

# Survey Information Sheet for NASDA Field Staff Dry Bean Inquiry – December 2024

## Instructions for All Enumerators to Review before Contacting

### **PURPOSE OF SURVEY:**

To obtain data on planted acreage, final yields, and production by class, of dry edible beans produced in Michigan. Estimates of Dry Bean acreage and production by class will be published in the January *Crop Production* report.

### **SURVEY COORDINATION:**

Matches have been identified with the December Ag survey and Row Crop CAPS. Efforts should be made to complete all matched surveys during the same contact if not already enumerated.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

Michigan is the third largest dry bean producing State in the U.S. As of October 1, 2024, Michigan growers planted 250,000 acres of dry beans. The classes of dry beans most planted in Michigan last year were:

Navy (pea): 46,100 acres  
Light Red Kidney: 4,500 acres  
Dark Red Kidney: 2,100 acres  
Small Red: 21,000 acres  
Cranberry: 3,700 acres  
Black: 124,000 acres

According to the most recent published census of agriculture, the three largest dry bean producing counties in the State were Huron, Sanilac, and Tuscola Counties.

### **SITUATION AND OUTLOOK FOR COMMODITIES:**

By nearly all accounts, the 2024 dry bean crop appears to have been excellent. The crop was planted on time or early, received adequate (maybe even excessive?) moisture in 2025. Weather during dry down and harvest were ideal. The one potential difficult point is there were some reports of white mold. Yields reported on the October Ag Yield were excellent. NASS is predicting record high dry bean yields in 2024.

### **SAMPLE COUNTS:**

The sample for this survey includes all known growers of Dry Beans in Michigan. Nearly all dry bean surveys were held for local phoning though there may be a few that match with surveys for personal interview. For surveys marked for personal interview, please charge your time and mileage to the other matched survey.

### **GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR COMPLETING SURVEY:**

**Question 1 – Screening:** If someone indicates that they are not growing dry beans this year, especially if they are a dry bean grower with significant historical acreage, it will be important to know what that operation's future intentions for growing dry beans are, and what other agricultural activities take place on the operation so we can update our records.

### **Question 2 – Acreage and Production by Class:**

- It is important the dry beans acres, both planted and harvested, are broken down by class. If the operator cannot give you acreage by class, provide the total acres and write a comment with an approximate percentage of each class planted.
- Production must be reported in Total Clean Pounds. If the respondent does not know their clean production, try to get their pick rate and convert to clean pounds. Please leave comments for unusual situations.
- Most growers will report their production in hundredweight per acre or total hundredweight. Sometimes growers will report their production in "bags per acre." This is equivalent to hundredweight. Remember

yields will average on the higher side this year. If a grower says “30 hundredweight per acre” that means 3,000 pounds per acre.

**Question 3 – Comments:** Please prompt the respondent to provide comments on the condition of the 2024 dry bean crop, on any weather conditions, disease, insect problems, or anything else that might affect production, crop quality, or marketing of the crop. Comments like these will help us understand what’s happening with the dry bean crop. If the respondent isn’t growing dry beans this year, please enter an appropriate comment explaining what is happening on the operation.

**SURVEY CONTACTS:**

For questions or concerns, please contact your supervisor, NASDA coordinator, or Jim Collom in the office.