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2007 Acreage

Iowa: Soybeans planted and to be planted is estimated at 8.80 million acres in 2007, down 1.35 million from last year. This is the lowest Iowa soybean plantings since 1994, and the largest year-to-year reduction on record. Corn planted and to be planted increased 13 percent this year for a total of 14.3 million acres. This is the second highest Iowa corn planting on record, just 100,000 acres behind the 14.4 million of 1981. Corn harvested for grain is forecast at 13.95 million acres. If realized, this will be a record high. The acreage estimates in this report are based on data collected from May 25 through June 19.

Additionally, producers reported on the percent of seed planted to genetically modified (GM) varieties. Ninety-four percent of Iowa's soybean acreage is planted to herbicide resistant varieties. The U.S. level is estimated at 91 percent. Corn planted to GM varieties are estimated in Iowa at 22 percent insect resistant (Bt) only and 19 percent herbicide resistant only. Stacked gene varieties account for 37 percent of corn acres for a total planted to GM varieties in Iowa of 78 percent of the total crop.

United States: 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 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. 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.

2007 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	
	2006	2007	2006	2007 ²	2006	2007	2006	2007 ²
	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres
Corn, all	12,600	14,300	12,350	13,950	78,327	92,888	70,648	85,418
Oats	210	130	110	75	4,168	3,860	1,576	1,612
Soybeans	10,150	8,800	10,100	8,770	75,522	64,081	74,602	63,285
Hay, all	*	*	1,500	1,370	*	*	60,807	61,789
Alfalfa	*	*	1,180	1,080	*	*	21,384	21,451
All other	*	*	320	290	*	*	39,423	40,338
Winter Wheat	25	35	18	25	40,575	45,136	31,117	37,588

¹ Harvested for principal use of each crop.

² Forecasted.

* Data not available.