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2006 INDIANA SOYBEAN ACREAGE UP, CORN ACREAGE DOWN

Based on a June 1 survey of growers, Indiana Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service forecasts the 2006 Indiana planted acreage of corn for all purposes at 5.5 million acres. This is down 7 percent from the 2005 level of 5.9 million acres. Corn acreage expected for harvest, at 5.35 million acres, is 7 percent below last year. Soybean acreage planted or to be planted for all purposes is estimated at 5.7 million acres, 6 percent above the 2005 planted acreage level. Soybean acreage for harvest as grain is expected to total 5.68 million acres, up 6 percent from a year earlier.

Winter wheat seeded acres of 460,000 is up 28 percent from a year earlier. Area expected to be harvested for grain, at 450,000 acres, is 32 percent above a year ago and unchanged from the May 1 forecast. Wheat yield and production will be updated in the July 12 Crop Report. Oat seeded acreage of 25,000 is up 25 percent from 2005 and the acreage expected to be harvested, at 14,000 is up 56 percent from last year. Producers expect to harvest 650,000 acres of all hay in 2006, unchanged from 2005. Alfalfa hay acreage, at 360,000 is up 6 percent from last year, while all other hay at 290,000 acres is down 6 percent from 2005.

United States corn planted area for all purposes is estimated at 79.4 million acres, down 3 percent from 2005 and 2 percent below 2004. Farmers increased corn plantings 2 percent from their March intentions. With the exception of Minnesota, North Dakota, and Oklahoma, corn acreage is down from last year across the Corn Belt, Great Plains, Ohio Valley, and Delta. Planting began slowly in the Corn Belt and northern Great Plains as precipitation hampered progress. Progress accelerated rapidly during April despite periods of heavy rainfall, as warm temperatures helped fields dry quickly. By the end of April, planting was ahead of normal in all States, except Indiana and the Dakotas. Mostly hot, dry conditions in the western Corn Belt and Great Plains during May and June favored planting activities and crop emergence but contributed to soil moisture shortages and lower crop conditions. Persistent rainfall and below normal temperatures across the eastern Corn Belt and Ohio Valley during May hindered planting and limited crop development, but helped maintain adequate soil moisture. Warmer temperatures during June helped spur development in these areas. Farmers responding to the survey indicated that 99 percent of the corn acreage had been planted at the time of the interview, compared with the average of 98 percent for the past 10 years.

The U.S. 2006 soybean planted area is estimated at 74.9 million acres, up 4 percent from last year. Area for harvest, at 73.9 million acres, is also up 4 percent from 2005. The planted area is down 3 percent from the March *Prospective Plantings* report. With the exception of Ohio and South Dakota, planted acreage increased or was unchanged from last year throughout the Corn Belt and adjacent areas of the Great Plains and Mississippi Delta. States with new record-high soybean planted areas include Kansas, North Dakota, and Pennsylvania. Growers in North Dakota and Illinois showed the largest increase in soybean acreage from last year, up 850,000 and 600,000 acres, respectively. Record high soybean yields in 2005 and high input costs this year have North Dakota farmers shifting to soybeans from more input intensive crops. Illinois growers are shifting to soybeans from a record high corn planted area and below normal corn yields in 2005. Nationally, farmers reported that 91 percent of the intended soybean acreage had been planted at the time of the survey interview, compared with the average of 82 percent for the past 10 years.

Nationally, all wheat planted area is estimated at 57.9 million acres, up 1 percent from 2005. The 2006 winter wheat planted area, at 41.4 million acres, is 2 percent above last year but virtually unchanged from the previous estimates. Of this total, about 29.7 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 7.45 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 4.21 million acres are White Winter. Area planted to other spring wheat for 2006 is estimated at 14.6 million acres, up 4 percent from 2005. Of this total, about 13.9 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. The Durum planted area for 2006 is estimated at 1.89 million acres, down 32 percent from the previous year. This is the lowest Durum wheat acreage since 1961.

PLANTED ACRES AND ACRES FOR HARVEST
INDIANA AND UNITED STATES, 2005 AND 2006

Crop	Planted Acres			Acres for Harvest		
	2005	2006	06/05	2005	2006	06/05
	Thousands		%	Thousands		%
INDIANA:						
Corn, All Purposes	5,900	5,500	93	---	---	---
Corn for Grain	---	---	---	5,770	5,350	93
Soybeans	5,400	5,700	106	5,380	5,680	106
Winter Wheat	360	460	128	340	450	132
Oats	20	25	125	9	14	156
All Hay	---	---	---	650	650	100
Alfalfa Hay	---	---	---	340	360	106
Other Hay	---	---	---	310	290	94
UNITED STATES:						
Corn, All Purposes	81,759	79,366	97	---	---	---
Corn for Grain	---	---	---	75,107	72,091	96
Soybeans	72,142	74,930	104	71,361	73,935	104
Winter Wheat	40,433	41,393	102	33,794	31,108	92
Oats	4,246	4,312	102	1,823	1,907	105
Tobacco - Burley	---	---	---	100.2	104.0	104
All Hay	---	---	---	61,649	62,697	102
Alfalfa Hay	---	---	---	22,389	22,407	100
Other Hay	---	---	---	39,260	40,290	103