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

ILLINOIS

The Illinois **wheat** yield for the 2008 crop is estimated to average 68 bushels per acre based on the June 1 surveys, up five bushels from the May 1 forecast. Total production would be 78.9 million bushels, 55 percent above the 2007 production. Acreage expected to be harvested for grain is 1.16 million, 30 percent above the harvested acres in 2007. As of June 1, 26 percent of the wheat was filled, compared to 81 percent last year and the five-year average of 76 percent.

UNITED STATES

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.82 billion bushels, up 2 percent from the May 1 forecast and up 20 percent from 2007. Based on June 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 45.3 bushels per acre, up 1.0 bushel from the previous forecast and up 3.1 bushels from last year. Grain area totals 40.2 million acres, unchanged from last month. As of June 1, heading had reached 75 percent in the 18 major States, 9 percentage points behind the 5-year average. Progress was behind normal due primarily to below normal temperatures throughout the growing season. Harvest was underway in the southern-most portions of the growing area.

Forecasted head counts from the objective yield survey in the 6 Hard Red Winter States (Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Texas) are below last year's level in Colorado, Montana, Oklahoma, and Texas but above in Kansas and Nebraska. Condition ratings declined during May in Colorado and Nebraska while the other States showed improved conditions. Harvest was just getting started in Oklahoma and Texas. A lack of moisture during May reduced yield potential in Colorado. Oklahoma benefitted from a cooler than normal spring with adequate rainfall.

Forecasted head counts from the objective yield survey in the 3 Soft Red Winter States (Illinois, Missouri, and Ohio) are above last year's level. Condition ratings declined in Illinois, increased in Ohio, and remained constant in Missouri during May. In Missouri, yield potential improved despite excessive moisture in some areas of the State during May. Wet conditions in Ohio during early May slowed crop development, however more recent warmer weather has allowed winter wheat conditions to improve.

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