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SPRINGFIELD, IL -- The Illinois Field Office of NASS today released the USDA's **July Crop Production Report**. State and national highlights of the report include:

ILLINOIS

The Illinois **wheat** yield for the 2008 crop is estimated to average 66 bushels per acre based on the July 1 surveys, down 2 bushels per acre from the June forecast. Total production would be 76.6 million bushels, 51 percent above the 2007 production. Acreage expected to be harvested for grain is 1.16 million, 30 percent more harvested acres than in 2007. As of July 6, 55 percent of the wheat acres were harvested, compared to 91 percent last year and the five-year average of 90 percent.

UNITED STATES

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.86 billion bushels. This is up 3 percent from last month and 23 percent above 2007. The U.S. yield is forecast at 46.3 bushels per acre, up 1.0 bushel from last month and 4.1 bushels from last year. The area expected to be harvested for grain totals 40.3 million acres, unchanged from the Acreage report released on June 30, 2008 but up 12 percent from last year. Hard Red Winter, at 1.04 billion bushels, is up 1 percent from a month ago. Soft Red Winter, at 607 million bushels, is up 6 percent from the last forecast. White Winter is up 1 percent from last month and now totals 218 million bushels. Of this total, 23.3 million bushels are Hard White and 194 million bushels are Soft White. Harvest progress in the 18 major producing States was 36 percent complete as of June 29. This was the same as last year's progress but 12 points behind the 5-year average.

Yield forecasts are equal to or higher than the previous month in all States in the Soft Red Winter (SRW) growing area except Illinois and Missouri. Elsewhere, harvest progress was close to the normal pace in most States in the southern portion of the growing area. In Missouri, heavy rains during the last part of June caused some lodging and reduced grain quality in the southwestern part of the State. Wheat yield forecasts in the Pacific Northwest (PNW) are at or below the previous month. Wheat in Idaho and Oregon was starting to turn color. Crop development was behind the 5-year average in these areas.

Harvest progress was behind normal in all Hard Red Winter States except Oklahoma and Texas. Heavy rains during June in Kansas slowed harvest progress, which stood at 36 percent complete on June 29. In Nebraska, heavy rains and below normal temperatures during June slowed crop development to behind the normal pace. Disease problems were a concern in Nebraska and Kansas because of the continued rainfall. Crop development was also behind last year and the 5-year average in Montana.

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WINTER WHEAT, 2007 & July 1, 2008

District	Acres planted		Acres for harvest		Yield		Production	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	1,000 acres		1,000 acres		Bushels		1,000 bushels	
Northwest	42	49	39	44	72	76	2,808.0	3,344
Northeast	47	71	40	64	67	63	2,680.0	4,032
West	65	76	63	71	65	62	4,095.0	4,402
Central	42	46	39	44	60	72	2,340.0	3,168
East	73	84	50	78	60	81	3,000.2	6,318
West Southwest	146	155	142	153	59	63	8,378.0	9,639
East Southeast	178	218	163	215	60	65	9,779.8	13,975
Southwest	275	325	253	317	49	65	12,397.0	20,546
Southeast	132	176	101	174	52	64	5,252.0	11,136
Illinois	1,000	1,200	890	1,160	57	66	50,730.0	76,560

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