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**MINNESOTA SOYBEAN PRODUCTION DOWN 22 PERCENT
 CORN PRODUCTION UP 8 PERCENT**

CORN production for Minnesota is forecast at 1.19 billion bushels, if realized this will be a record high breaking the previous record set in 2005 and 8 percent above last year's level according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Minnesota Field Office. The August 1 yield is forecast at 156 bushels per acre, down 5 bushels from last year's yield of 161 bushels per acre. Corn for grain harvested is estimated at 7.7 million acres, up 12 percent from last year.

SOYBEAN production is forecast at 248 million bushels, down 22 percent from last year's record high production. Based on August 1 conditions, the yield is forecast at 40 bushels per acre, 4 bushels below the yield of 44 bushels per acre in 2006.

The **SPRING WHEAT** crop is estimated at 85.0 million bushels, up 10 percent from last year. Yield is estimated at 50 bushels per acre, up 2 bushels from the July forecast, and up 3 bushels per acre from last year.

BARLEY production is forecast at 7.2 million bushels, down 6 percent from last month and up 33 percent from 2006. Yield is forecast at 60 bushels per acre, down 4 bushels from July, and unchanged from last year.

OAT production is estimated at 12.0 million bushels, unchanged from last month, and up 7 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 63 bushels per acre, unchanged from July and up 7 bushels from last year.

The **SUGARBEET** crop is estimated at 10.7 million tons, down 10 percent from the record high production level in 2006. Yield is estimated at 22.6 tons per acre, down 2.3 tons per acre from last year's record high yield of 24.9 tons per acre.

This year's **DRY BEAN** production is estimated at 2.2 million hundredweight, unchanged from last year. Yield is forecast at 1,650 pounds per acre, unchanged from last year and 150 pounds per acre below the record yield of 1,800 pounds per acre in 2005.

Minnesota's **ALFALFA HAY** production is estimated at 3.6 million tons, down 18 percent from 2006. Yield is forecast at 2.8 tons per acre, down 0.5 tons per acre from last year.

U.S. HIGHLIGHTS

CORN production is forecast at 13.1 billion bushels, up 24 percent from last year and 17 percent above 2005. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average 152.8 bushels per acre, up 3.7 bushels from last year. If realized, this will be the second highest yield on record, behind the 160.4 bushel yield in 2004. However, production will be the largest on record as growers intend to harvest the most corn acres for grain since 1933.

SOYBEAN production is forecast at 2.63 billion bushels, down 18 percent from last year's record high and down 14 percent from 2005. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 41.5 bushels per acre, down 1.2 bushels from last year.

SPRING WHEAT production is forecast at 500 million bushels, up slightly from July and up 9 percent from 2006. Area harvested for grain is expected to total 12.7 million acres, down 8 percent from last year.

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

COMMODITY	2006 HARVESTED ACRES (000)	2007 HARVESTED ACRES (000)	2006 YIELD	2007 YIELD	2006 PRODUCTION (000)	2007 PRODUCTION (000)
MINNESOTA						
CORN (Bu)	6,850	7,650	161.0	156.0	1,102,850	1,193,400
SOYBEANS (Bu)	7,250	6,200	44.0	40.0	319,000	248,000
SPRING WHEAT (Bu)	1,650	1,700	47.0	50.0	77,550	85,000
BARLEY (Bu)	90	120	60.0	60.0	5,400	7,200
OATS (Bu)	200	190	56.0	63.0	11,200	11,970
SUGARBEETS (Ton)	477	475	24.9	22.6	11,887	10,735
DRY BEANS 1/	135	135	1,650	1,650	2,228	2,228
ALFALFA HAY (Ton)	1,350	1,300	3.3	2.8	4,455	3,640
OTHER HAY (Ton)	720	800	1.7	1.6	1,224	1,280
UNITED STATES						
CORN (Bu)	70,648	85,418	149.1	152.8	10,534,868	13,053,617
SOYBEANS (Bu)	74,602	63,285	42.7	41.5	3,188,247	2,625,274
SPRING WHEAT (Bu)	13,878	12,733	33.2	39.3	460,480	500,073
BARLEY (Bu)	2,951	3,542	61.0	63.1	180,051	223,478
OATS (Bu)	1,576	1,612	59.5	61.0	93,764	98,341
SUGARBEETS (Ton)	1,304	1,241	26.1	24.0	34,064	29,815
DRY BEANS 1/	1,538	1,440	1,577	1,649	24,247	23,741
ALFALFA HAY (Ton)	21,384	21,451	3.4	3.3	71,666	69,904
OTHER HAY (Ton)	39,423	40,338	1.8	1.9	70,000	75,347

1/ Yield in lb: production in cwt.