



2011 USA Legumes Crop Update



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US Legumes	Change in Seeded Acreage 2011 vs 2010
Dry Beans	-34%
Dry Peas	-45%
Lentils	-28%
Garbanzos	7%

Sources: (a), (b) and (c)

The 2011 US dry bean, dry pea, lentil and chickpea harvests are generally a month late this year due to cool, wet conditions this spring which delayed seeding. A warm summer and good harvest conditions so far in July and August will help boost yield and quality.

But the big issue this year is the drop in acreage seeded to pulses in the US as farmers shifted a large percentage of their farmland into wheat, corn, soy and other major crops in response to high futures prices and delayed planting opportunities. This year's good harvest conditions will only partially mitigate a major decline in US legume production.

Dry peas, lentils and chickpeas:

The USADPLC's farmer and processor survey of August 2011 indicates that acreage planted to dry peas, lentils, and chickpeas in the USA decreased 34% in 2011 to 412,000 hectares.

- The largest decrease came in dry pea acreage. Green pea acreage dropped 45% to 75,600 hectares, and yellow pea acreage dropped 44% to 95,200 hectares.
- Total US lentil seedings declined by 28% in 2011, mostly due to a 62% decline in seeded acreage in North Dakota. Montana farmers actually increased their acreage of lentils by 7% to 105,500 hectares, making it the largest lentil producing state in the USA.

US Lentils	2010 Planted Hectares	2011 Planted Hectares	% Change
Large (green > 6mm)	16,823	6,677	-60%
Medium (green 5-6 mm)	158,070	121,675	-23%
Small (green + brown < 5mm)	44,860	38,017	-15%
Red	35,896	16,876	-53%

Source: Forecast based on USADPLC farmer and processor survey, August 2011

- US chickpea acreage is only down 7% to 50,400 hectares in 2011:
 - Small (< 7mm) chickpea acreage dropped 17% to 10,900 hectares.
 - Large (7 mm and larger) chickpea acreage dropped 12% to 39,500 hectares.

Dry beans:

Driven by sharply lower planted area, the U.S. dry bean crop is forecast at 928,000 mt. this fall, down 36 percent from a year earlier. With the exception of Washington (a major garbanzo producer), output is expected to decline from year-earlier levels for each of the 18 surveyed States. Assuming normal late summer and early fall weather, harvested area is expected to decline 35 percent from a year earlier to 481,700 hectares.

Although the crop got off to a late start due to the cool, wet spring, subsequent hot weather has allowed growth in many areas to catch-up to the 5-year average. With the majority of the crop in good to excellent condition as of mid-August, the first forecast of national yield was a solid 1925 kg per hectare—down less than 1 percent from 2010. (c)

Area Planted 2010 vs 2011			
	2010	2011	Change
Commercial Dry Bean Class	<i>Hectares</i>	<i>Hectares</i>	%
Pinto	341,000	163,300	-52%
Black	114,900	86,000	-25%
Navy	113,100	78,500	-31%
Large Garbanzo	48,900	43,900	-10%
Great Northern	31,800	29,800	-6%
D. Red Kidney	19,600	20,700	6%
L. Red Kidney	21,500	16,900	-21%
Small Red	9,300	15,400	66%
Blackeye	14,000	11,900	-15%
Small Garbanzo	10,200	9,900	-3%
Pink	13,400	8,500	-37%
Large Lima	7,100	4,300	-39%
Baby Lima	4,900	4,000	-18%
Cranberry	1,800	1,700	-6%
Small White	1,100	500	-55%
Other	20,900	16,600	-21%
Total	773,500	512,000	-34%
¹ Production estimate from the USDA Crop Production Forecast of August 1, 2011			

US farmers planted substantially fewer acres of all classes of dry beans in 2011 except for dark red kidney and small red beans. Pinto bean acreage is down over 57% in North Dakota and over 52% nationwide.

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Best regards,



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Sources for this report:

(a) *USADPLC Farmer & Processor Survey August 2011*

(b) *USDA Crop Production Forecast of Aug. 11, 2011*

<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/MannUsda/viewDocumentInfo.do?documentID=1046>

(c) *ERS Vegetables and Melons Outlook Report of August 25, 2011 by Gary Lucier*

<http://www.ers.usda.gov/publications/outlook/>