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2006 SOYBEAN AND SUGARBEET PRODUCTION SET NEW RECORD HIGHS

Minnesota SOYBEAN production is estimated at a record high 319 million bushels, up 2 percent from the November 1 forecast and up 4 percent from last year, according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. The final yield is estimated at 44 bushels per acre, down 1 bushel from the record high set in 2005. Soybean harvested acres, at 7.25 million acres, are up 450,000 acres from last year.

CORN production, estimated at 1.10 billion bushels, is down 2 percent from the November 1 forecast and down 7 percent from the record production in 2005. The estimated yield is 161.0 bushels per acre, down 13 bushels from the record high yield set in 2005. Corn for grain harvested acres, at 6.85 million acres, is unchanged from a year ago.

SPRING WHEAT production is estimated at 77.6 million bushels, up 9 percent from last year. Acres harvested for grain are 1.65 million acres, down 80,000 acres from last year. The estimated yield at 47 bushels per acre is up 6 bushels from last year.

The SUGARBEET production of 11.9 million tons set a new record high and is up 27 percent from last year's production of 9.38 million tons. Yield is estimated at 24.9 tons per acre, likewise a new record high, and is up 4.5 tons per acre from last year. Sugarbeet harvested acres are 477,000 acres, up 17,000 from last year.

ALL ALFALFA FORAGE production of 5.5 million tons is down slightly from last year. Yield is estimated at 3.64 tons per acre, up from 3.59 tons per acre last year. Forage harvested acres are 1.5 million acres, down 25,000 acres from last year.

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

COMMODITY	2005 HARVESTED ACRES (000)	2006 HARVESTED ACRES (000)	2005 YIELD	2006 YIELD	2005 PRODUCTION (000)	2006 PRODUCTION (000)
MINNESOTA						
CORN FOR GRAIN (Bu)	6,850	6,850	174.0	161.0	1,191,900	1,102,850
SOYBEANS (Bu)	6,800	7,250	45.0	44.0	306,000	319,000
SPRING WHEAT (Bu)	1,730	1,650	41.0	47.0	70,930	77,550
BARLEY (Bu)	90	90	43.0	60.0	3,870	5,400
OATS (Bu)	205	200	62.0	56.0	12,710	11,200
SUGARBEETS (Ton)	460	477	20.4	24.9	9,384	11,877
DRY BEANS 1/	135	135	1,800	1,650	2,430	2,228
CANOLA (Lb)	38	27	820	1,330	31,160	35,910
OIL SUNFLOWERS (Lb)	72	53	1,600	1,850	115,200	98,050
NON-OIL SUNFLOWERS (Lb)	55	32	1,250	1,600	68,750	51,200
ALFALFA HAY (Ton)	1,350	1,350	3.50	3.30	4,725	4,455
OTHER HAY (Ton)	700	720	1.90	1.70	1,330	1,224
ALFALFA HAYLAGE 2/	275	285	5.50	7.10	1,513	2,024
ALL ALFALFA FORAGE 3/	1,525	1,500	3.59	3.64	5,473	5,455
UNITED STATES						
CORN FOR GRAIN (Bu)	75,117	70,648	148.0	149.1	11,114,082	10,534,868
SOYBEANS (Bu)	71,251	74,602	43.0	42.7	3,063,237	3,188,247
SPRING WHEAT (Bu)	13,609	13,878	37.1	33.2	504,456	460,480
BARLEY (Bu)	3,269	2,951	64.8	61.0	211,896	180,051
OATS (Bu)	1,823	1,576	63.0	59.5	114,878	93,764
SUGARBEETS (Ton)	1,242.9	1,304.1	22.1	25.9	27,433	33,765
DRY BEANS 1/	1,533.6	1,537.6	1,746	1,577	26,772	24,247
CANOLA (Lb)	1,114	1,021	1,419	1,366	1,580,985	1,394,332
OIL SUNFLOWER (Lb)	2,032	1,514	1,564	1,181	3,177,635	1,787,966
NON-OIL SUNFLOWER (Lb)	578	256	1,455	1,389	840,720	355,647
ALFALFA HAY (Ton)	22,439	21,384	3.39	3.35	76,149	71,666
OTHER HAY (Ton)	39,290	39,423	1.91	1.78	74,868	70,000

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).