

Production Problems

Weather was reported as the worst production problem for 23% of Minnesota respondents on 19% of their acres, 24% of North Dakota respondents on 26% of their acres, and by 24% of Northharvest respondents on 24% of their acres. These values represent a major reduction in weather problems from 1997. Disease was the worst production problem for 28% of Minnesota respondents on 39% of their acres, 10% of North Dakota respondents on 18% of their acres and 16% of Northharvest respondents on 23% of their acres. Weeds were the worst production problem for 23% of Minnesota respondents on 26% of their acres, 25% of North Dakota respondents on 22% of their acres and 24% of Northharvest respondents on 23% of their acres. Emergence and stand problems were cited by 9% of Minnesota respondents on 6% of their acres, 9% of North Dakota respondents on 10% of their acres and 9% of Northharvest respondents on 9% of their acres. Harvest was the worst production problem for 7% of North Dakota respondents on 7% of their acres (Table 7). Disease was the worst production problem for Minnesota respondents, followed by weeds and weather. In contrast, weather was the worst production problem for North Dakota respondents, followed by weeds and disease.

Table 7: Worst production problem in 1998 for respondents in Minnesota and North Dakota

Worst Production Problem Reported	Respondents		Acres Reported	
	Number	%	Number	%
Minnesota				
Disease	16	28.1	9,723	39.0
Weeds	13	22.8	6,350	25.5
Weather	13	22.8	4,615	18.5
Emergence/Stand	5	8.8	1,485	6.0
Herbicide Injury	3	5.3	745	3.0
Harvest	2	3.5	413	1.7
Micronutrient Deficiency	1	1.8	300	1.2
North Dakota				
Weather	9	24.4	18,451	25.7
Weeds	30	25.2	16,076	22.4
Disease	12	10.1	12,736	17.7
Emergence/Stand	11	9.2	6,823	9.5
Harvest	11	9.2	6,185	8.6
Delayed Planting	4	3.4	1,400	1.9
Herbicide Injury	1	0.8	270	0.4
Northharvest				
Weather	42	23.9	23,066	23.8
Disease	28	15.9	22,459	23.2
Weeds	43	24.4	22,426	23.2
Emergence/Stand	16	9.1	8,308	8.6
Harvest	13	7.4	6,598	6.8
Delayed Planting	4	2.3	1,400	1.4

Herbicide Injury	4	2.3	1,015	1.0
Micronutrient Deficiency	1	0.6	300	0.3

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