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## NEBRASKA JULY 1 WHEAT PRODUCTION FORECAST UNCHANGED

LINCOLN, Neb., July 12, 2006 -- Based on July 1 conditions, Nebraska's 2006 **winter wheat** crop is forecast at 56.1 million bushels, unchanged from last month's forecast but 18 percent below last year's crop, according to the Nebraska Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Average yield is forecast at 34 bushels per acre, unchanged from last month but 5 bushels below last year.

Area to be harvested for grain is estimated at 1.65 million acres, 110,000 less than last year. Actual field counts from the Objective Yield Survey indicated that wheat heads per square foot were 15 percent less than last year. Wheat harvest started the third full week of June, was 50 percent completed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July, and kept a pace sufficient to be over a week ahead of normal. "With the effects of the limited precipitation during the growing season, many Nebraska wheat producers are not realizing the yield potential they had hoped for earlier in the season," said Mark Harris, director of Nebraska Agricultural Statistics.

**Oat** production is forecast at 2.12 million bushels, down 52 percent from last year. Acreage for harvest, at 45,000 acres, is down 15,000 acres from 2005 while yield, at 47 bushels per acre, is 26 bushels per acre below last year.

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