

# Bean Commission News

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## Dry Bean Production Slips

### Special points of interest:

- Michigan planted acres at 180,000
- North Dakota drops more acres, now projected at 420,000 planted and 405,000 harvested
- Brazil to donate beans to Haiti
- One nomination meeting for the Michigan Bean Commission

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While the March 31, 2011 "intentions to Plant" crop report showed a major decline in the acres U.S. growers were going plant with beans, we understand our Northern neighbors are also facing a major decline in bean production.

Navy beans are a prime example where Michigan will be hard pressed to obtain 50,000 acres, Minn/Dak is reported to be at the 135,000 to 140,000 acres of navy beans. And Canada will follow suit. Ontario after having 80,000 acres in 2010, is hoped to have 45,000 this year, and their neighbor Province, Manitoba is scheduled to go from 120,000 acres to this years 35,000 acres.

Navy beans are not alone in this decrease. North Dakota is going from 800,000 acres of all beans in 2010, to 450,000 acres of all beans in 2011.. With great than 50% of all pintos coming from this state, the majority the decrease has to fall with pintos. On Canadian side, they report that the 2010 acres of pintos (81,000) will fall to 31,000 this year.

All beans in Canada last year totaled 336,000 acres and will decrease to 160,000 acres this year according to statistics Canada. U.S. numbers of "Planted acres" was released on June 30 and is available on Page 2. The breakdown of beans by class will not happen un-

til the August crop report.

Of course when production slips, prices usually gain. And this year should be no different. Currently weather around the world has caused some concern. U.S. weather with wet and cold early on, then just plan wet later has held up planting to a point of concern. We hear concerns out of China that their White Bean Production will be down, as weak prices caused growers to look in different directions, and now production could further decline as serious blight and insect problems had growers not wanting to finish their planting. We have also heard that

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## Planted Acres report

Dry Edible Bean Area Planted and Harvested for 2011 crop year was released on June 30th. (See page 2 for complete crop report.)

While Michigan came out as expected, with inten-

tions of 180,000 acres in March and planted in June at the same number, North Dakota took another step backward, going from the intentions of 450,000 acres to planted acres of 420,000 acres.

Total acres this year for dry beans was projected at 1,258,000 compared to last year's 1,911,400.

Harvested acres was projected 1,207,200 acres, indicating a loss of 50,800 acres, or 4 percent.

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## Dry Edible Bean Area Planted and Harvested – States and United States: 2010 and 2011

[Excludes beans grown for garden seed]

State	Area planted		Area harvested	
	2010 (1,000 acres)	2011 (1,000 acres)	2010 (1,000 acres)	2011 <sup>a</sup> (1,000 acres)
Arizona .....	13.0	10.0	12.9	10.0
California .....	63.5	40.0	63.0	40.0
Colorado .....	70.0	40.0	68.0	38.0
Idaho .....	135.0	85.0	134.0	84.0
Kansas .....	9.5	8.0	9.0	7.5
Michigan .....	236.0	180.0	235.0	175.0
Minnesota .....	185.0	140.0	175.0	130.0
Montana .....	18.8	18.0	17.7	16.0
Nebraska .....	170.0	125.0	155.0	115.0
New Mexico .....	13.8	12.0	13.8	12.0
New York .....	15.0	11.0	14.9	10.5
North Dakota .....	800.0	420.0	770.0	405.0
Oregon .....	7.1	4.5	6.9	4.4
South Dakota .....	13.5	14.0	11.3	13.0
Texas .....	21.0	20.0	19.0	18.9
Washington .....	88.0	90.0	86.0	80.0
Wisconsin .....	6.2	5.5	6.2	5.5
Wyoming .....	48.0	35.0	47.0	33.0
United States .....	1,911.4	1,258.0	1,842.7	1,207.2

<sup>a</sup> Forecasted.

## Farm export subsidy cuts harder now – EU

From Reuters—June 21, 2011 (Reporting by Doug Palmer; editing by Doina Chiacu)

Europe's top trade official on Tuesday downplayed chances the European Union would agree to eliminate agricultural export subsidies as part of a proposed partial deal this December in longrunning world trade talks.

"We are ready to discuss about it, but the situation has dramatically changed," EU Trade Commissioner Karel De Gucht said in a speech at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

The EU agreed earlier in the long-running Doha round to eliminate agricultural export subsidies by 2013. But that assumed a much larger deal than is now expected this year.

"This happened in a larger framework, within a larger agreement. If you extract part of it, you can not come to the conclusion that 'well, you agreed to that in a larger context (so) you should also agree in a more limited context'."

The United States and other agricultural exporters have

hoped an EU agreement to give up agricultural export subsidies would be one of the big achievements of the Doha round.

However, negotiators have given up hopes of reaching a comprehensive deal this year and are now striving for a smaller package of agreements aimed at helping the WTO's poorest members by the time the Geneva-based world trade body holds its next major meeting in December.

— De Gucht said it would be a mistake for WTO members to completely walk away from the Doha talks, but acknowledged even reaching a more limited accord this year would be difficult.

"I don't believe that because you go with a more limited agenda it necessarily will be more easy to come an agreement. I'm afraid it will be exactly the opposite but of that we will see in the coming months," De Gucht said.

Still, the EU trade chief said he hoped WTO members could

agree in December not to raise tariffs from current levels as a "down payment" toward a larger deal, De Gucht said.

A recent study by the Washington-based International Food Policy Research Institute has estimated that without a Doha deal countries would raise tariffs well above current levels, inflicting losses "of up to \$353 billion in terms of world income and 1.9 trillion in terms of world exports," De Gucht said.

A tariff standstill would keep current duties in place until conditions are right for a broader deal, most likely after the U.S. presidential election in 2012, he said.

The United States and EU agree even the smaller package under discussion for December should contain a balance of concessions from both developed countries and major developing countries like China and Brazil, De Gucht said.

# Bean Bites

**Nomination meeting:** One board member term for the Michigan Bean Commission expires on December 31, 2011. Mike Sahr, current Chairman of the Commission and representative of the 8th District on the Commission, term expires. The nomination meeting will be held right after the plot tour in the District. The Bean Commission law stipulates the nominations meetings must be held within the District. All Commissioners are eligible to be re-nominated as the Michigan Bean Commission law change of 2000 allowed for no term limits. Two growers are to be nominated and presented to the Governor, of which the Governor

will chose one. Any grower of dry beans, residing within the district is eligible for nomination. Any questions can be addressed to the Commission office.

**MAP and FMD Survive:** An effort to eliminate both MAP (Market Access program) and FMD (Foreign Market Development), was defeated last week by a large margin, 314 to 111. The U.S. Dry Bean Council, through its affiliation with the Coalition to Promote US Exports, opposed cuts to the USDA programs.

**USDA tenders for beans:** USDA continues to tender for pulses, but mostly for peas. The latest tender

asked for over 13,000 tons of yellow peas, and a total of 540 tons of beans (300 tons of pinto beans, and 240 tons of garbanzo beans.)

At a recent of meeting of Private Volunteer Organizations, USDA personnel, and commodity groups, the following numbers were advanced:

- 2.5 million tons of U.S. commodities were donated last year
- 55 million people were feed in 2010
- 47 Countries were recipients of U.S. Food aid
- 3.5 million Children will die

## Brazil Update **BY Randy Duckworth, USDBC International Representative**

Today, the Official Gazette of Brazil published a law authorizing the government to donate food to Portuguese-speaking countries (e.g., Mozambique and Angola) and 15 other countries, including Bolivia and Haiti. The official discretionary donation allocations allowed include

100,000 MT of corn, 500,000 MT of rice, 100,000 MT of beans, and 10,000 MT of milk powder. According to the report, these stocks may be allocated to countries affected by natural disasters and facing acute food insecurity and may also be donated through the World Food Program, which

with the Brazilian Ministry of Foreign Affairs will determine how much of each commodity will be sent to particular countries. *(Editor's Note: This is reportedly poor quality beans that the Brazilian people will not consume. This also could affect the current donations to Haiti of good quality U.S. Beans.)*

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cranberry, black beans and speckled kidney beans planted area was back to normal but growing conditions currently have also lead to concern.

The decline n Canada parallels that of North Dakota, and somewhat Michigan. In north Dakota it is a move back to small grains, which has, like the corn and soybeans in Michigan and all across the Midwest, been positioned better in the market.

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Northeast corner of McClelland Road on the North side of Olive Road. 1/2 mile North of Breckenridge. Planted June 11.

Huron- Leonard Knoblock Farm- Located at Northwest corner of Walker Road on the West side of Shinevale Road. 6 miles Northwest of Kinde. Planted June 8.

Montcalm- Brian Stratton Farm-

Located 1/2 mile South of Lake Montcalm Road on the West side of Pine Grove Road. 5 miles Southwest of Vestaburg. Planted June 13.

Sanilac- J-Rod Farms (Jared Heilig)- Located 1/2 mile North of Robinson Road on the East side of M-19 (Ublly Raod). 3 1/2 miles North of Argyle. Planted June 3.

Tuscola- Mark Bauer Farm- Located 1/4 mile West of Bradleyville Road on the North side of M-81. 3 3/4 miles East of Reese. Planted June 14.


## Varner's Voice

The Dry Bean Variety Trials were planted in the first two weeks of June. The first trial was planted on June 3 and the last on June 14. Very few areas had rain delays slowing down dry bean plantings. It was very interesting when growers were planting sugar beets, corn, soybeans, dry beans and pickles in the first few days of June. In many fields, you had to wait 5 days before you knew which crop was planted. The 94-95 degree days on June 7 and 8 helped with fast germination and emergence. The heavy rains on June 21 and 22 did hurt some dry beans. Some growers did do some replanting and others have spotted in beans in the low down areas. Many fields with too much moisture are showing root rot and yellowing on the bottom leaves. Most of our dry bean varieties today will grow

out of this root rot and still be productive fields. We witnessed this last year at the Bay County Trial when we received 2.5 inches of rain six days after planting. The trial and the surrounding field turned yellow and later grew out of the root rot problem. Other 2011 dry bean research will include a Foliar Insecticide Trial, Root Rot Trial, Nitrogen Trial, White Mold Fungicide Trial, and many trials on narrow rows. We have 15, 20, and 30 inch row spacing research being conducted at the new Saginaw Valley Research and Extension Center and in Sanilac County. Two navy and black beans and Merlot small reds are in each row width. A population trial using 15 and 20 inch rows will determine optimum seeding rates. In addition, Dr Christy Sprague has 15, 20 and 30 inch row spacing for

the Dry Bean Herbicide Trials. We have strips of different populations of Merlot small red beans and a strip trial on Contans and foliar fungicides for white mold control.

As in past years, we will be having tours at the dry bean variety trials in late August. I will have dates and times in the August Newsletter and the County Extension Offices and dry bean elevators will have information on these tours.

### **2011 Michigan Dry Bean Variety Trial Locations**

Bay- Meylan Farms- Located at Northeast corner of Wheeler Road on the East side of Garfield Mile Road. 2 miles North of Auburn. Planted June 4.

Gratiot- Hrabal Farms- Located

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