647			
Sugarbeets	<i>Tons</i>	26.0	23.0	6,318	5,681	26.1	24.2	34,064	30,382		
Dry Edible Beans, All <sup>4/</sup>	<i>Cwt</i>	1,200	1,650	7,680	10,890	1,577	1,727	24,247	25,264		
Dry Edible Peas <sup>4/</sup>	<i>Cwt</i>	1,580		9,322		1,493		13,203			
Lentils <sup>4/</sup>	<i>Cwt</i>	820		1,214		797		3,244			
Fall Potatoes, All	<i>Cwt</i>	260		25,480		406		398,921			

1/ Data are latest estimates available. 2/ Estimates carried forward from September Small Grains 2007 Summary. 3/ Published at U.S. level only.  
4/ Yield in pounds.

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