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SPRINGFIELD IL - The Illinois Field Office of NASS today released the USDA's **June Acreage Report**. Highlights of the report include:

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Corn planted in Illinois in 2007 is estimated at 13.2 million acres, up 300 thousand acres from the March Prospective Plantings Report and up 1.9 million acres from 2006. Acreage planted to biotechnology varieties is estimated at 74 percent of the total acreage, up from 55 percent last year. Bt varieties account for 19 percent, herbicide resistant varieties account for 15 percent, and 40 percent of the total corn acres were planted to stacked-gene varieties. After being slowed by cold temperatures early, farmers were able to start planting in earnest by mid-April, eventually catching and then passing the average planting progress by early May. Corn has started silking in some areas of the state. The crop was rated 17 percent excellent, 52 percent good, 24 percent fair, 5 percent poor, and 2 percent very poor as of June 24.

Acreage planted and to be planted to **soybeans** in Illinois in 2007 is estimated at 8.35 million acres, which is 17 percent fewer acres than in 2006. Of the total acreage planted, an estimated 88 percent was planted with herbicide resistant varieties. Farmers had reported that 96 percent of the intended soybean acreage had been planted at the time of the survey interview, compared with the 5-year average of 81 percent. The crop was rated as 13 percent excellent, 52 percent good, 28 percent fair, 5 percent poor, and 2 percent very poor on June 24.

An estimated 970 thousand acres of **winter wheat** were seeded in Illinois last fall, up four percent from the previous year. Harvested acreage is expected to total 810 thousand acres, down 11 percent from last year. As of June 24, 91 percent of the wheat crop was ripe, compared to 85 percent last year and the five-year average of 80 percent. Harvest advanced to 73 percent complete, compared to 61 percent last year and the average of 53 percent.

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Corn planted area for all purposes is estimated at 92.9 million acres in 2007, up 19 percent from 2006 and 14 percent higher than 2005. Farmers increased corn plantings 3 percent from their March intentions, resulting in the highest planted area since

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1944 when 95.5 million acres were planted for all purposes. Wet conditions during March and April delayed field preparations and planting activities in the Corn Belt and Great Plains. Conditions dried out considerably in the eastern Corn Belt and Ohio Valley during May allowing producers to make good planting progress, but the lack of precipitation reduced topsoil moisture and increased stress on the crop. Meanwhile, excessive rainfall in parts of the western Corn Belt, central and southern Great Plains, and middle Mississippi Valley during much of May continued to hamper fieldwork. Despite the weather related delays, growers made rapid progress and planting was completed ahead of the average pace. Farmers reported that 99 percent of the intended corn acreage had been planted at the time of the survey interview which is slightly above the average for the past 10 years.

The 2007 **soybean** planted area is estimated at 64.1 million acres, down 15 percent from last year's record high. Area for harvest, at 63.3 million acres, is also down 15 percent from 2006. This is the lowest planted and harvested area for soybeans since 1995. With the exception of New York, Pennsylvania, and the Southeast States, planted acreage decreased in all States across the country. Growers in Illinois and Iowa showed the largest decrease in soybean acreage from last year, down 1.75 million acres and 1.35 million acres, respectively. Large declines in soybean area occurred across the Corn Belt and Great Plains, with planted acreage also down more than one million acres from last year in Indiana, Minnesota, and Nebraska. Many farmers across the country shifted to planting more corn this year at the expense of soybeans. However, increases in soybean area occurred across the Southeast, where some farmers shifted from cotton to corn and soybeans. New York and Pennsylvania both set new record high planted areas, at 215,000 and 440,000 acres, respectively. Nationally, farmers reported that 88 percent of the intended soybean acreage had been planted at the time of the survey interview, compared with the average of 81 percent for the past 5 years.

All wheat planted area is estimated at 60.5 million acres, up 6 percent from 2006. The 2007 winter wheat planted area, at 45.1 million acres, is 11 percent above last year and up 1 percent from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 32.4 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 8.80 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.91 million acres are White Winter. Area planted to other spring wheat for 2007 is estimated at 13.1 million acres, down 12 percent from 2006. Of this total, about 12.6 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. The Durum planted area for 2007 is 2.23 million acres, up 19 percent from the previous year.

CORN BY DISTRICTS, ILLINOIS 2006-07

District	Corn			
	Acres planted		Acres for grain	
	2006	2007	2006	2007
	Thousands			
Northwest	1,857	2,089	1,824	2,046
Northeast	1,045	1,245	1,028	1,229
West	1,069	1,234	1,055	1,217
Central	1,619	1,904	1,603	1,879
East	1,596	1,855	1,581	1,831
West Southwest	1,612	1,838	1,597	1,812
East Southeast	1,490	1,721	1,468	1,696
Southwest	484	627	472	613
Southeast	528	687	522	677
ILLINOIS	11,300	13,200	11,150	13,000

SOYBEANS BY DISTRICTS, ILLINOIS 2006-07

District	Soybeans			
	Acres planted		Acres for grain	
	2006	2007	2006	2007
	Thousands			
Northwest	1,070	821	1,065	816
Northeast	790	674	786	669
West	943	774	939	771
Central	1,252	943	1,247	938
East	1,382	1,119	1,376	1,113
West Southwest	1,295	1,077	1,288	1,071
East Southeast	1,669	1,421	1,660	1,413
Southwest	899	798	894	793
Southeast	800	723	795	716
ILLINOIS	10,100	8,350	10,050	8,300

WINTER WHEAT BY DISTRICTS, ILLINOIS 2006-07

District	Winter Wheat			
	Acres planted		Acres for grain	
	2006	2007	2006	2007
	Thousands			
Northwest	37	36	35	32
Northeast	51	54	50	47
West	47	62	46	54
Central	35	42	34	36
East	61	72	60	48
West Southwest	121	132	118	119
East Southeast	163	178	160	159
Southwest	281	269	276	223
Southeast	134	126	131	92
ILLINOIS	930	970	910	810