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Crop Production

Iowa: Farmers seeded 170,000 acres of oats in 2008, up 25,000 acres from 2007. Acres expected to be harvested for grain, at 75,000, is up 8,000 acres from 2007. The forecasted yield, at 67 bushels per harvested acre, is down 4 bushels per acre from last year. Production is forecast at 5.02 million bushels, up from last year's production of 4.76 million bushels.

United States: Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.86 billion bushels. This is up 3 percent from last month and 23 percent above 2007. The U.S. yield is forecast at 46.3 bushels per acre, up 1.0 bushel from last month and 4.1 bushels from last year. The area expected to be harvested for grain totals 40.3 million acres, unchanged from the Acreage report released on June 30, 2008 but up 12 percent from last year.

Hard Red Winter, at 1.04 billion bushels, is up 1 percent from a month ago. Soft Red Winter, at 607 million bushels, is up 6 percent from the last forecast. White Winter is up 1 percent

from last month and now totals 218 million bushels. Of this total, 23.3 million bushels are Hard White and 194 million bushels are Soft White.

Durum wheat production is forecast at 89.9 million bushels, up 25 percent from 2007. The U.S. yield is forecast at 34.8 bushels per acre, 0.9 bushel above last year. Expected area to be harvested for grain totals 2.58 million acres, unchanged from the Acreage report released on June 30, 2008 but up 22 percent from last year.

Other Spring wheat production is forecast at 507 million bushels, 6 percent above 2007. The expected area to be harvested for grain totals 13.8 million acres, unchanged from the Acreage report released on June 30, 2008 but up 6 percent from last year. The U.S. yield is forecast at 36.8 bushels per acre, down 0.2 bushel from 2007. Of the total production, 471 million bushels are Hard Red Spring wheat, up 5 percent from last year.

July 2008 Production Summary - Iowa and United States

Crop	For Harvest		Yield per acre		Production	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	<i>Thousand Acres</i>	<i>Thousand Acres</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Thousand Bushels</i>	<i>Thousand Bushels</i>
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Oats for Grain	67	75	71.0	67.0	4,757	5,025
Winter Wheat	28	43	50.0	1	1,400	1
Corn for Grain	13,850	12,800	171.0	2	2,368,350	2
Soybeans	8,520	8,950	51.5	2	438,780	2
UNITED STATES						
Oats for Grain	1,505	1,443	60.9	64.4	91,599	92,872
Wheat, All	51,011	56,586	40.5	43.5	2,066,722	2,460,686
Winter	35,952	40,252	42.2	46.3	1,515,989	1,864,245
Durum	2,112	2,583	33.9	34.8	71,686	89,873
Other Spring	12,947	13,751	37.0	36.8	479,047	506,568
Summer Potatoes ³	86,542	78,940	332	321	17,032	14,627
Corn for Grain	86,542	78,940	151.1	2	13,073,893	2
Soybeans	62,820	72,121	41.2	2	2,585,207	2

¹Iowa's individual yield and production will be published in the "Small Grains 2008 Summary" released in September 2008. ² Estimate not yet available. ³ Yield in cwt and production in 1,000 cwt.