



2010 USA Legumes Crop Update

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| US Legumes | Change in Seeded Acreage 2010 vs 2009 |
|------------|------------------------------------------|
| Dry Beans | + 16 % |
| Dry Peas | + 2 % |
| Lentils | + 58 % |
| Garbanzos | + 44 % |

Source: US Department of Agriculture (USDA)
Crop Production Forecast of Aug. 12, 2010

The 2010 US dry bean, dry pea, lentil and chickpea harvests began on time in most regions in July and August with relatively few weather problems so far. This year's rebound in dry bean acreage in most major production regions, combined with continued growth in dry pea and lentil acreage in North Dakota and Montana, should produce an excellent year for US legume exports.

Dry peas, lentils and chickpeas:

The USDA's farmer and processor survey of August 2010 estimates acreage planted to dry peas, lentils, and chickpeas increased 21% in 2010 to a record 684,000 hectares. The US industry's internal surveys indicate an 18% increase to 649,000 hectares, but both forecasts agree that:

- US dry pea acreage remained at about the same level as in 2009, with a good possibility of lower production in 2010 unless yields attain last year's record levels.
- US lentil seedings increased over 50% in 2010, mostly due to a 100% increase in Richlea and red lentil seedings in North Dakota and Montana.

| US Lentils | 2009 Planted Hectares | 2010 Planted Hectares | % Change |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------|
| Large (green > 6mm) | 14,300 | 15,900 | 11% |
| Medium (green 5-6 mm) | 87,300 | 150,000 | 72% |
| Small (green + brown < 5mm) | 46,400 | 47,200 | 2% |
| Red | 16,100 | 33,500 | 107% |

Source: Forecast based on USA Dry Pea & Lentil Council processor survey, August 2010

- US chickpea acreage is up about 40% to 52-56,000 hectares
 - 20% < 7mm
 - 80% 7 mm and larger.

Dry beans:

USDA's August 2010 survey estimates U.S. dry bean planted area at 720,000 hectares – 16% higher than in 2009. Given expectations for average yields, these figures would translate into an increase in the production of navy, black, Great Northern, pinto and large lima beans, and a decline in production of small red, blackeye, and baby lima beans. Production is projected to be higher in most major producing States, with the largest increases expected in Nebraska, Idaho, and North Dakota.

| US Dry Bean Planted Acreage Forecast | | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| | 2009 | 2010¹ |
| Commercial Class | <i>Hectares</i> | <i>Hectares</i> |
| Large Lima | 5,800 | 7,100 |
| Baby Lima | 5,900 | 5,000 |
| Navy | 78,900 | 101,300 |
| Great Northern | 21,800 | 33,300 |
| Small White | 1,300 | 1,100 |
| Pinto | 279,400 | 313,600 |
| L. Red Kidney | 22,800 | 20,300 |
| D. Red Kidney | 20,400 | 19,400 |
| Pink | 11,200 | 12,500 |
| Small Red | 14,200 | 9,200 |
| Cranberry | 2,200 | 2,000 |
| Black | 75,800 | 106,900 |
| Blackeye | 19,500 | 13,300 |
| Small Garbanzo | 9,100 | 10,000 |
| Large Garbanzo | 29,700 | 46,100 |
| Other | 24,200 | 18,500 |
| Total | 622,200 | 719,500 |
| ¹ Area estimate from USDA Crop Production Forecast of Aug. 12, 2010 | | |

USA Dry Bean Seeded Acreage 1994-2010

| | Average 1994 – 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010^f |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| United States planted hectares | 793,265 | 820,500 | 715,363 | 581,695 | 780,922 | 569,028 | 548,066 | 659,638 | 656,724 | 618,117 | 605,005 | 622,204 | 719,531 |



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17 to 21 October, 2010
USA Pavilion in Hall 4



Gulfood 2011 in Dubai (UAE)
from February 17 to March 2, 2011
US Pavilion in Sheikh Maktoum Hall

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Remember, for complete lists of exporters of US legumes, visit:

www.pea-lentil.com/suppliers.htm & www.usdrybeans.com/about/suppliers.aspx

Best regards,

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