

# 2009 USA DRY BEAN CROP SUMMARY

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The total 2009 U.S. dry bean crop declined 1% in spite of 3% increase in seeded acreage. A cool, wet growing season combined with substantial harvest delays and abandonment due to rain (especially in the northern Midwest region) reduced yield and production in each of the top four States in 2009; North Dakota (down 17%), Minnesota (down 11%), Michigan (down 3%), and Nebraska (down 15%). In contrast, production grew in the majority of the medium-producing States such as Idaho (up 35%), California (up 45%), Colorado (up 30%), and Washington (up 18%).

**Pinto beans:** Despite lengthy harvest delays in North Dakota, U.S. output of pinto beans is expected to be greater than a year ago. Output of pintos, which accounts for the largest share (43%) of the U.S. dry bean crop, rose 6%. Pinto output was down 11% in North Dakota (the top producer), but increased in all other States.

Production of **navy beans**, the second largest US bean class, declined 27% because of reduced plantings and lower yields, most significantly in North Dakota.

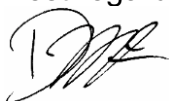
The largest percentage decline among the major classes was in **Great Northern beans**. Reduced seeded acreage (-29%), an 11% abandonment rate in Nebraska, and an overall 9% decline in yield combined to deliver a 37% smaller crop than in 2008.

Output of **black beans** improved 3% as a 6% increase in harvested area (particularly in Michigan and Minnesota) outweighed 3% lower yields.

Farmers planted similar acreage of **light and dark red kidney beans** in 2009 as in 2008. However, **dark red kidney** production declined 11% due to double-digit drops in yields in Minnesota, Wisconsin and New York which all suffered cool, wet growing seasons and rain-delayed harvests. **Light red kidney** production dropped 5% due to lower yields in Nebraska and New York.

**Large** (over 7mm) **garbanzo bean** production increased by 16% thanks to strong crops in California and Washington. **Small** (7mm and under) **garbanzo bean** production more than doubled because of major seeding increases in Idaho and North Dakota.

Best regards,



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## USA Dry Bean Crop Summary 2005 – 2009

<u>Production</u>	2005 mt	2006 mt	2007 mt	2008 mt	2009 mt	2009/2008 %
Large Lima	14,062	10,841	13,699	14,379	15,105	5%
Baby Lima	16,692	13,789	17,101	10,841	15,966	47%
Navy	179,216	197,451	173,818	206,022	151,137	-27%
Great Northern	70,761	53,978	53,797	72,484	45,314	-37%
Small White	2,132	2,087	454	0	3,221	-
Pinto	594,666	431,960	534,247	465,250	495,051	6%
L. Red Kidney	51,891	34,927	36,877	46,402	43,862	-5%
D. Red Kidney	41,640	37,376	30,073	44,996	38,555	-14%
Pink	30,028	33,158	26,218	25,265	22,544	-11%
Small Red	40,960	29,438	24,358	37,013	31,888	-14%
Cranberry	7,348	6,759	5,625	6,396	3,810	-40%
Black	81,511	121,246	127,143	132,585	136,531	3%
Blackeye	18,144	24,177	22,544	17,872	34,972	96%
Small (<7mm) Garbanzo	6,759	6,759	5,851	5,851	13,562	132%
Large (>7mm) Garbanzo	41,368	63,049	62,868	44,860	51,936	16%
Other	34,201	28,667	25,900	29,075	46,856	61%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,233,057</b>	<b>1,095,663</b>	<b>1,160,574</b>	<b>1,159,291</b>	<b>1,150,310</b>	<b>-1%</b>

Source: Crop Production 2009 Summary - Released January 12, 2010, by the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), Agricultural Statistics Board, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

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