

# 2008 USA DRY BEAN CROP SUMMARY

The total 2008 U.S. dry edible bean crop was almost exactly the same as last year's harvest in spite of a 2.3% decline in harvested area. Ideal weather in most major growing areas aided crop development and helped produce good yields and excellent quality beans. Production increased from a year ago for large lima, navy, great northern, light red kidney, dark red kidney, small red, black and cranberry beans.

**Pinto bean** production declined 13% due to reduced planted acreage and a slight drop in yields. Pinto beans easily remain the top bean class with 40% of the 2008 crop—down from 46% a year earlier. Pinto bean output was down in North Dakota, the leading producer, by 14% from the state's record-large 2007 crop. Output of pinto beans fell 5% in Nebraska, the second-leading producer, largely because of a 4-percent drop in harvested area. Growers in Wyoming produced 16% more pintos in 2008 thanks to a rebound in seeded acreage.

Production of **navy beans**, the second-leading dry bean class in the US, increased 19% as output was higher in North Dakota (up 28%), Minnesota (up 13%), and Michigan (up 17%).

**Great northern bean** production also recovered in 2008, with a 35% increase over 2007 primarily due to a 34% increase in acreage seeded to great northrens by Nebraska growers.

Output of **black beans** was marginally higher as good yields in the 2 leading states, Michigan and North Dakota, offset reduced acreage.

**Light and dark red kidney bean** production rebounded by 37% in 2008, in large part due to a 29% increase in seeded acreage in Minnesota, along with increased acreage in Nebraska and a recovery of yields in New York State.

**Garbanzo bean** seeded acreage fell 35% in 2008 as lagging prices relative to alternative crops discouraged planted area in several States. The total US garbanzo production declined by 28%, with large kabuli chickpeas accounting for 90% of the total US crop. (Sources: USDA Economic Research Service [www.ers.usda.gov](http://www.ers.usda.gov) and National Agricultural Statistics Service [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov))

Best regards,



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## USA Dry Bean Crop Summary 2004 – 2008

<b>Production (mt)</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2008/2007</b>
<b>Large Lima</b>	13,925	14,062	10,841	13,699	14,379	5%
<b>Baby Lima</b>	12,111	16,692	13,789	17,101	10,841	-37%
<b>Navy</b>	97,160	179,216	197,451	173,818	206,024	19%
<b>Great Northern</b>	43,137	70,761	53,978	53,797	72,485	35%
<b>Small White</b>	2,994	2,132	2,087	454	0	-100%
<b>Pinto</b>	354,441	594,666	431,960	534,247	465,254	-13%
<b>L. Red Kidney</b>	36,560	51,891	34,927	36,877	46,403	26%
<b>D. Red Kidney</b>	30,935	41,640	37,376	30,073	44,997	50%
<b>Pink</b>	23,632	30,028	33,158	26,218	25,265	-4%
<b>Small Red</b>	27,261	40,960	29,438	24,358	37,014	52%
<b>Cranberry</b>	8,165	7,348	6,759	5,625	6,396	14%
<b>Black</b>	84,823	81,511	121,246	127,143	132,586	4%
<b>Blackeye</b>	17,418	18,144	24,177	22,544	17,872	-21%
<b>Garbanzo</b>	26,898	49,805	69,809	68,720	49,805	-28%
<b>Other</b>	27,397	34,201	28,667	25,900	29,983	16%
<b>Total</b>	<b>806,857</b>	<b>1,233,057</b>	<b>1,095,663</b>	<b>1,160,574</b>	<b>1,159,304</b>	<b>-0.11%</b>

Source: Crop Production 2008 Summary - Released January 12, 2009, by the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), Agricultural Statistics Board, U.S. Department of Agriculture.



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