



# 2007 USA Dry Bean Projected Plantings

## **Prospective US Dry Bean Seeded Acreage Down 8 Percent**

According to USDA's *Prospective Plantings* report of March 30, 2007<sup>1</sup>, U.S. growers are planning to plant fewer dry beans in 2007. This major farmer survey predicts acreage declines for both dry beans (-7.7%) and garbanzos (-8.3%). US farmers indicate that this decline is a response to strong prices for alternative field crops, driven by growing demand for corn from the ethanol industry. With average yields, the US could produce 1.028 million mt of dry beans in 2007 (6.5% less than in 2006) and 71,200 mt of garbanzo beans (6.3% less than in 2006).

- **North Dakota** is the leading US producer of dry beans, primarily pinto, navy and black beans. ND farmers predicted only a 1% drop in dry bean acreage
- **Michigan** is the leading US producer of black beans and a leading producer of navy, light red kidney and small red beans. Michigan farmers indicated a 2% decline in dry bean plantings this year.
- **Minnesota** is a leading source of dark red kidney and navy beans. Its farmers predict a 7% decline in dry bean acreage in 2007.

<b>Dry Edible Beans: Area Planted by State and United States, 2005-2007<sup>1</sup></b>				
<b>State</b>	<b>Area Planted</b>			
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>2007/2006</b>
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Percent</i>
California	66,000	67,000	70,000	104%
Colorado	90,000	70,000	50,000	71%
Idaho	100,000	105,000	85,000	81%
Kansas	13,000	11,000	5,000	45%
Michigan	235,000	225,000	220,000	98%
Minnesota	145,000	145,000	135,000	93%
Montana	18,000	19,500	22,000	113%
Nebraska	175,000	140,000	100,000	71%
New Mexico	6,300	8,200	7,500	91%
New York	25,000	19,000	20,000	105%
North Dakota	620,000	670,000	660,000	99%
Oregon	9,000	10,000	8,500	85%
South Dakota	17,500	21,500	22,000	102%
Texas	17,000	20,000	10,000	50%
Utah	4,500	3,000	3,500	117%
Washington	49,000	61,000	55,000	90%
Wisconsin	5,700	5,600	6,000	107%
Wyoming	34,000	29,000	25,000	86%
<b>US</b>	<b>1,630,000</b>	<b>1,629,800</b>	<b>1,504,500</b>	<b>92%</b>

- **Idaho** is the leading US producer of dry bean seed as well as a major producer of pinto and garbanzo beans. Idaho farmers indicated a 19% decline in dry bean area and an 11% decline in garbanzo acreage in 2007.

- **Nebraska** farmers, the leading source of Great Northern beans, indicated a 29% reduction in dry bean acreage.
- **California** farmers, the leading US producers of lima and blackeye beans, plan to increase their dry bean acreage by 4% while at the same time cutting their garbanzo acreage in half.

<b>Chickpeas (Garbanzo Beans): Area Planted by State and United States, 2005-2007</b>				
<b>Size &amp; State</b>	<b>Area Planted</b>			
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>2007/2006</b>
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Percent</i>
<b>Small Chickpeas <sup>2</sup></b>				
California	0	0	0	
Idaho	3,000	4,000	4,000	100%
Montana	1,400	2,400	4,000	167%
Nebraska	0	0	0	
North Dakota	4,000	7,500	6,000	80%
Oregon	500	0	0	
South Dakota	0	0	1,000	
Washington	1,600	3,500	2,000	57%
<b>US</b>	<b>10,500</b>	<b>17,400</b>	<b>17,000</b>	<b>98%</b>
<b>Large Chickpeas <sup>3</sup></b>				
California	10,000	16,000	8,000	50%
Idaho	28,000	40,000	35,000	88%
Montana	4,600	6,400	9,000	141%
Nebraska	1,100	1,100	1,000	91%
North Dakota	2,100	5,500	8,000	145%
Oregon	2,600	3,500	3,500	100%
South Dakota	6,400	9,400	9,000	96%
Washington	24,500	37,500	35,000	93%
<b>US</b>	<b>79,300</b>	<b>119,400</b>	<b>108,500</b>	<b>91%</b>
<b>All Chickpeas</b>				
California	10,000	16,000	8,000	50%
Idaho	31,000	44,000	39,000	89%
Montana	6,000	8,800	13,000	148%
Nebraska	1,100	1,100	1,000	91%
North Dakota	6,100	13,000	14,000	108%
Oregon	3,100	3,500	3,500	100%
South Dakota	6,400	9,400	10,000	106%
Washington	26,100	41,000	37,000	90%
<b>US</b>	<b>89,800</b>	<b>136,800</b>	<b>125,500</b>	<b>91.7%</b>

<sup>1</sup> <http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/MannUsda/viewDocumentInfo.do?documentID=1136>  
**Survey Procedures used by NASS for its Prospective Plantings report:** The acreage estimates in this report are based primarily on surveys conducted during the first 2 weeks of March. The March Agricultural Survey is a probability survey that includes a sample of over 86,000 farm operators selected from a list of producers that ensures all operations in the U.S. have a chance to be selected. These operators were contacted by mail, internet, telephone, or personal interview to obtain information on crop acreage planned for the 2007 crop year.



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