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## SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PRODUCTION REPORT

**SIOUX FALLS, S.D. October 11, 2024** - Based on October 1 conditions, South Dakota's 2024 **corn** production is forecast at a record high 857 million bushels, up slightly from last year's production, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Area to be harvested for grain, at 5.26 million acres, is down 6% from a year ago. Yield is forecast at 163 bushels per acre, up 11 bushels from last year and a record high if realized.

**Sorghum** for grain is forecast at 21.8 million bushels, down 13% from last year. Area for harvest, at 280,000 acres, is unchanged from 2023. Yield is forecast at 78 bushels per acre, down 12 bushels from last year.

**Soybean** production is forecast at 254 million bushels, up 14% from last year. Area for harvest, at 5.40 million acres, is up 7% from 2023. Yield is forecast at 47 bushels per acre, up 3.0 bushels from last year.

**All sunflower** production is forecast at 533 million pounds, down 35% from last year. Acreage for harvest, at 267,000 acres, is down 211,000 acres from 2023. Yield is forecast at 1,998 pounds per acre, up 288 pounds per acre from a year ago and a record high if realized. Of the acres for harvest, non-oil sunflowers account for 32,000 acres and oil sunflowers account for 235,000 acres.

**Alfalfa hay** production, at 4.46 million tons, is up 12% from last year. Area for harvest, at 1.65 million acres, is down 2% from a year ago. Yield of 2.70 tons per acre, is up 0.35 ton from 2023. **All other hay** production, at 2.02 million tons, is down 6% from last year. Area for harvest, at 1.30 million acres, is up 3% from a year ago. Yield of 1.55 tons per acre, is down 0.15 ton.

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