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**2005 CORN & SOYBEAN YIELDS AT NEW RECORD HIGHS**

Minnesota's CORN production estimated at a record 1.19 billion bushels is up 3 percent from the November 1 forecast and up 6 percent from the previous record high production set last year, according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. A record yield at 174.0 bushels per acre is up 15 bushels from the previous record high set in 2004.

SOYBEAN production is estimated at 306 million bushels, up 2 percent from November 1 and up 32 percent from last year. The final yield is estimated at a record of 45.0 bushels per acre, which is up 1.5 bushels from the record high set in 2002 and up 12 bushels from last year. Soybean harvested acres, at 6,800,000 acres, are down 250,000 acres from last year.

SPRING WHEAT production is estimated at 70.9 million bushels, down 20 percent from last year. Acres harvested for grain are 1.73 million acres, up 120,000 acres from last year. A yield at 41 bushels per acre is down 17 bushels from the record high of 58 bushels set in 2003, and down 14 bushels from last year.

The SUGARBEET production of 9.4 million tons is down 4 percent from last year's production of 9.8 million tons. Yield is estimated at 20.4 tons per acre, down 0.5 ton from last year and down 1.1 ton from the record high of 21.5 set in 2000. Sugarbeet harvested acres are 460,000 acres, down 10,000 from last year.

FORAGE production of 6.9 million tons is up 3 percent from 6.7 million tons last year. Yield is estimated at 3.04 tons per acre, down from 3.14 tons per acre last year. Forage harvested acres are 2,260,000 acres, up 135,000 acres from last year.

**MINNESOTA & U.S. HARVESTED ACRES, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION**

COMMODITY	2004 HARVESTED ACRES (000)	2005 HARVESTED ACRES (000)	2004 YIELD	2005 YIELD	2004 PRODUCTION (000)	2005 PRODUCTION (000)
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**MINNESOTA**

CORN FOR GRAIN (Bu)	7,050	6,850	159.0	174.0	1,120,950	1,191,900
SOYBEANS (Bu)	7,050	6,800	33.0	45.0	232,650	306,000
SPRING WHEAT (Bu)	1,610	1,730	55.0	41.0	88,550	70,930
BARLEY (Bu)	115	90	68.0	43.0	7,820	3,870
OATS (Bu)	190	205	70.0	62.0	13,300	12,710
SUGARBEETS (Ton)	470	460	20.9	20.4	9,823	9,384
DRY BEANS 1/	100	135	1,150	1,800	1,150	2,430
CANOLA (Lb)	32	38	1,500	820	48,000	31,160
OIL SUNFLOWERS (Lb)	28	72	1,200	1,600	33,600	115,200
NON-OIL SUNFLOWERS (Lb)	25	55	920	1,250	23,000	68,750
ALFALFA HAY (Ton)	1,350	1,350	3.50	3.50	4,725	4,725
OTHER HAY (Ton)	650	700	1.80	1.90	1,170	1,330
ALFALFA HAYLAGE 2/	200	275	7.20	5.50	1,440	1,513
ALL ALFALFA FORAGE 3/	1,450	1,525	3.75	3.59	5,437	5,473

**UNITED STATES**

CORN FOR GRAIN (Bu)	73,631	75,107	160.4	147.9	11,807,086	11,112,072
SOYBEANS (Bu)	73,958	71,361	42.2	43.3	3,123,686	3,086,432
SPRING WHEAT (Bu)	13,174	13,609	43.2	37.1	568,918	504,456
BARLEY (Bu)	4,021	3,269	69.6	64.8	279,743	211,896
OATS (Bu)	1,787	1,823	64.7	63.0	115,695	114,878
SUGARBEETS (Ton)	1,306.7	1,238.9	23.0	22.3	30,021	27,654
DRY BEANS 1/	1,219.3	1,562.9	1,459	1,742	17,788	27,222
CANOLA (Lb)	828	1,114	1,618	1,419	1,339,530	1,580,985
OIL SUNFLOWERS (Lb)	1,424	2,032	1,238	1,564	1,763,378	3,177,635
NON-OIL SUNFLOWERS (Lb)	287	578	997	1,455	286,235	840,720
ALFALFA HAY (Ton)	21,707	22,389	3.48	3.38	75,481	75,771
OTHER HAY (Ton)	40,259	39,260	2.06	1.91	82,766	74,819

1/ Yield in lb; production in cwt. 2/ Yield & Production (ton) in green weight basis. 3/ Yield & Production (ton) in dry weight basis (13% moisture).