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MINNESOTA SPRING WHEAT PRODUCTION UP 13 PERCENT FROM 2007

Based on July 1 conditions, the Minnesota **SPRING WHEAT** crop is forecast at 87.5 million bushels, up 13 percent from last year, according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. The yield forecast of 50 bushels per acre, is up 3 bushels per acre from last year. Acres for harvest are up 6 percent from 2007 to 1.75 million acres.

As of July 1, **BARLEY** production is forecast at 7.15 million bushels, up 16 percent from last year. The yield of 65 bushels per acre, is up 9 bushels per acre from last year. Acres to be harvested are estimated at 110,000 acres, unchanged from 2007.

OAT production is forecast at 11.6 million bushels, up 7 percent from 2007. The yield, at 68 bushels per acre, is up 8 bushels from 2007. Acres to be harvested are estimated at 170,000 acres, down 10,000 acres from last year.

FALL POTATO acres planted totaled 48,000 acres. Harvested acres are estimated to be 45,000 acres. The planted and harvested levels are both down 4 percent from 2007. Acreage planted by type of potato consists of 71 percent Russets, 21 percent Reds, 7 percent Whites, and 1 percent Yellows.

U.S. HIGHLIGHTS

Winter Wheat Production Up 3 Percent From June

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.

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

COMMODITY	2007 HARVESTED ACRES	2008 HARVESTED ACRES	2007 YIELD	2008 YIELD	2007 PRODUCTION	2008 PRODUCTION
	-1,000 ACRES-		-BUSHEL-		-1,000 BUSHEL-	
MINNESOTA						
SPRING WHEAT	1,650	1,750	47.0	50.0	77,550	87,500
BARLEY	110	110	56.0	65.0	6,160	7,150
OATS	180	170	60.0	68.0	10,800	11,560
FALL POTATO ^{1,2}	47	45	440.0		20,680	
UNITED STATES						
SPRING WHEAT	12,947	13,751	37.0	36.8	479,047	506,568
DURUM WHEAT	2,112	2,583	33.9	34.8	71,686	89,873
WINTER WHEAT	35,952	40,252	42.2	46.3	1,515,989	1,864,245
BARLEY	3,508	3,640	60.4	59.8	211,825	217,819
OATS	1,505	1,443	60.9	64.4	91,599	92,872
FALL POTATO ^{1,2}	997	916	410.0		409,082	

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

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