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July 1 Wheat Production Forecast is Good for Maryland and Delaware Growers

Maryland: The **winter wheat** crop is forecast at 11.6 million bushels, up 36 percent from the 2006 crop. Average yield per acre is forecast at 66 bushels per acre, unchanged from last month's forecast and 3 percent below last year's crop. Harvested acreage is estimated at 175,000 acres, up 50,000 acres from last year. According to the *Crop and Weather Report* for the week ending July 1, winter wheat harvest was 56 percent complete and barley harvest was complete. Maryland's 2007 **barley** crop is forecast at 2.89 million bushels, up 4 percent from last year. Average yield is forecast at 85 bushels per acre from 34,000 acres harvested. Yield is down 2 bushels per acre from last year, but harvested acreage is up 2,000 acres. **Peach** production is expected to total 3,400 tons, down 8 percent from last year. **Potato** yields are estimated at 350 cwt. per acre, up 30 cwt. from last year's crop.

Delaware: Average yield for **winter wheat** is estimated at 70 bushels per acre, up 2 bushels per acre from last month's forecast and 3 bushels per acre above last year. With 55,000 acres expected to be harvested, total production is estimated at 3.85 million bushels, 28 percent above last year's crop. **Barley** producers expect to harvest 20,000 acres of barley with an average yield of 89 bushels per acre. Average yield is up 9 bushels per acre from last year and production is estimated at 1.78 million bushels, down 7 percent from last year. **Potato** growers expect to harvest 3,200 acres, with production expected to total 864,000 cwt, 71 percent above last year.

United States: Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.56 billion bushels. This is down 3 percent from last month but 20 percent above 2006. The U.S. yield is forecast at 41.6 bushels per acre, down 1.6 bushels from last month and down 0.1 bushel from last year. The area expected to be harvested for grain totals 37.6 million acres, unchanged from the *Acreage* report released on June 29, 2007 but up 21 percent from last year.

ACREAGE, YIELD AND PRODUCTION 2006 AND 2007

<i>Commodity</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Planted</i>		<i>Harvested</i>		<i>Average Yield</i>		<i>Production</i>	
		<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>
<i>Maryland</i>		<i>1,000 Acres</i>				<i>1,000</i>			
Corn ¹	ACR	490	540	----	----	----	----	----	----
Corn, Grain	BU	----	----	425	470	142	----	60,350	----
Corn, Silage	TON	----	----	60	----	17	----	1,020	----
Soybeans	BU	470	430	465	420	34	----	15,810	----
Wheat, Winter	BU	210	225	125	175	68	66	8,500	11,550
Barley	BU	50	45	32	34	87	85	2,784	2,890
Hay, All	TON	----	----	205	210	2.78	----	569	----
Hay, Alfalfa	TON	----	----	40	40	3.90	----	156	----
Hay, Other	TON	----	----	165	170	2.50	----	413	----
Apples	LBS	----	----	----	----	----	----	38,000	----
Peaches	TON	----	----	----	----	----	----	3.7	3.4
Potatoes, Summer	CWT	4.0	4.0	2.9	3.9	320	350	928	1,365
<i>Delaware</i>									
Corn ¹	ACR	170	185	----	----	----	----	----	----
Corn, Grain	BU	----	----	161	175	145	----	23,345	----
Corn, Silage	TON	----	----	8	----	20	----	160	----
Soybeans	BU	180	160	177	155	31	----	5,487	----
Wheat, Winter	BU	48	57	45	55	67	70	3,015	3,850
Barley	BU	27	23	24	20	80	89	1,920	1,780
Hay, All	TON	----	----	14	15	2.86	----	40	----
Hay, Alfalfa	TON	----	----	5	5	3.90	----	20	----
Hay, Other	TON	----	----	9	10	2.20	----	20	----
Potatoes, Summer	CWT	3.0	3.3	2.1	3.2	240	270	504	864
<i>United States</i>								<i>1,000,000</i>	
Corn ¹	ACR	78,327	92,888	----	----	----	----	----	----
Corn, Grain	BU	----	----	70,648	85,418	149	----	10,535	----
Corn, Silage	TON	----	----	6,477	----	16	----	105	----
Soybeans	BU	75,522	64,081	74,602	63,285	43	----	3,188	----
Wheat, Winter	BU	40,575	45,136	31,117	37,588	42	42	1,298	1,562
Barley	BU	3,452	4,044	2,951	3,542	61	65	180	231
All Hay	TON	----	----	60,807	61,789	2.33	----	142	----
Hay, Alfalfa	TON	----	----	21,384	21,451	3.35	----	72	----
Hay, Other	TON	----	----	39,423	40,338	1.78	----	70	----
Apples	LBS	----	----	----	----	----	----	9,932	----
Peaches	TON	----	----	----	----	----	----	1.01	1.03
Potatoes, Summer	CWT	58.4	55.8	54.3	53.8	338	311	18.4	17.0

¹ Acres planted for all purposes.