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NEBRASKA 2006 SMALL GRAIN PRODUCTION

LINCOLN, Neb., September 29, 2006 -- The final 2006 estimate for Nebraska **wheat** production totaled 61.2 million bushels, 11 percent below last year's crop but virtually unchanged from two years ago, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. Average yield in Nebraska is estimated at 36 bushels per acre, up 3 bushels from the August forecast but 3 bushels below last year. Area harvested for grain, at 1.7 million, is 50,000 acres above the August forecast but 60,000 less than last year. "Growing season moisture supplies in western Nebraska were well below previous year's levels. Partially offsetting the lower dryland output was the production from an increase in irrigated acres", said Mark Harris, director of the Nebraska Field Office.

Oat production in 2006 totaled 2.26 million bushels, 49 percent below the 2005 crop and the lowest production since the year 2000. Planted acreage, at 160,000, is up 7 percent from 2005 while harvested acreage for grain, at 55,000, is down 8 percent from a year ago. Yield, at 41 bushels per acre, is down 32 bushels from last year and the lowest since 1989.

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