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

ILLINOIS

Corn stocks in all positions on September 1, 2008 totaled 289.1 million bushels, up 53 percent from last year's stocks of 189.4 million bushels. Off-farm stocks, at 228.1 million bushels, accounted for 79 percent of the total. The indicated disappearance from all positions for the June - August quarter was 448 million bushels, one percent more than a year ago.

Stocks of **soybeans** on September 1, 2008 totaled 34.7 million bushels, 64 percent less than last year's level of 96.6 million bushels. This is the lowest recorded amount of soybeans in storage at this time of year since September 2004. Off-farm stocks, at 30.5 million bushels, accounted for 88 percent of the total. The indicated disappearance from all positions for the June - August quarter was 77.4 million bushels, eight percent less than at this time last year.

Wheat stocks on September 1, 2008 totaled 49.4 million bushels, 44 percent above September 2007. Off-farm stocks of 38.4 million bushels accounted for 78 percent of the total.

UNITED STATES

Old crop **corn** stocks in all positions on September 1, 2008 totaled 1.62 billion bushels, up 25 percent from September 1, 2007. Of the total stocks, 500 million bushels are stored on farms, up 9 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 1.12 billion bushels, are up 33 percent from a year ago. The June - August 2008 indicated disappearance is 2.40 billion bushels, compared with 2.23 billion bushels during the same period last year.

Old crop **soybeans** stored in all positions on September 1, 2008 totaled 205 million bushels, down 64 percent from September 1, 2007. Soybean stocks stored on farms totaled 47.0 million bushels, down 67 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 158 million bushels, are down 63 percent from last September. Indicated disappearance for June - August 2008 totaled 471 million bushels, down 9 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Based on an analysis of end-of-marketing year stock estimates, disappearance data for exports and crushings, and farm program administrative data, the 2007 soybean production is revised to 2.68 billion bushels, up 90.6 million bushels from the previous estimate. Planted area is revised up 1.11 million acres to 64.7 million acres. Harvested area is revised up 1.32 million acres to 64.1 million acres. The 2007 yield, at 41.7 bushels per acre, is up 0.5 bushel from the previous estimate.

All **wheat** stored in all positions on September 1, 2008 totaled 1.86 billion bushels, up 8 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 635 million bushels, up 28 percent from last September. Off-farm stocks, at 1.22 billion bushels, are down slightly from a year ago. The June - August 2008 indicated disappearance is 949 million bushels, up 18 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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