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**MINNESOTA SOYBEAN PRODUCTION DOWN 13 PERCENT
 CORN PRODUCTION DOWN 9 PERCENT**

CORN production for Minnesota is forecast at 1.09 billion bushels, 9 percent below the 2005 record of 1.19 billion bushels, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Minnesota Field Office. The August 1 yield is forecast at 160 bushels per acre, down 14 bushels from last year's record yield of 174 bushels per acre. Corn for grain harvested is estimated at 6.8 million acres, down 1 percent from last year.

SOYBEAN production is forecast at 266 million bushels, down 13 percent from last year. Based on August 1 conditions, the yield is forecast at 37 bushels per acre, 8 bushels below the record yield of 45 bushels per acre in 2005.

The **SPRING WHEAT** crop is estimated at 68.2 million bushels, down 4 percent from last year. Yield is estimated at 44 bushels per acre, up 4 bushels from the July forecast, and up 3 bushels per acre from last year.

BARLEY production is forecast at 5.0 million bushels, unchanged from last month, but up 29 percent from 2005. Yield is forecast at 50 bushels per acre, unchanged from July, but up 17 bushels per acre from last year.

OAT production is estimated at 11.6 million bushels, down 6 percent from last month, and down 9 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 61 bushels per acre, down 4 bushels from July and down 1 bushel from last year.

The **SUGARBEET** crop is estimated at 11.3 million tons, up 20 percent from 2005. Yield is estimated at 22.7 tons per acre, up 2.3 tons per acre from last year. If realized, yield and production would be the largest on record for Minnesota.

This year's **DRY BEAN** production is estimated at 1.9 million hundredweight, down 22 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 1,450 pounds per acre, 350 pounds per acre less than last year's record yield of 1,800 pounds per acre.

Minnesota's **ALFALFA HAY** production is estimated at 4.3 million tons, down 9 percent from 2005. Yield is forecast at 3.3 tons per acre, down 0.2 tons per acre from last year.

U.S. HIGHLIGHTS

CORN production is forecast at 11.0 billion bushels, down 1 percent from last year and 7 percent below 2004. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average 152.2 bushels per acre, up 4.3 bushels from last year. If realized, yield would be the second largest and production would be the third largest on record.

SOYBEAN production is forecast at 2.93 billion bushels, down 5 percent from 2005 and down 6 percent from 2004. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 39.6 bushels per acre, down 3.7 bushels from the record high U.S. yield set last year.

SPRING WHEAT production is forecast at 464 million bushels, down slightly from last month and 8 percent below 2005. Area harvested for grain totals 14.2 million acres, unchanged from last month but up 4 percent 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 (Bu)	6,850	6,800	174.0	160.0	1,191,900	1,088,000
SOYBEANS (Bu)	6,800	7,200	45.0	37.0	306,000	266,400
SPRING WHEAT (Bu)	1,730	1,550	41.0	44.0	70,930	68,200
BARLEY (Bu)	90	100	43.0	50.0	3,870	5,000
OATS (Bu)	205	190	62.0	61.0	12,710	11,590
SUGARBEETS (Ton)	460	496	20.4	22.7	9,384	11,259
DRY BEANS 1/	135	130	1,800	1,450	2,430	1,885
ALFALFA HAY (Ton)	1,350	1,300	3.5	3.3	4,725	4,290
OTHER HAY (Ton)	700	720	1.9	1.7	1,330	1,224
UNITED STATES						
CORN (Bu)	75,107	72,091	147.9	152.2	11,112,072	10,975,740
SOYBEANS (Bu)	71,361	73,935	43.3	39.6	3,086,432	2,927,634
SPRING WHEAT (Bu)	13,609	14,154	37.1	32.7	504,456	463,511
BARLEY (Bu)	3,269	2,990	64.8	61.2	211,896	182,972
OATS (Bu)	1,823	1,907	63.0	56.3	114,878	107,423
SUGARBEETS (Ton)	1,243	1,344	22.2	23.7	27,537	31,835
DRY BEANS 1/	1,569	1,519	1,744	1,534	27,350	23,301
ALFALFA HAY (Ton)	22,389	22,407	3.4	3.2	75,771	71,205
OTHER HAY (Ton)	39,260	40,290	1.9	1.8	74,819	71,121

1/ Yield in lb: production in cwt.