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Annual Small Grain Summary

Iowa: Oats – Iowa’s 2006 planted oat acreage, at 210,000 acres, is equal to last year. Oat acreage harvested for grain, at 110,000 acres, is 12 percent lower compared to last year. Iowa’s 2006 oat yield, at 76 bushels per acre, is 4 percent below 2005 but nearly 3 percent above the August forecast. Iowa’s oat grain production, at 8,360,000 bushels, is 15 percent lower than last year.

Winter Wheat – Iowa’s 2006 winter wheat acreage harvested for grain, at 18,000 acres, is 20 percent higher than last year. The yield is 66 bushels per acre, 32 percent above last year’s level. This is a record high yield for Iowa, surpassing the 2003 yield of 61 bushels per acre. The state’s production at 1,188,000 bushels, is 58 percent higher than the previous year.

United States: All wheat production totals 1.81 billion bushels in 2006, up 1 percent from the last forecast but 14 percent below 2005. Grain area

is 46.8 million acres, down 7 percent from last year. The U.S. yield is 38.7 bushels per acre, up 0.4 bushel from August but down 3.3 bushels from last year. The level of production and change from last year by type are: winter wheat, 1.30 billion bushels, down 13 percent; other spring wheat, 460 million bushels, down 9 percent; Durum wheat, 53.5 million bushels, down 47 percent.

Oat production is estimated at a record low 93.8 million bushels, 13 percent below the August 1 forecast and 18 percent below last year’s 115 million bushels. The estimated yield is 59.5 bushels per acre, up 3.2 bushels from August but down 3.5 bushels from a year ago. Compared with last year, yields declined in nearly all States except for those in the eastern Great Lakes region, Ohio Valley, and the Pacific Northwest. Harvested area is a record low 1.58 million acres, 17 percent below the August 1 forecast and 14 percent below last year.

September 2006 Production Summary - Iowa and United States

Crop	For Harvest		Yield per acre		Production	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<i>Thousand Acres</i>	<i>Thousand Acres</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Thousand Bushels</i>	<i>Thousand Bushels</i>
IOWA						
Oats for Grain	125	110	79.0	76.0	9,875	8,360
Winter Wheat	15	18	50.0	66.0	750	1,188
UNITED STATES						
Oats for Grain	1,823	1,576	63.0	59.5	114,878	93,764
Wheat, All	50,119	46,810	42.0	38.7	2,104,690	1,812,036
Winter	33,794	31,117	44.4	41.7	1,499,129	1,298,081
Durum	2,716	1,815	37.2	29.5	101,105	53,475
Other Spring	13,609	13,878	37.1	33.2	504,456	460,480

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