Responses

We received 692 useable responses, or a return rate of 17% (Table 1), a rate similar to past surveys. The surveys returned in 1996 represented 225,108 acres (A), or 32% of the Northarvest total of 710,000 A planted in 1996, a higher acreage percentage than in previous surveys.

Responses by district are shown in Table 2. MN1, which comprises primarily the Red River Valley, represents 47% of Minnesota respondents' acres. Compared to 1995, more acres were represented in responses from MN2, MN5, ND2, ND3 and ND5. This is the second successive year that acres represented in the responses increased in MN5, ND3 and ND5.

Table 1. Number of Northarvest dry bean growers contacted, respondents total acres and acres planted by Minnesota and North Dakota respondents in 1996.

	Growers			Acres Planted		
	Contacted Number	**Responded Number**	**Responded %**	**Total[a] Number**	**Respondents Number**	**Respondents' Acres % of Total**
Minnesota	1,303	229	17.6	130,000	54,368	41.8
North Dakota	2,701	463	17.1	580,000	170,740	29.4
Northarvest Total	4,004	692	17.3	710,000	225,108	31.7

[a]Total acres planted in state according to USDA data.

Table 2. Number of respondents and acres planted in 1996 by respondents in each Northarvest district in Minnesota and North Dakota.

	Respondents		Acres Planted	
Northarvest District	**Number**	**% of Survey Total**	**Number[a]**	**% of Survey Total**
Minnesota				
MN1	69	30.1	25,500	46.9
MN2	17	7.4	6,227	11.5
MN3	41	17.9	5,394	9.9
MN4	52	22.7	6,129	11.3
MN5	50	21.8	11,118	20.4
MN Total	229	100.0	54,368	100.0
North Dakota				
ND1	123	26.6	37,582	22.0
ND2	82	17.7	36,359	21.3

ND3	110	23.8	43,589	25.5
ND4	66	14.3	23,763	13.9
ND5	82	17.7	29,447	17.2
ND Total	463[b]	100.0	170,740[c]	100.0
Northarvest Total	692		225,108	

[a]Respondents' acres only.
[b]66.9% of all respondents.
[c]75.8% of all respondents' acres.

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