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Lincoln, Neb., June 29, 2007 -- Nebraska producers increased area devoted to corn, winter wheat, and proso millet from a year ago, while decreasing area planted to soybeans, hay, sorghum, oats, dry edible beans, sugarbeets, and sunflowers, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office.

Nebraska **corn** growers planted 9.1 million acres in 2007, up 12 percent from last year and the largest planted area since 1936. Biotechnology varieties accounted for 79 percent of the planted acreage, up from 76 percent last year.

Soybean producers planted 4.0 million acres, down 21 percent from the previous year. The 2007 plantings are the lowest since 1998. Biotechnology varieties resistant to herbicides accounted for 96 percent of the planted acreage, up from 90 percent last year.

Last fall, **winter wheat** was sown on 2.1 million acres, up 17 percent from 2006 and the largest planted area since 1996. Acres for harvest at 2.0 million are up 18 percent from 2006.

Sorghum growers planted 260,000 acres, 30 percent less than 2006 and the lowest planted area since 1932.

Alfalfa Hay acreage for harvest, at 1.2 million, is down 4 percent from last year. **Other types of hay**, at 1.55 million, are unchanged from a year earlier. **Proso Millet** plantings, at 190,000 acres, are up 41 percent from 2006. **Oat** seedings, at 125,000 acres, are down 22 percent from 2006. **Dry edible bean** producers planted 100,000 acres, down 29 percent from a year earlier. **Sugarbeet** plantings of 48,000 acres are down 22 percent from 2006. **Sunflower** acreage of 22,000 is down 59 percent from a year ago.

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