Table 1. Federal Farm Commodity Program Payments for Representative Farms in North Dakota: Current Law in 2004 and Estimates Under the Administration's FY2006 Budget Proposal

				Payments in 2004 under current law					Hypothetical payments in 2004 under the Administration's FY2006 budget proposal			
				Direct payment		Marketing loan						
	Acres	Program yield	Actual yield	Rate/ unit ($)	Payment ($)	LDP rate ($)	Payment ($)	Total ($)	Direct payment ($)	Marketing loan ($)	Total ($)	Percent decrease ($)
Farm #1: 500 acres wheat, 200 acres barley, 200 acres sunflowers												
Wheat	500	28	40	0.52	6,188	0.18	3,600	9,788	5,879	2,035	7,913	19%
Barley	200	42	60	0.24	1,714	0.35	4,200	5,914	1,628	2,374	4,002	32%
Sunflower	200	1100	1200	0.008	1,496	0	0	1,496	1,421	0	1,421	5%
Total	900				9,398		7,800	17,198	8,928	4,409	13,337	22%
Farm #2: 500 acres wheat, 500 acres soybeans												
Wheat	500	28	40	0.52	6,188	0.18	3,600	9,788	5,879	2,035	7,913	19%
Soybeans	500	27	30	0.44	5,049	0.19	2,850	7,899	4,797	2,071	6,868	13%
Total	1,000				11,237		6,450	17,687	10,675	4,106	14,781	16%
Farm #3: 500 acres corn, 500 acres soybeans												
Corn	500	64	105	0.28	7,616	0.26	13,650	21,266	7,235	6,718	13,954	34%
Soybeans	500	27	30	0.44	5,049	0.19	2,850	7,899	4,797	2,071	6,868	13%
Total	1,000				12,665		16,500	29,165	12,032	8,790	20,821	29%

Source: CRS, using representative farms, yield, and LDP data furnished by Senator Dorgan's office from the North Dakota Farm Service Agency.
Notes: Counter-cyclical payments in 2004 for 2003 crops were zero for commodities in this table [www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/farmbill/mya_entry.htm]; thus columns for counter-cyclical payments are omitted. Assumptions: planted acres = base acres. All yields are bushels/acre, except for sunflowers (lbs./acre).
Direct payment under current law = base acres*85%*program yield*direct payment rate.
Direct payment as proposed = 95%*direct payment under current law.
Marketing loan payment under current law = planted acres*actual yield*LDP rate.
Marketing loan payment as proposed = 95%*(planted acres*85%*program yield*LDP rate).