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MINNESOTA SPRING WHEAT PRODUCTION UP 5 PERCENT FROM 2006

Based on July 1 conditions, the Minnesota **SPRING WHEAT** crop is forecast at 81.6 million bushels, up 5 percent from last year, according to the USDA-NASS, Minnesota Field Office. Yield is forecast at 48 bushels per acre, up 1 bushel per acre from last year. Acres for harvest are up 3 percent from 2006 at 1.7 million acres.

As of July 1, **BARLEY** is forecast at 7.7 million bushels, up 42 percent from last year. Yield at 64 bushels per acre, up 4 bushels per acre from last year. Acres to be harvested are estimated at 120,000 acres, up 33 percent from 2006.

OAT production is forecast at 12.0 million bushels, up 7 percent from 2006. Yield at 63 bushels is up 7 bushels from 2006. Acres to be harvested are estimated at 190,000 acres, down 10,000 acres from last year.

FALL POTATO acres planted totaled 50,000 acres. Harvested acres are estimated to be 47,000 acres. The planted and harvested levels are both down 2 percent from 2006. Acreage planted by type of potatoes consists of 66 percent Russets, 26 percent Reds, 7 percent Whites, and 1 percent Yellows.

U.S. HIGHLIGHTS

SPRING WHEAT production is forecast at 498 million bushels, 8 percent above 2006. The expected area to be harvested for grain totals 12.7 million acres, unchanged from the *Acreage* report released on June 29, 2007 but down 8 percent from last year. The U.S. yield is forecast at 39.1 bushels per acre, up 5.9 bushels from 2006. Of the total production, 471 million bushels are Hard Red Spring wheat, up 9 percent from last year.

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.

DURUM WHEAT production is forecast at 78.7 million bushels, up 47 percent from 2006. The U.S. yield is forecast at 36.4 bushels per acre, 6.9 bushels above last year. Expected area to be harvested for grain totals 2.16 million acres, unchanged from the *Acreage* report released on June 29, 2007 but up 19 percent from last year.

BARLEY production for 2007 is forecast at 231 million bushels, 28 percent above 2006 and 9 percent higher than 2005. Based on conditions as of July 1, the average yield for the U.S. is forecast at 65.2 bushels per acre, up 4.2 bushels from last year. Expected area to be harvested as grain or seed, at 3.54 million acres, is up 20 percent from 2006. Production is expected to be up in all of this year's top seven producing States.

OAT production is forecast at 101 million bushels, 8 percent above last year's record low 93.8 million bushels. Based on conditions as of July 1, the yield is forecast at 62.6 bushels per acre, up 3.1 bushels from 2006. Expected area to be harvested as grain or seed is 1.61 million acres, up 2 percent from last year.

FALL POTATO Area planted to fall potatoes for 2007 is estimated at 1.01 million acres, up 2 percent from last year and 4 percent above 2005. Harvested area is forecast at 996,200 acres, up 2 percent from 2006 and 5 percent above 2 years ago. This increase is due in part to low ending processing stocks.

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

COMMODITY	2006 HARVESTED ACRES	2007 HARVESTED ACRES	2006 YIELD	2007 YIELD	2006 PRODUCTION	2007 PRODUCTION
	-1,000 ACRES-		-BUSHELS-		-1,000 BUSHELS-	
MINNESOTA						
SPRING WHEAT	1,650	1,700	47.0	48.0	77,550	81,600
BARLEY	90	120	60.0	64.0	5,400	7,680
OATS	200	190	56.0	63.0	11,200	11,970
FALL POTATO^{1,2}	48	47	425.0		20,400	
UNITED STATES						
SPRING WHEAT	13,878	12,733	33.2	39.1	460,480	497,648
DURUM WHEAT	1,815	2,163	29.5	36.4	53,475	78,697
WINTER WHEAT	31,117	37,588	41.7	41.6	1,298,081	1,561,907
BARLEY	2,951	3,542	61.0	65.2	180,051	231,025
OATS	1,576	1,612	59.5	62.6	93,764	100,921
FALL POTATO^{1,2}	1,116	1,132	390.0		434,589	

¹ Yield in Cwt & Production in 1,000 Cwt.

² The forecast of fall potato production will be published in the November "Crop Production."