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## SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PRODUCTION REPORT

**SIoux FALLS, S.D. October 12, 2023** - Based on October 1 conditions, South Dakota's 2023 **corn** production is forecast at 822 million bushels, up 24% from last year's production, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Area to be harvested for grain, at 5.59 million acres, is up 12% from a year ago. Yield is forecast at 147 bushels per acre, up 15 bushels from last year.

**Sorghum** for grain is forecast at 23.2 million bushels, up 95% from last year, and a record high if realized. Area for harvest, at 255,000 acres, is up 46% from 2022. Yield is forecast at 91 bushels per acre, up 23 bushels from last year, and would also be a record high.

**Soybean** production is forecast at 217 million bushels, up 13% from last year. Area for harvest, at 5.05 million acres, is down slightly from 2022. Yield is forecast at 43 bushels per acre, up 5.0 bushels from last year.

**All sunflower** production is forecast at 789 million pounds, down 27% from last year. Acreage for harvest, at 473,000 acres, is down 147,000 acres from 2022. Yield is forecast at 1,668 pounds per acre, down 78 pounds per acre from a year ago. Of the acres for harvest, non-oil sunflowers account for 38,000 acres and oil sunflowers account for 435,000 acres.

**Alfalfa hay** production, at 3.91 million tons, is up 39% from last year. Area for harvest, at 1.70 million acres, is up 3% from a year ago. Yield of 2.30 tons per acre, is up 0.60 ton from 2022. **All other hay** production, at 1.44 million tons, is down 18% from last year. Area for harvest, at 1.20 million acres, is down 8% from a year ago. Yield of 1.20 tons per acre, is down 0.15 ton.

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