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Dry Bean Stock Report

Commercial elevators in Michigan held 709,000 hundredweight (cwt) of dry beans in storage as of August 31, 2008, according to the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA). The quantity on hand included 295,000 cwt of navy beans, 324,000 cwt of black beans, and 90,000 cwt of all other classes. Stocks account for all beans in commercial off-farm storage and include a small portion of non-Michigan grown products. An estimate of the quantity of dry beans held on farms is not included in this report.

This is the fourth issue in a new series of Dry Bean Stocks reports. The Michigan Bean Commission and the Michigan Bean Shippers Association requested re-initiation of this report. MDA concluded that the report should be re-initiated in August of 2006 and data for intervening years are not available. This is the second issue in which MDA's Producer Security Services Section has compiled and issued the Dry Bean Stocks report. August 31 will be the reference date for tabulation and publishing henceforth.

Dry bean stocks are not included in the USDA Agricultural Statistics Board system of grain stocks reports. Dry bean stocks data included in this report were tabulated from administrative reports supplied monthly by elevator operators to MDA.

Dry edible beans: Stocks in commercial elevators, Michigan

Year and Month	Navy <i>1,000 cwt</i>	Black <i>1,000 cwt</i>	All other <i>1,000 cwt</i>	Total <i>1,000 cwt</i>
December 31				
1996	3,400		1,550	4,950
1997	2,850		1,700	4,550
1998	1,400		2,100	3,500
1999	2,900		2,900	5,800
2000	2,800		2,500	5,300
November 30				
2006	1,550	1380	720	3,650
August 31				
1998	1,050		180	1,230
1999	210		720	930
2000	1,850		1,750	3,600
2001	1,500		800	2,300
2006 ¹	380	85	245	710
2007. ²	484	196	195	874
2008	295	324	90	709

¹Black beans were included in the all other category prior to 2006.

²The sum of the classes may not equal the "Total" due to rounding.