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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 2007 crop is estimated to average 57 bushels per acre based on the July 1 surveys, up 2 bushels per acre from the June forecast. Total production would be 46.2 million bushels, 76 percent of the 2006 production. Acreage expected to be harvested for grain is 810 thousand, 89 percent of the harvested acres in 2006. As of July 8, 96 percent of the wheat acres were harvested, compared to 93 percent last year and the five-year average of 91 percent.

UNITED STATES

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.56 billion bushels, down 3 percent from the June 1 forecast but up 20 percent from 2006. Based on July 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 41.6 bushels per acre, down 1.6 bushels from last month and 0.1 bushel below last year. Expected grain area totals 37.6 million acres, up 21 percent from last year but unchanged from the *Acreage* report released on June 29, 2007. Harvest progress in the 18 major producing States was 40 percent complete by July 1. This was 22 percentage points behind last year and 14 points behind the 5-year average.

Hard Red Winter, at 964 million bushels, is down 7 percent from a month ago. Soft Red Winter, at 364 million bushels, is up 7 percent from the last forecast. White Winter is down 1 percent from last month and now totals 235 million bushels. Of this total, 18.1 million bushels are Hard White and 216 million bushels are Soft White.

Yield forecasts are equal to or higher than the previous month in all States in the Soft Red Winter (SRW) growing area except Arkansas, Georgia, Indiana, New York, and South Carolina. Harvest is nearly complete in the southern portion of the growing area and revealed that the April freeze caused yields to be below normal but higher than previously expected. Elsewhere, harvest is close to normal in most States in the northern 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.

Winter wheat heading reached 97 percent by mid-June, 1 point behind last year but 2 points ahead of normal. All States were at or ahead of normal, except Washington. However, by the end of the month, harvest was 40 percent complete nationwide, 22 points behind last year and 14 points behind the 5-year average. In the central and southern Great Plains, showers and thunderstorms halted field activities, where the crop trailed behind the normal pace by 21 points or more in Oklahoma, Kansas, and Texas.

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WINTER WHEAT, 2006 & July 1, 2007

District	Acres planted		Acres for harvest		Yield		Production	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	1,000 acres		1,000 acres		Bushels		1,000 bushels	
Northwest	37	36	35	32	77	70	2,695	2,240
Northeast	51	54	50	47	83	69	4,150	3,243
West	47	62	46	54	71	67	3,266	3,722
Central	35	42	34	36	70	71	2,381	2,556
East	61	72	60	48	85	64	5,097	3,072
West Southwest	121	132	118	119	66	57	7,787	6,783
East Southeast	163	178	160	159	69	59	11,040	9,381
Southwest	281	268	276	223	60	47	16,564	10,481
Southeast	134	126	131	92	61	51	7,990	4,692
Illinois	930	970	910	810	67	57	60,970	46,170

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