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2005 Acreage

June 30, 2006 - Iowa: Soybeans planted and to be planted is estimated at 10.1 million acres in 2006, the same as last year. Corn planted and to be planted dropped less than 1 percent this year for a total of 12.7 million acres. The acreage estimates in this report are based on data collected from May 29 through June 16

Additionally, producers reported on the percent of seed planted to genetically modified (GM) varieties. Ninety-one percent of Iowa's soybean acreage is planted to herbicide resistant varieties. The U.S. level is estimated at 89 percent. Corn planted to GM varieties are estimated in Iowa at 32 percent insect resistant (Bt) only and 14 percent herbicide resistant only. Stacked gene varieties account for 18 percent of corn acres for a total planted to GM varieties in Iowa of 64 percent of the total crop.

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 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.

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.

2006 Crop Summary, June 1, Iowa and United States

Crop	Iowa				United States			
	Planted for All Purposes		Harvested for Grain ¹		Planted for All Purposes		Harvested for Grain ¹	
	2005	2006	2005	2006 ²	2005	2006	2005	2006 ²
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>
Corn, all	12,800	12,700	12,500	12,400	81,759	79,366	75,107	72,091
Oats	210	200	125	130	4,246	4,312	1,823	1,907
Soybeans	10,100	10,100	10,050	10,050	72,142	74,930	71,361	73,935
Hay, all	*	*	1,600	1,600	*	*	61,649	62,697
Alfalfa	*	*	1,250	1,180	*	*	22,389	22,407
All other	*	*	350	420	*	*	39,260	40,290
Winter Wheat	20	25	15	20	40,433	41,393	33,794	31,108

¹ Harvested for principal use of each crop. ²Forecasted. * Data not available.