



# 2008 USA Legumes Planting Intentions

## US Legume Seeded Acreage Predicted Down 7% in 2008

According to USDA's *Prospective Plantings* report of March 31, 2008<sup>(a)</sup>, U.S. growers are planning to plant fewer beans, lentils, garbanzos and dry peas in 2008. This first major farmer survey predicts that US legume acreage will be 7% less than in 2007 and 17% less than in 2006.

| US Legumes           | Change in Seeded Acreage 2008 vs 2007 |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Dry beans            | -8%                                   |
| Lentils              | -9%                                   |
| Garbanzos            | -22%                                  |
| Dry Peas             | -3%                                   |
| <b>Total Legumes</b> | <b>-7%</b>                            |

High prices for alternative field crops combined with the higher risk involved in producing legumes vs. grains will convince many farmers to again shift acreage out of legumes.

| US Dry Edible Beans                                |                 |                 |                   |                |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Area Planted by State and United States, 2006-2008 |                 |                 |                   |                |
| State  | 2006            | 2007            | 2008 <sup>1</sup> | 2008/2007      |
|  | <i>Hectares</i> | <i>Hectares</i> | <i>Hectares</i>   | <i>Percent</i> |
| California   | 27,115          | 23,877          | 18,616            | 78%            |
| Colorado   | 28,329          | 19,425          | 20,235            | 104%           |
| Idaho  | 42,493          | 36,423          | 32,376            | 89%            |
| Kansas   | 4,452           | 2,631           | 2,833             | 108%           |
| Michigan   | 91,056          | 80,939          | 76,892            | 95%            |
| Minnesota  | 58,681          | 60,704          | 52,610            | 87%            |
| Montana  | 7,892           | 7,406           | 5,261             | 71%            |
| Nebraska   | 56,657          | 44,516          | 50,587            | 114%           |
| New Mexico   | 3,318           | 3,035           | 3,238             | 107%           |
| New York   | 7,689           | 6,880           | 6,475             | 94%            |
| North Dakota                                       | 271,145         | 279,239         | 250,911           | 90%            |
| Oregon   | 4,047           | 3,238           | 2,428             | 75%            |
| South Dakota                                       | 8,701           | 5,261           | 4,047             | 77%            |
| Texas  | 8,094           | 6,880           | 6,070             | 88%            |
| Utah   | 1,214           | 607             | 809               | 133%           |
| Washington   | 24,686          | 24,282          | 20,235            | 83%            |
| Wisconsin  | 2,266           | 2,469           | 2,226             | 90%            |
| Wyoming  | 11,736          | 10,117          | 10,117            | 100%           |
| <b>US</b>  | <b>659,571</b>  | <b>617,928</b>  | <b>565,965</b>    | <b>92%</b>     |

<sup>1</sup> Intended plantings as reported by the USDA *Prospective Plantings* report of March 31, 2008.

- **North Dakota** is the leading producer in the United States of pinto, navy and black beans as well as lentils and peas. ND farmers predicted a 10% drop in dry bean acreage, another major (-14%) drop in lentil acreage and a 3% drop in dry pea acreage.
- In **Michigan**, a leading producer of black, navy, light red kidney and small red beans, farmers indicated a 5% decline in dry bean plantings this year.
- **Idaho** farmers produce much of the dry bean seed in the US as well as pinto beans, garbanzos, dry peas and lentils. Idaho farmers indicated reduced acreage in dry beans (-11%), garbanzos (-33%) and lentils (-8%) but a 20% increase in dry pea acreage in 2008.

| US Lentils                       |                 |                 |                   |                |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Area Planted by State, 2006-2008 |                 |                 |                   |                |
| State                            | 2006            | 2007            | 2008 <sup>1</sup> | 2008/2007      |
|                                  | <i>Hectares</i> | <i>Hectares</i> | <i>Hectares</i>   | <i>Percent</i> |
| ID                               | 20,235          | 15,378          | 14,164            | 92%            |
| MT                               | 57,467          | 35,208          | 35,208            | 100%           |
| ND                               | 64,751          | 44,516          | 38,446            | 86%            |
| WA                               | 31,161          | 27,519          | 24,282            | 88%            |
| <b>US</b>                        | <b>173,614</b>  | <b>122,622</b>  | <b>112,100</b>    | <b>91%</b>     |

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| US Lentil Classes | 2008 Projected Acreage |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| Small Green       | =                      |
| Medium Green      | ↓                      |
| Large Green       | ↓                      |
| Red               | =↑                     |
| Pardina           | =↓                     |

Source: USADPLC

- **Minnesota** is a leading source of dark red kidney and navy beans. Its farmers predict a 13% decline in dry bean acreage in 2008.
- **Nebraska** farmers, leading producers of Great Northern beans, indicated a 14% increase in dry bean acreage after last year's 29% decline.
- **California** farmers reported a 22% drop in planned dry bean acreage (mostly lima and blackeye beans), and a 31% cut in garbanzo acreage for 2008.

| US Dry Peas                      |                 |                 |                   |                |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Area Planted by State, 2006-2008 |                 |                 |                   |                |
| State                            | 2006            | 2007            | 2008 <sup>1</sup> | 2008/2007      |
|                                  | <i>Hectares</i> | <i>Hectares</i> | <i>Hectares</i>   | <i>Percent</i> |
| ID                               | 12,141          | 10,117          | 12,141            | 120%           |
| MT                               | 84,986          | 95,103          | 89,033            | 94%            |
| ND                               | 246,864         | 208,418         | 202,347           | 97%            |
| OR                               | 3,440           | 2,226           | 2,023             | 91%            |
| WA                               | 27,115          | 27,115          | 26,305            | 97%            |
| <b>US</b>                        | <b>374,545</b>  | <b>342,979</b>  | <b>331,849</b>    | <b>97%</b>     |

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| US Dry Peas | 2007 % of Acreage | 2008 % of Acreage |
|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Green Peas  | 37%               | 35%               |
| Yellow Peas | 61%               | 63%               |
| AWP Peas    | 2%                | 2%                |

Source: USADPLC

| US Chickpeas (Garbanzo Beans)  |               |               |                   |             |
|--|---------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Area Planted by State, 2006-2008   |               |               |                   |             |
| Size & State   | 2006          | 2007          | 2008 <sup>1</sup> | 2008/2007   |
|  | Hectares      | Hectares      | Hectares          | Percent     |
| <b>Small Chickpeas</b> <sup>2</sup>  |               |               |                   |             |
| CA   | 0             | 0             | 0                 | -           |
| ID   | 1,619         | 1,416         | 809               | 57%         |
| MT   | 971           | 648           | 971               | 150%        |
| NE   | 0             | 0             | 0                 | -           |
| ND   | 3,035         | 1,821         | 3,642             | 200%        |
| OR   | 0             | 0             | 0                 | -           |
| SD   | 0             | 0             | 405               | -           |
| WA   | 1,416         | 607           | 405               | 67%         |
| <b>US</b>  | <b>7,042</b>  | <b>4,492</b>  | <b>6,232</b>      | <b>139%</b> |
| <b>Large Chickpeas</b> <sup>3</sup>  |               |               |                   |             |
| CA   | 6,475         | 2,631         | 1,821             | 69%         |
| ID   | 16,188        | 15,378        | 10,522            | 68%         |
| MT   | 2,590         | 3,318         | 1,052             | 32%         |
| NE   | 445           | 0             | 0                 | -           |
| ND   | 2,226         | 5,059         | 6,070             | 120%        |
| OR   | 1,416         | 1,416         | 1,012             | 71%         |
| SD   | 3,804         | 2,307         | 1,416             | 61%         |
| WA   | 15,176        | 16,188        | 11,736            | 73%         |
| <b>US</b>  | <b>48,321</b> | <b>46,297</b> | <b>33,630</b>     | <b>73%</b>  |
| <sup>1</sup> Intended plantings as reported by the USDA <i>Prospective Plantings</i> report of March 31, 2008. |               |               |                   |             |
| <sup>2</sup> Garbanzo beans smaller than 20/64 inch  |               |               |                   |             |
| <sup>3</sup> Garbanzo beans larger than 20/64 inch   |               |               |                   |             |

(a) <http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/current/ProsPlan/ProsPlan-03-31-2008.pdf>

**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 2008 crop year.



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