



# News Release

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## September Crop Production

### North Dakota

**Soybean** production is forecast at 117 million bushels, up 3 percent of the August forecast and 12 percent from last year, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, North Dakota Field Office. Yields are expected to average 35.0 bushels per harvested acre, up 1 bushel from August but equal with 2007. Area to be harvested is estimated at 3.34 million acres, up 12 percent from last year.

**Corn for grain** production is forecast at 269 million bushels, up 2 percent from the August forecast but down 1 percent from last year's record high production. Corn for grain yields are expected to average 125 bushels per harvested acre, up 3 and 9 bushels from the August forecast and 2007, respectively. Acreage to be harvested for grain is estimated at 2.15 million acres, down 9 percent from last year's record high acreage.

**Sugarbeet** production is forecast at 4.88 million tons, unchanged from the August forecast but 15 percent below last year. The average yield per harvested acre is expected to be 23.0 tons, equal to August but down 0.1 ton from 2007. Area to be harvested is estimated at 212,000 acres, down 14 percent from 2007. If realized, this would be the lowest level harvested since 1995 when 204,200 acres were harvested.

### United States

**Soybean** production is forecast at 2.93 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the August forecast but up 13 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the fourth largest production on record. Based on September 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 40.0 bushels per acre, down 0.5 bushel from last month and down 1.2 bushels from 2007. Area for harvest in the U.S. is forecast at 73.3 million acres, unchanged from last month but up 17 percent from 2007.

**Corn for grain** production is forecast at 12.1 billion bushels, down 2 percent from last month and 8 percent below 2007. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 152.3 bushels per acre, down 2.7 bushels from August but 1.2 bushels above last year. If realized, yield will be the second highest on record, behind 2004, while production will be the second largest, behind last year. Area harvested and to be harvested for grain is forecast at 79.3 million acres, unchanged from August but down 8 percent from 2007. If realized, this will be the second largest area harvested for grain since 1944, behind last year's 86.5 million acres.

**Sugarbeet** production in 2008 is forecast at 26.1 million tons, down 3 percent from the August forecast and down 18 percent from last year. The yield forecast, at 24.7 tons per acre, is up 0.6 ton from August but down 0.9 ton from 2007. Growers expect to harvest 1.06 million acres in 2008, up 1 percent from the August forecast but down 15 percent from last year.

#### Hurricane Gustav

Hurricane Gustav made landfall on September 1, then moved northward through Louisiana and into Arkansas over the course of several days. Because the information in this report is based on conditions as of September 1, the full impact of this weather event is not reflected in this report.

**Crop Summary: Area Planted and Harvested**  
**North Dakota and United States, 2007 and Forecasted September 1, 2008 <sup>1</sup>**

Crop	North Dakota				United States			
	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Area Planted		Area Harvested	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	<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	1,470	1,500	1,390	1,400	4,020	4,130	3,508	3,640
Corn for Grain <sup>2</sup>	2,550	2,400	2,350	2,150	93,600	86,977	86,542	79,290
Corn for Silage			170				6,071	
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	260	150	3,760	3,467	1,505	1,443
Rye <sup>3</sup>					1,376	1,190	289	266
Wheat, All	8,595	9,150	8,405	8,850	60,433	63,457	51,011	56,586
Winter	465	650	445	600	44,987	46,605	35,952	40,252
Durum	1,480	1,700	1,460	1,650	2,149	2,655	2,112	2,583
Spring	6,650	6,800	6,500	6,600	13,297	14,197	12,947	13,751
Canola	1,080	910	1,070	890	1,183	1,008	1,163	979
Flaxseed	320	315	317	310	354	340	349	333
Mustard Seed <sup>3</sup>					56.0	67.0	52.8	64.0
Rapeseed <sup>3</sup>					1.5	0.5	1.0	0.4
Safflower <sup>3</sup>					180	191	172	183
Soybeans	3,050	3,400	2,990	3,340	63,631	74,783	62,820	73,341
Sunflower, All	1,075	1,005	1,055	970	2,068.0	2,164.0	2,009.5	2,062.5
Oil	910	900	895	870	1,764.0	1,850.0	1,717.0	1,768.0
Non-oil	165	105	160	100	304.0	314.0	292.5	294.5
Sugarbeets	252	218	247	212	1,268.8	1,110.1	1,246.8	1,057.7
Dry Edible Beans, All	690.0	590.0	665.0	575.0	1,526.9	1,401.9	1,478.7	1,353.6
Navy	96.0	111.0	89.0		221.9	247.4	211.2	
Great Northern	8.0	8.3	7.7		59.5	74.7	57.0	
Pinto	502.0	397.0	487.0		694.1	573.8	674.6	
Dark Red Kidney	1.5	1.5	1.4		40.2	49.6	39.1	
Pink	13.0	9.0	12.5		30.8	26.7	29.9	
Small Red	5.5	4.7	5.3		30.6	39.5	29.7	
Black	45.0	47.0	43.5		175.7	159.0	171.6	
Chickpeas, All (Garbanzo)	17.0	9.0	16.8		125.5	86.8	121.6	
Small	4.5	3.0	4.4		11.1	11.0	10.8	
Large	12.5	6.0	12.4		114.4	75.8	110.8	
Other	2.0	2.5	1.8		148.6	144.4	144.0	
Dry Edible Peas	515	510	500	490	847.5	847.0	811.3	807.8
Lentils	110	100	106	96	303	279	295	272
Fall Potatoes, All	97.0	83.0	91.0	79.0	1,010.6	929.1	996.7	916.2
Irrigated <sup>4,5</sup>	33.5		33.0					
Types, Reds <sup>5</sup>	19.0	16.0	18.0					
Whites <sup>5</sup>	29.0	23.0	27.3					
Yellows <sup>5</sup>	1.0	1.0	0.7					
Russets <sup>5</sup>	48.0	43.0	45.0					

<sup>1</sup> Data are latest estimates available. <sup>2</sup> Area planted for all purposes. <sup>3</sup> Published at U.S. level only. <sup>4</sup> Included in all potatoes. <sup>5</sup> Published at state level only.

**Crop Summary: Yield and Production**  
**North Dakota and United States, 2007 and Forecasted September 1, 2008 <sup>1</sup>**

Crop	Unit	North Dakota				United States							
		Yield		Production		Yield		Production					
		2007	2008		2007	2008	2007	2008		2007	2008		
		Aug 1	Sept 1				Aug 1	Sept 1					
					<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>				<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>		
Barley <sup>2</sup>	Bu	56.0	50.0	50.0	77,840	70,000	60.4	59.9	59.9	211,825	217,976		
Corn for Grain	Bu	116.0	122.0	125.0	272,600	268,750	151.1	155.0	152.3	13,073,893	12,072,365		
Corn for Silage	Tons	11.0			1,870		17.5			106,328			
Hay, All <sup>2</sup>	Tons	1.87	1.15	1.15	5,191	3,290	2.44	2.45	2.45	150,304	147,955		
Alfalfa <sup>2</sup>	Tons	2.05	1.20	1.20	3,383	1,860	3.35	3.41	3.41	72,575	70,944		
All Other <sup>2</sup>	Tons	1.60	1.10	1.10	1,808	1,430	1.95	1.94	1.94	77,729	77,011		
Oats <sup>2</sup>	Bu	59.0	50.0	50.0	15,340	7,500	60.9	62.3	62.3	91,599	89,897		
Rye <sup>3</sup>	Bu						27.4			7,914			
Wheat, All <sup>2</sup>	Bu	35.7			300,050		40.5	43.5	43.5	2,066,722	2,462,418		
Winter <sup>2</sup>	Bu	50.0			22,250		42.2	46.6	46.6	1,515,989	1,874,857		
Durum <sup>2</sup>	Bu	30.0	25.0	25.0	43,800	41,250	33.9	33.5	33.5	71,686	86,573		
Spring <sup>2</sup>	Bu	36.0	34.0	34.0	234,000	224,400	37.0	36.4	36.4	479,047	500,988		
Canola	Lbs	1,240			1,326,800		1,250			1,453,830			
Flaxseed	Bu	17.5			5,548		16.9			5,904			
Mustard Seed <sup>3</sup>	Lbs						603			31,826			
Rapeseed <sup>3</sup>	Lbs						1,300			1,300			
Safflower <sup>3</sup>	Lbs						1,215			208,995			
Soybeans	Bu	35.0	34.0	35.0	104,650	116,900	41.2	40.5	40.0	2,585,207	2,933,888		
Sunflower, All	Lbs	1,414			1,492,000		1,437			2,888,555			
Oil	Lbs	1,440			1,288,800		1,454			2,496,970			
Non-oil	Lbs	1,270			203,200		1,339			391,585			
Sugarbeets	Tons	23.1	23.0	23.0	5,706	4,876	25.6	24.1	24.7	31,912	26,089		
Dry Edible Beans, All <sup>4</sup>	Cwt	1,590	1,650	1,650	10,574	9,488	1,716	1,786	1,786	25,371	24,172		
Navy <sup>4</sup>	Cwt	1,810			1,611		1,806			3,815			
Great Northern <sup>4</sup>	Cwt	1,470			113		2,081			1,186			
Pinto <sup>4</sup>	Cwt	1,560			7,606		1,724			11,631			
Dark Red Kidney <sup>4</sup>	Cwt	1,790			25		1,691			661			
Pink <sup>4</sup>	Cwt	1,870			234		1,933			578			
Small Red <sup>4</sup>	Cwt	1,400			74		1,801			535			
Black <sup>4</sup>	Cwt	1,460			635		1,616			2,773			
Chickpeas, All (Garbanzo) <sup>4</sup>	Cwt	1,470			247		1,243			1,511			
Small <sup>4</sup>	Cwt	1,390			61		1,185			128			
Large <sup>4</sup>	Cwt	1,500			186		1,248			1,383			
Other <sup>4</sup>	Cwt	1,610			29		1,860			2,681			
Dry Edible Peas <sup>4</sup>	Cwt	2,080			10,400		1,960			15,903			
Lentils <sup>4</sup>	Cwt	1,260			1,336		1,155			3,408			
Fall Potatoes, All	Cwt	260			23,660		410			409,082			
Irrigated <sup>5,6</sup>	Cwt	400			13,200								
Types, Reds <sup>6</sup>	Cwt	165			2,970								
Whites <sup>6</sup>	Cwt	193			5,265								
Yellows <sup>6</sup>	Cwt	179			125								
Russets <sup>6</sup>	Cwt	340			15,300								

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